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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.

My family and I, being residents of Edgware for over 30 years are regular users of Edgware Town Centre for our day to day shopping, accessing public transport, especially the Northern Line for trips to Central London, visiting the banks branches, hairdresser, restaurants for dining and family celebrations, regular uses of the local gym. We usually drive and park at the Broadwalk car park which provides an easy access to the local facilities, especially when we purchase our weekly groceries.

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 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.

- The proposed number of 4,740 new homes to be build in the centre of Edgware has the potential of increasing the number of residents by over 10,000. Edgware Town does not have the infrastructure to accommodate this vast number of newcomers: not enough doctor's surgeries or dentists, Station Road which would be the only approach to the new development is already congested and often there are long queues of vehicles entering the Broadwalk car park with very limited alternative street parking. The proposed development of the Broadwalk site would lead to a significant loss of public parking, which would greatly affect my access to the town shops and facilities, especially as by the time the project is completed I will be in my late 60s and even more so would require the use of a vehicle.

- The loss of parking and closure of the Broadwalk during the construction period would certainly have an effect on the businesses in Central Edgware and destroy the town as a local shopping, banking, dining and recreational destination during this period.

- The plan does not propose any improvements to bus or tube capacity to accommodate the additional 10,000 residents.
- The Plan would permit an Inner City style development but with fewer parking spaces and no plans to improve public transport, it would leave us with much worse connectivity.
- Edgware is a town of 2 boroughs: Barnet and Harrow. The proposed plan only covers the Barnet side of Edgware and leaves out a third of the town on the Harrow side. The Plan for Edgware which would have an impact on all residents should be made collaboratively between both Boroughs.

**In light of these concerns, I would like to express my support for any REPRESENTATION made by Save Our Edgware and the Edgware Community Association. Please consider their submissions as reflecting my own concerns.**

Faithfully yours,

Nadia Salman