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Representation from Daniel Shakhani [REDACTED]

I am writing to formally register my objections to the Edgware Policy as proposed in the Main Modifications to the Barnet Local Plan.

As someone who has lived in Edgware for many years, I am deeply concerned about the potential negative impacts these changes could have on our community. Since 2020, when the plan began to take shape during the Covid lockdown, it has become apparent that many residents, including myself, are strongly opposed to the proposed developments.

The proposed Edgware Town Centre Development threatens to destroy the essence of our high street, making it nearly impossible to use effectively. The planned increase in population density is alarming, as it would double the number of residents in a limited area, creating significant safety risks in case of emergencies such as fires. There are no provisions for additional amenities, transport services, educational institutions, healthcare facilities, or parking spaces. With the high street currently suffering from ongoing sewage issues, it's clear that our infrastructure is already under strain and cannot support further development.

Moreover, I have not received any formal notification from Barnet Council regarding the Local Plan, which raises concerns about transparency and the true intentions behind this initiative. It seems more like a profit-driven venture with little regard for the current residents of Edgware. Given the significant changes proposed, it would have been reasonable to expect more comprehensive communication and engagement with the community.

The Local Plan and its associated documents are excessively detailed and complex, making it challenging for residents to fully understand the implications. A 42-day consultation period is insufficient, particularly for those with busy work schedules or caregiving responsibilities.

I am profoundly worried about the future of Edgware if these plans proceed as currently outlined.

In response to these issues, I fully support the representations made by Save Our Edgware and the Edgware Community Association. These organizations represent the concerns of many residents who feel ignored in this process. Please consider their submissions as reflecting my own objections.

I urge you to include this letter as part of the Equality Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Shakhani  
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