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

Representation from: K M C Cheung

Address:

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

I have lived at my address in Edgware since 1993.

This plan is affecting me significantly:

- Loss of public parking the proposed of up to 4,740 new homes to be built across 'Site 28' (the site of the present Edgware Underground, bus station and bus garage) and 'Site 27' the Broadwalk site.
- Loss of local shopping, banking, dining during construction the proposal will lead to a loss of public parking and closure of the Broadwalk during construction. This is likely to have a knock-on effect on the remaining businesses and could kill Edgware as a local shopping/banking/dining destination during this period.
- No improved bus or tube capacity for the increased population being proposal.
- Increased road congestion Edgware is already congested as most roads around
 Edgware is single lane traffic going North and South on A5 or Edgwarebury Lane;
 going East on Deansbrook Road or Station Road; West on Hale Lane/Whitchurch
 Road. The increase of 4k+ homes in such small area would invariable result in
 further gridlock in traffic around the area.
- Negative knock-on effect to travel to/from Edgware the gridlock would affect travelling to and from Edgware. I currently have traffic issues at peak time leaving home already. The increased traffic would put significant time on my travels by car each week taking my wife who has mobility issues. It would leave us with worse than suburban connectivity.
- <u>Does not apply to a third of the town</u> as it only covers the Barnet side of Edgware. It
 gives little weight to the impact on the Harrow side. We feel that decisions affecting
 Edgware should be made collaboratively between both Boroughs.

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.

Yours faithfully

K M C Cheung