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

Would permit up to 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 which is likely to lead to a significant permanent loss of public parking.

Will lead to a loss of public parking and closure of the Broadwalk during construction. This is likely to have a knock on effect on the remaining businesses and could kill Edgware as a local shopping/banking/dining destination during this period.

Does not propose improved bus or tube capacity.

Would permit inner city style development, but (if parking disappears and public transport is not improved) it would leave us with worse than suburban connectivity.

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

The high rise proposed development is not in keeping with the area and will shadow the houses throughout the whole of Edgware especially as Edgware is in a conservation area.

As a family we shop at broadwalk every week. Plus use the banks, library and cafes in the high street. A member of our family is disabled so we drive and use the car park. Also when we go into London we use the commuter carpark. So building on the site would impact us being able to go into Edgware and London. Plus it would kill the high street and it's community.

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

Sharon Maynard Seath