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Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Edgware Policy in the proposed Main Modifications to the Barnet Local Plan. I have been a resident of Edgware for over thirty years. It has always been a busy centre but has grown increasingly so of late. The plan is disproportionate development and completely out of keeping with the character of an outer London Borough. Most days we access the centre either to travel or to go shopping or access the library.

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.

I found the volume and complexity of the Local Plan and the related documents overwhelming. The 42-day consultation period and the method of consultation seems insufficient for anybody to comprehend the plan's details – especially for anyone with work or caring commitments.

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 concerns for the redevelopment for the following reasons :-

- **the development is a significant overdevelopment of an already crowded and congested town centre,**
- **there would be a significant loss of public parking,**
- **traffic in Edgware would be heavier than currently,**
- **Edgware is an outer suburb which would be developed to become even more crowded than an inner suburb,**
- **Access to public transport upon which we are dependant would be made much more difficult.**
- **there are no substantive plans for increases in infrastructure investment to**

match the proposed large population increase - infrastructure in Edgware such as roads, transport, hospitals, schools and GP appointments are already in a parlous without a proposed vast increase in population.

Yours sincerely,

Ceri Evans

In brief, 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 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.

Things to think about:

How do you and your family use Edgware town centre? E.g. shopping, accessing public transport, banking, places of worship, dining, library, other.

How do you get there? If you drive, where do you park?

Do you or your family have any disabilities, impairments or health conditions? If so, how would you be affected?

Barnet Local Plan puts unfair burden on Edgware to deliver 4,740 of their housing targets

