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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.

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 me living close to the affected area and 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. However, I am deeply concerned about the impact of the Local Plan on Edgware and its residents, both present and future.

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. Is there no shorter version of the plan available containing all the significant details that an ordinary member of the public can understand and review more easily?

The addition of in excess of 4500 new homes can only lead to further congestion of an already very busy town centre. The Broadwalk shopping centre car park is very well used every day as is the shopping centre itself. The loss of the centre during construction and the significant reduction in car parking spaces can only lead to further congestion and illegal parking on the adjacent roads. Closing of the shopping centre will mean the businesses will have to go and we will lose those shops. This may well adversely affect the businesses on Station road.

Where will people catch buses once the bus station is demolished? If on station road then this will lead to yet more congestion. Details of any proposed new bus station are not available as far as I am aware so I have no idea of what is planned and what provision will be made for elderly and disabled passengers etc.

The Northern line is already very busy especially during peak hours. Colindale station is having to be redesigned due to the large number of additional passengers as a result of the large number of homes built on and around the old Hendon aerodrome. If the additional housing is built at Edgware then the trains will be full even before they leave the station making the trains very overcrowded by the time they reach Colindale only two stops further on.

In terms of public services is any provision being made to provide additional GP surgeries and medical centres, dentists and hospital services such as A&E and referral clinics? These are all already struggling to provide a satisfactory service.

Increasing the density of an already dense population will only increase noise, air and light pollution, litter etc. which is not good for people or wildlife and in my view will be detrimental to the local environment.

Since the site in question is close to the border with Harrow council this will affect residents who live in Harrow and close to the border. Has there been any consultation with Harrow council regarding the proposed policy modifications?

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

Erol Yusuf