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Dear whomever it may concern,

I am writing to express my absolute disagreement with the plans proposed by Ballymore and TFL to build 25 tower blocks at the heart of Edgware. I have lived in Edgware for all of my 22 years of life, and I am immensely disappointed that no one cared for local opinions before going ahead with such devastatingly impactful plans.

Firstly, I would like to address and emphasise the local impact these plans will have. Has it been given any thought as to how these changes would affect the character of Edgware's town centre? Not only will the building process deeply affect the community, in that the demolition of Broadwalk Shopping Centre will deny us of our local supermarkets, clothes' stores, and even friendly meeting place- once these towers have been built, the huge increase in residents and resulting vehicles will cause significant disruption to those currently living in the area. Imagine what that could lead to: traffic jams, noise pollution, increased littering, rising crime levels, and more. Who is that helping? The elderly residents who have lived here all their lives? The children of growing families who wish to reside here safely? Not to mention the fact that these humongous blocks will be an eyesore and tower over houses, like mine, in the local area, blocking out the limited sunlight we already have.

Secondly, why can't Edgware be improved in more useful ways before ideas like this are considered? Allow me to provide some examples:

- Increase of lights to provide more security for young women (I did contact Matthew Offord about this following the death of Sarah Everard and have seen no betterment. Being a young woman myself, I cannot emphasise enough how scary it is to walk in London alone once the sun sets.);
- Increased police presence (why have I only seen more police officers in the area after the arrangement of our peaceful protests against the construction of these tower blocksthese were led by families and the elderly!);
- 3. More help for the homeless;
- 4. Less roadworks, bar the repairment of potholes;
- 5. Cleaner streets, greater persecution of litterers and vandalizers.

I am perfectly happy to assist in the improvement of Edgware- particularly on the topic of making this town safer for women. In return, I would appreciate the abolishment of such plans. I completely OBJECT to them, as they benefit none of us and, surely, someone should care about our livelihoods?

Thank you for reading this, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

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