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My Concerns Regarding the Edgware Policy in Barnet Local Plan Main Modifications (redevelopment of The Broadwalk Centre)

Representation from:MRS JAN SAUNDERSAddress:

I am writing to express my serious concerns regarding the Edgware Policy in the proposed Main Modifications to the Barnet Local Plan ie the redevelopment of The Broadwalk Centre.

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.

From what I have heard, I strongly object to the redevelopment for the following reasons:

This is my local shopping centre which I visit regularly. Will I still be able to get there during any building work. Will the shops remain open? Once the redevelopment is finished these shops will be overcrowded, possibly leading to more crime. Will there be more police to protect us?

I do not believe that public transport is being improved. Does this not go against Mayor Khan's wishes to get everyone "off the road"?

I have a foot problem and cannot get into Edgware without the use of my car. Please arrange for this letter to be considered as part of the Equality Impact Assessment?

If the parking is reduced, I will have to go somewhere else, such as Harrow or Borehamwood, neither of which are in Barnet, so I will not be helping with Barnet's economy.

What about the doctors and dentists? It is already very difficult to get NHS appointments. With thousands more residents, it will be impossible to see anyone.

What about schools? Are any new schools planned?

I have heard that the volume and complexity of the Local Plan and the related documents overwhelming. I believe that 42-day consultation period would not have been sufficient for anybody to comprehend the plan's details – especially for anyone with work or caring commitments.

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.

Regards **Jan Saunders**