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Subject: Concerns Regarding the Edgware Policy in Barnet Local Plan Main Modifications

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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.

I am a regular user of Broadwalk shopping Centre , associated car park , bus station and the underground tube station to access the supermarket, the chemist, other shops, restaurants, the gym, doctors surgery and the hospitals.

I feel the scale and the density of the proposed development will impact on how we access of essential services particularly elderly and low income residents. This will be more severe during the long construction period. My other concerns are :

-the loss of parking spaces and its impact on the neighbouring streets.

-Safety of the proposed underground bus station.

-the height of proposed multi-storey development to achieve the stated number of properties and how it will affect the character of the town and the aesthetics of the area

-impact on traffic flow on Hale Lane, Station Road and other minor residential roads particularly during the construction phase.

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.

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 <u>representations</u> made by Save Our Edgware and the Edgware Community Association. Please consider their submissions as reflecting my own concerns.

As this impacts more severely on elderly, disabled, people with limited mobility and low income families please can you arrange for this letter to be considered as part of the Equality Impact Assessment?

Yours sincerely

Bhuvani Raviraj