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Dear Sir or Madam

Representation from: David Diamond

Address: [REDACTED]

I am writing to voice my concerns about the Edgware Policy outlined in the proposed Main Modifications to the Barnet Local Plan.

As an Edgware resident, I recognise that this plan has been in the works since 2020. However, I only recently became aware of its implications for our community.

Regrettably, I did not receive any written notifications from Barnet Council regarding the Local Plan, despite its potential to significantly affect Edgware's future. Considering the potential for substantial changes to Edgware's character and the quality of life for its residents, broader notification would have been beneficial.

The sheer volume and complexity of the Local Plan and associated documents are daunting. A 42-day consultation period is inadequate for anyone to fully grasp the plan's details, especially those with work or caregiving responsibilities.

Nonetheless, I am extremely concerned about the ramifications of the Local Plan for Edgware and its current and future residents.

I regularly use Edgware town centre for shopping, public transport, banking, dining, and visiting places of worship. The proposed developments on 'Site 28' and 'Site 27' would greatly disrupt these activities. The reduction in public parking and the closure of the Broadwalk during construction could negatively impact local businesses, threatening Edgware's viability as a shopping and dining hub.

The plan fails to propose any enhancements to bus or tube capacity, which are essential if such significant developments are to proceed. Without improved public transport infrastructure, the increased population density would overburden existing services, complicating commuting and local travel. This urban-style development, coupled with diminished parking and insufficient public transport, would leave Edgware with worse-than-suburban connectivity. The Local Plan does not properly consider the impact on essential services such as GP, hospital capacity and local education.

Furthermore, the Local Plan does not consider the impact on the Harrow side of Edgware. Decisions affecting Edgware should be made collaboratively between both Boroughs to ensure a comprehensive approach to development.

Given these concerns, I wish to express my support for the representations made by Save Our Edgware and the Edgware Community Association. Please consider their submissions as reflective of my own concerns.

Please also arrange for this letter to be included in the Equality Impact Assessment, as these changes will significantly affect senior citizens and individuals with disabilities, including members of my own family.

Yours sincerely

David Diamond