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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.

My wife and I do not drive and are dependent on the shops in Edgware for our shopping. If parking restrictions as a result of the housing expansion and the building work leading up to it lead to businesses closing down, this will make it very hard to do our shopping. We would probably have to get a bus to Hendon. This is particularly true of the kosher shops. We are Orthodox Jews and, like many other Orthodox Jews in the area, do much of our shopping at the kosher shops in Edgware. These have a limited number of customers and would be affected badly if it became hard to park in the area and people started going to Hendon or Golders Green instead.

Also, as non-drivers, we rely on public transport. If the housing expansion goes ahead without a parallel increase in the provision of public transport, we will struggle to travel out of the area.

This also applies to other aspects of infrastructure, such as GP provision. We are hoping to start a family soon and will need to use the GP services more than we already do. It can already be difficult to get an appointment and would be a lot worse if the population expands significantly without an increase in NHS resources.

We also use the library a lot and would want to use that for our children. Again, if changes to the use of the town centre and overcrowding result in the library being shut down or overcrowded and hard to use, we would struggle to get to another library in the borough.

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 [representations](#) made by 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? This is because the reason my wife and I do not drive and are reliant on local shops and resources is because we are both neurodivergent.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Saunders