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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.

I and my family use Edgware town centre for shopping, accessing public transport, banking and dining. The proposed local plan would permit 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 which is likely to lead to a significant permanent loss of public parking.

It 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.

The plan does not propose improved bus or tube capacity.

It would permit inner city style development, but (if parking disappears and public transport is not improved) it would leave us with worse than suburban connectivity.

The plan does not apply to a third of the town 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.

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 sincerely

Paul Lewis