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

I understand that the Local Plan regarding Edgware:

- 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 This will lead to a significant permanent loss of public parking.
- Will lead to a loss of public parking and closure of the Broadwalk during construction for many years. 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. Why would anyone come to Edgware - nowhere to park, no major shopping opportunities, massive traffic jams from construction vehicles etc etc.
- Does not propose any improved bus or tube capacity.
- Would permit inner city style development, but with no improvement to parking and in fact a major decrease in parking, and public transport not being improved, it would leave Edgware 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.
- Would virtually eliminate shopping in Edgware. We use Edgware Broadwalk centre to do nearly all our shopping. We meet friends there. It is very convenient when the weather is raining or cold, that we can shop in a closed warm environment. It is important to have somewhere attractive we can walk to, rather than always driving. This is good for our health and environmentally friendly. This proposal will destroy this.
- Would stop many people using the tube from Edgware as they would be unable to access the station. We catch the tube from Edgware. We sometimes park in the commuter car park as we cannot walk far.

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

[Ann Seymour](#)