

Concerns Regarding the Edgware Policy in Barnet Local Plan Main Modifications 18 June 2024 13:31:55

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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.

Edgware does not have the current infrastructure to cope with 4000+ new homes, public services are already maxed out, the streets are filthy and local crime is increasing. An increased population will only exacerbate these issues.

The proposal would result in hugely reduced parking in Edgware making it inaccessible for the local residents as a local shopping/dining/banking.

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 should have been mandatory.

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?

Please listen to Edgware residents and not council and government decision makers who clearly have personal gain - we are the ones who will lose out.

Yours sincerely

Sonia Thapar