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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.

I use Edgware town centre most days to shop for groceries and other basics at The Broadwalk and also to attend other nearby shops too.

- The plan is to permit up to 4,740 new homes to be built across 'Site 28' (the site of the present Edgware Underground, bus station and bus garage) and 'Site 27' the Broadwalk site which is likely to lead to a significant permanent loss of valuable and very tight public parking.
- The loss of light and skyline will be devastating and the view from around the area of massive tower blocks will be a disaster for Edgware – we do not need any massive blocks of flats, especially after Grenfell, and massive over development of the land too.
- Will lead to a loss of public parking and closure of the Broadwalk during construction. This is likely to have a knock on effect on the remaining businesses and could kill Edgware as a local shopping/banking/dining destination during this period.
- Does not propose improved bus or tube capacity.
- Would permit inner city style development, but (if parking disappears and public transport is not improved) it would leave us with much worse than suburban connectivity.
- Does not apply to a third of the town as it only covers the Barnet side of Edgware. It gives little weight to the impact on the Harrow side.
- We feel that decisions affecting Edgware should be made collaboratively between both Boroughs.

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.

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

Paul Horwitz