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I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Edgware Policy in the proposed Main Modifications to the Barnet Local Plan.

The proposed plan for Site 27 and 28 is vastly over populating an already saturated area. There is no parking along the roads in the Farm Road vicinity and often my daughter has to walk home 2 or 3 roads at night to come home. The park at the end of the road is already used for drug dealing and this will only be made worse with more residents.

The area is **NOT a centre**. It is on the <u>boundary</u> of Edgware and I'm confused as to how you could apply centre criteria to the plan and will be looking for clarification of what a town centre definition is under your plans.

As an ambulance driver, I am also deeply concerned by the access to the buildings. How long would it take for a crew to get to someone with a stroke for example, at the top of one of these massive buildings. Are there provisions to get to the person on the "golden hour" before permanent damage or death occurs?

Loss of existing parking plus the inadequate proposed parking spaces will spurn existing tube users into surrounding roads and there are no facilities for GP access for days sometimes and this is without the extra 4,740 families.

As a resident of Edgware, I understand the plan has been under development since 2020 and I was shocked to hear that the process kicked off over covid when not many people were able to know what was going on. I only recently became aware of its existence and its potential impact on our community.

Unfortunately, I haven't received any written communication from Barnet Council about the Local Plan, despite its significance for Edgware's future. Given the potential for significant change to Edgware's character and residents' quality of life, I believe wider notification would have been helpful, if not warranted.

I found the volume and complexity of the Local Plan and the related documents overwhelming. The 42-day consultation period seems insufficient for anybody to comprehend the plan's details – especially for anyone with work or caring commitments. It is also not communicated to residents.

However, I am deeply concerned about the impact of the Local Plan on Edgware and its residents, both present and future.

Although a supporter of Labour, the council will be letting residents down greatly by going ahead with this plan.

In light of these concerns, I would like to express my support for any representations made by Save Our Edgware and the Edgware Community Association. Please consider their submissions as reflecting my own concerns.

Yours sincerely

Jason Joseph