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Representation from: Mrs Sue Bennett [REDACTED]

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Edgware Policy in the proposed Main Modifications to the Barnet Local Plan.

Edgware town centre, particularly the Broadwalk is my families:-

Shopping destination of choice.

Most convenient & often used access to public transport

Usual area of choice when dining out

Nearest library

Parking area when accessing the town centre facilities I am a resident of Edgware.

I understand the plan has been under development since 2020 which I oppose.

I am very concerned about that the bus station as proposed is a fire hazard since reading reports about fires in arrangements similar to those in the plan

Lack of adequate necessary social structure (dental, medical, schools, pleasant traffic free outdoor space, provision for the elderly and infirm.

These deficits in the plan will have a very significant adverse and negative effect impact on our community.

Given the potential for significant change to Edgware's character and residents' quality of life, I believe wider notification would have been helpful.

The 42-day consultation period is insufficient for adequate consideration and response to the voluminous and complex Local Plan and related documents.

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's for any representations made by Save Our Edgware and the Edgware Community Association.

Please consider their submissions as reflecting my own concerns ie:-

Residents in the proposed 4,740 new homes to be built across 'Site 28' (the site of the present Edgware Underground, bus station and bus garage) and 'Site 27' the Broadwalk site will not be supported with adequate necessary provision of health care, schooling, facilities for the elderly / infirm to name just a few

For them and the other residents of Edgware the likely significant and permanent loss of public parking in an area with little existing parking will be a blow to struggling local shops at a time when the Council is committed to support them.

The closure of the Broadwalk and loss of public parking during construction will, at best, threaten the viability of local businesses in the short term and at worst, lead to local residents abandoning the local shops/banks/dining destinations etc permanently.

The plan does not include serving the existing residents with much needed improved bus or tube capacity. How much more the congestion will be when there are an extra 4,740 residents ?

The proposed inner city style development with little or no parking and unimproved public transport it would lead to poorer connectivity.

The plan does not apply to a third of the town as it only covers the Barnet side of Edgware. It gives little weight to the impact on the Harrow side.

I feel that decisions affecting Edgware should be made collaboratively between both Boroughs.

May I ask you to can you arrange for this message to be considered as part of the Equality Impact Assessment? Yours sincerely