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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.

Edgware Town Centre is a main Shopping Centre and main transport for all Edgware residents. I have seen the bus station being used by drunkards and am fearful that if the bus station is moved underground, this will encourage crime. At present, the car park at the Broadwalk eases shopping, but if the car park is taken away, this will have a negative effect on shoppers and shops alike. With the amount of housing that there are applications for, the traffic in Edgware will be hugely congested, the amount of traffic will repel cab drivers from working in the area because the traffic is too congested, this would be a huge loss for people who don't drive and need assistance. There were roadworks some months ago, nobody could get a bus and nobody could get a cab, it was a nightmare, if roadworks were affecting so many people in a negative way, what havoc would the proposed plans for Edgware cause? There are already extremely long waiting times for ambulances and indeed to be seen in a hospital, if there is no solution for current waiting times to be shortened, why is anyone considering adding to this issue. Currently, people are finding it extremely difficult to get a place in a school or in a doctors surgery, the explosion in the expected amount of people living in the area will only compound these issues. While there are applications for thousands of new properties, there are currently no proposals of how to deal with any of these issues. All of the above does not even take into consideration the time that the work would take and how it would affect the main town 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Japheth

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