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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.

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. I work in a local school and do not have that much free time.

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 of which I am a member. Please consider their submissions as reflecting my own concerns. I have lived in Edgware since 1967 and I believe this is the single worst proposition that has ever been suggested! It will single handedly ruin the whole neighbourhood. We are pro development, but not nearly on this scale. We cannot currently get a local NHS dentist, and the Dr's appointments are almost impossible - this will only be exacerbated by more residents. I am also seriously concerned about the reduced parking - as a slightly older lady, with a bad back, I am unable to walk far with my shopping. I have also heard that the existing library will be removed have a change of usage, which would upset me. It is perfect as it is, and a lifeline to many. The time it will take will effectively kill off the Edgware Town Centre which would be a shame as we have been working towards building up local businesses.

As someone who runs a large Edgware Families Facebook group, with 4000 local families, I can tell you that the strength of feeling against the current proposal is massive.

Yours sincerely

Maddy Cordell (Mrs)