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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 use Broadwalk centre and the high street almost daily to either shop, get to the station or meet friends and family. This is the only nearest public amenities and shops I can access as a pensioner. I also feel safer closer to home, not wanting to travel too far. Most of the old age people would be unable to access the shopping centre which is a central social hub, allowing us to walk at a limited capacity.

My son suffers from asthma, especially in heavily residential and air polluted areas. He will be reluctant to come to visit me if the proposed plans go ahead, allowing massive towers and numbers of people per square foot. An increase in population in any area is also directly related to pollution increase.

We are also concerned about the fire safety and planning around this. Pollution from public vehicles is also a concern.

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

Rita and Ashok Sood