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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 am a resident in Edgware and regularly use the town centre area. I shop there regularly at the Sainsbury's and in the connected shopping mall and along Station Road for a variety of goods and services. I also enjoy eating out at the cafés and restaurants in the town centre. I am a daily user of the transport links to and from Edgware underground station and bus station. The Local Plan regarding Edgware does not propose any improvements to tube or bus capacity while massively increasing the local population. Edgware will have one of the highest population densities of any urban space in the country which is totally inappropriate and damaging to public and local services and will adversely impact the health, education, security, safety and life of residents and their children and the community.

Since the beginning of the year, Station Road has been flooding with raw sewage spewing out from beneath manhole covers (on the pavement near Nando's) on a near-weekly basis. When will Barnet Council actually effect action from the water company to deal with this major public health problem? Or do councillors at Barnet believe it's ok for workers, school children and commuters in Edgware to be stepping through streams of excrement on Station Road? If the Council can't maintain basic services and take action on major public health problems in Edgware right now, how will they be able to cope when 4000+ homes are added to the locality?

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. It should be made a compulsory requirement in the Local Plan that any large changes to Edgware town centre must be discussed and consultations conducted in co-operation with Harrow Council who are responsible for and serve a large proportion of Edgware residents.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Vernon Fernandes.

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