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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.

As a family, we use Edgware for shopping in the Broadwalk Centre, eating local restaurants and cafes, for transport to and from London (I work F/T in Central London). Edgware is our local town and we rarely need to shop anywhere else. We love the open spaces and parks and value wild spaces in a town environment such as offered by the Deansbrook nature reserve, which is an important resource and refuge for kingfishers, grey wagtails, bats, slow-worms and reptiles.

We have lived in the area since before 2000 and the proposals for the bus station, tube station, lack of shopping for 10 years and the 29 high buildings, most being over 25 floors high, destruction of Deansbrook nature reserve, lack of school places, GP surgeries, lack of facilities at the Edgware Community Hospital (which was a general hospital until about 2005) and so on is completely unacceptable. The proposals for the new underground bus garage are dangerous and not approved by the London Fire Brigade, especially with buildings built on top of the bus garage, making the garage a fire hazard for anyone living in the very nearby proposed highrises.

I am asking for sensitivity for new proposals from Barnet and TFL, with a different company (not Ballymore) which will not completely overshadow existing housing in Edgware with ultra highrise buildings but will enhance the area with more appropriate housing. I believe this should be under 10 floors, that can be enjoyed by families in the long term and not flood the area with so many people that local facilities are overwhelmed.

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

Lydia and Don McLean

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