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Representation from Anna Israelsohn

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

I am very concerned about permitting up to 4740 new home to be built across 'Site 27 and 28'. This is likely to lead to a massive loss of public parking which will mean that I can no longer use the retail options in the area which is certainly going to impact local business and is highly likely to kill Edgware as a local shopping and dining destination, changing its current usage to residential.

Furthermore, closing of the Broadwalk during construction will further ensure an end to Edgware as a place for local people.

As a resident on the borders of Edgware, and a member of the community in Barnet and the Hale area, I am shocked to have not had written communication from Barnet Council about the Local Plan, despite the catastrophic impact that it will have on Edgware. It will permanently change the character of Edgware, an area that is used by Edgware and Mill Hill residents as a place to meet, shop and dine. Wider notification would have been expected and helpful. This area is used by the wider community in Barnet, Mill Hill and Edgware will suffer from the impact of these plans, and as such, we should all be consulted and listened to.

I regularly use the bus garage and train station in Edgware, and your plans do not propose improved bus or tube capacity. The plan would permit inner city style development, but, without parking or adequate public transport. It would leave us with worse than suburban connectivity.

At present, my daughter has a severe mental health illness, and at times, we must use a car to access the retail and community (library) areas in Edgware, this will no longer be possible under your plans. We currently park in the Broadwalk car park, which is well used and often very busy, I can't imagine the impact of the plans on this.

I attempted to look at the related documents on line, but found the volume and complexity of them overwhelming and confusing. The 42-day consultation period seems insufficient for anybody to comprehend the plans, especially as I work and care for 2 children with SEN.

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

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

Please can you arrange for this letter to be considered as part of the Equality Impact Assessment.

Yours Sincerely, Anna Israelsohn