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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.

Edgware is our family home town, well connected to the city, this end of the Northern line residential town was chosen specifically for its green belt/ natural green areas and gorgeous village/ residential housing and convenient high street that serves so many local businesses and provides our greater community with so many services and facilities. Edgware centre encompasses the best of a busy (Jewish in our case) hub of food shops, kosher and other restaurants, a gorgeous and essential library/ community base, local shopping centre which caters for so many of our everyday shopping needs as well as free and affordable community parking helping us to access the shopping areas, surrounding shops, gym, coffee shops and local public transport. Edgware is more than the end of the tube line, it is our home!!!

Over the past 10-15 years Edgware has expanded tremendously placing extra pressure on all the facilities and infrastructure.

The traffic is immense with standstill traffic during peak times, complicated by numerous buses making their way around the residential high street roads. The A41 travelling through Edgware and the main roads are ever more busy and the tube/bus station is a chaotic and busy transport point providing a vital transport link for so many to school, work and Greater London everyday.

Already GP surgeries, dentists and other medical services are pressured and not able to manage with the current residential population and in addition the underlying sewage/ plumbing, electrical and buildings are at capacity.

Although development and modernisation is supported, the current plans agreed by Barnet are completely unacceptable, out of proportion in scale and totally unreasonable in development expectations. The already pressured services will not cope and will cease to provide their essential services.

The plans are without consideration of the total disruption, overcrowding, excessive demand on public health services and infrastructure this will produce as well as noise, air and environmental pollution and the destruction it will cause to the current environment, community, economic stability and quality of life that we as tax payers and council tax payers deserve!

We do not want high rise buildings!!!!!! There are multiple other options to creatively expand housing that are less invasive and destructive to Edgware as we know and love it to be.

The 10 year plan will cause excessive chaos, disruption of every service and completely destroy Edgware and make life difficult to complete everyday errands and to continue living our lives safely and happily . Barnet's plans have NOT taken the total disruption and demand of this lengthily project into account for the current residents, nor have they planned for the disruption!!!!

The extreme danger of the proposed electric bus station underground is beyond any persons imagination and on the level of public disaster!!!

Our world is in complete disillusionment of the destruction and immoral crimes against humanity, please do not contribute to this crisis.

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 far reaching potential impact on our community. The extent to which our community is affected is not clearly stated or planned for in the proposal.

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

Mrs Joanne Solomon

