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Representation from: Mrs Madeleine Marcus [REDACTED]

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

As a long-term resident of Edgware I use Edgware town centre for a number of activities – shopping, banking, accessing healthcare, postal services and dining. I drive to Edgware and park at The Broadwalk – I am a senior citizen with impaired mobility due to arthritis so walking is difficult for me. Without access to the Broadwalk's parking I will no longer be able to use the Edgware Town Centre facilities; this will, I fear, apply both during the construction phase and following completion.

I feel that the huge number and design of the additional homes being proposed is disproportionate, indeed overwhelming, when consideration is given to the current size and style of the area, i.e., a suburban setting predominantly comprising houses plus some very low rise apartments.

I am also concerned that there needs to be provision for more healthcare infrastructure – doctors surgeries, dentists and so on – it is stretched enough at the moment and clearly will be unable to cope with thousands of extra residents.

Additionally, consideration really must be given to protecting local wildlife at Deans Brook.

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.

As stated earlier, I am a senior citizen with limited mobility so please can you arrange for this letter to be considered as part of the Equality Impact Assessment?

Yours sincerely

