

# Mosque Plan Scrapped

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Moscow district authorities have backed away from a plan to build a mosque after local residents complained that they would rather see a Russian Orthodox chapel or a park on the property.

“No construction of a mosque is being carried out nor is planned,” said Vladimir Zotov, prefect for the Southeastern Administrative District, RIA-Novosti reported Wednesday.

A mosque will still be built in the administrative district, but authorities will look for another site, a spokeswoman for the prefect’s office, Maria Yermakova, told The Moscow Times on Thursday.

Former Mayor Yury Luzhkov approved the unused lot on Volzhsky Bulvar in the Tekstilshchiki neighborhood for the construction in June. ✕

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