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Representation re draft local plan main modifications.

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I am writing to express my concerns about the Edgware Policy in the proposed Main Modifications to the Barnet Local Plan. Edgware is already densely populated, and over the past 25 years (I moved here in 2000), traffic volume has increased significantly. Parking has become impossible, and the roads are too narrow to accommodate the number of cars, resulting in constant traffic jams.

While the bus station does need improvement due to the convergence of numerous bus lines in a small space, this should not come at the cost of adding many more residents, which would further strain all services. Ballymore representatives, in my experience, have shown little interest in addressing these concerns. They seem intent on pushing through objections without explaining how the infrastructure will support such a large population increase.

Furthermore, the proposed skyscrapers would be an eyesore, permanently altering the character of Edgware.

As a resident of Edgware, I understand that 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 significant implications for Edgware's future. Given the potential for substantial changes to Edgware's character and residents' quality of life, wider notification would have been beneficial.

I found the volume and complexity of the Local Plan and the related documents overwhelming. The 42-day consultation period seems insufficient for anyone to fully comprehend the plan's details, especially for those with work or caregiving commitments.

Despite this, I am deeply concerned about the impact of the Local Plan on Edgware and its current and future residents.

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

Sally Charin