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**Representation from: Dr A Pourgourides**

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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.

I use Edgware Station Rd and The Broadwalk Shopping Centre several times a week, as I prefer to shop locally as much as I can, and the Broadwalk provides shops other than food shops, such as clothing, stationery, hardware etc so that I don't have to drive to Brent Cross or elsewhere. [REDACTED], I've seen the Broadwalk develop into a destination shopping centre, always busy, and popular because of the parking. This allows us to buy large items and do a big shop, which cannot be carried or taken on the bus. Loss of this generously sized car park will impact greatly on the businesses on Station Road. Many people drive here from quite far away in order to use the banks, as branches have disappeared from surrounding areas, and parking is very important to them. My friends, neighbours and I would be devastated to lose this landmark, which also provides us with a valuable meeting place and gives a sense of community to the area.

Turning this site into a dense housing estate of tower blocks will completely change the character of Edgware, which is a quiet family suburb, NOT A "TOWN CENTRE".

As a resident of Edgware, I understand the plan has been under development since 2020. However, as it is not really publicised, 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.**

Yours sincerely,

Dr A Pourgourides