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Representations from Ralph and Gael Lightstone of

We are writing to express our concerns regarding the Edgware Policy in the proposed Main Modifications to the Barnet Local Plan.

We use Edgware for our shopping. As pensioners we rely on our car and the proposals do not include sufficient parking for the proposed number of residents and shoppers.

As residents of Edgware, we understand the plans have been under development since 2020. However, we only recently became aware of tgeir existence and the potential impact on our community.

The Plans involve gross over-development on a site not suitable for the development. The proposal is that residential dwellings be built directly over a garage for electric buses, something we understand that hasn't yet been approved by the London Fire Brigade. The proposed development could take ten years to complete. During this time, it will be impossible to access Edgware and businesses will suffer and may never recover, especially if people find it easier to travel elsewhere for their needs.

We have never received any 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, we believe wider notification would have been helpful.

We found the volume and complexity of the Local Plan and related documents overwhelming and we are very concerned about the impact of the Plan on Edgware and its residents.

In the light of these concerns, we would like to express our support for any representations made by Save Our Edgware and the Edgware Community Association. Please consider their submissions as reflecting our own concerns.

Yours sincerely

Ralph and Gael Lightstone