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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.

As a resident of Edgware, I understand the plan has been under development since 2020. However, I only recently became aware of its existence and its potential impact on our community. I am a regular user of the Broadwalk Shopping Centre, mainly on foot, but using the car park for larger shops. The loss of this facility will lead to needing to drive somewhere else for shopping. This will have a detrimental effect on the remaining businesses and on local traffic.

The loss of such a significant parking area will clog up on-street parking.

Concerns have already been raised about the capacity to support such an increase in Edgware's population in doctors' surgeries, schools and transport.

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.

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.

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

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,

Annette Leighton