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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 frequent user of the Broadwalk shopping centre and car park, like many residents, I am shocked that there are plans to destroy both with no adequate replacement.

The car park is essential for people such as myself who do shopping for other people such as disabled and elderly, so I cannot possibly carry many bags of shopping on a bus.

I also use two banks in the town centre, along with other shops and the loss of the car park Will inevitably mean the closure of many businesses in Edgware as their customers will no longer be able to visit them.

The plan in its current form, which means that many people like myself would have to look elsewhere to do our shopping.

The volume of flats planned for this area is far too large, and Edgware is being expected to take too much of the share of the burden of the housing target of Barnet.

The plan to include an underground bus station could well lead to an appalling catastrophe as the safety of electric vehicles cannot be guaranteed.

To close the bus garage and have buses line up along Station Road will choke the already slow moving traffic.

The density of the population in a small area will inevitably lead to an increase in litter and crime.

There are also no plans to increase any public transport services to accommodate the additional passengers.

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 potential impact on our community.

Unfortunately, I haven't received any communication from Barnet council despite its significance for the future of Edgware.

Given the potential for significant change to Edgware's character and residence' 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.

This has a special impact for me as I am autistic.

The 42 day consultation period seems insufficient for anybody to comprehend the plan's details, especially for anybody with work or caring commitments.

I am deeply concerned about the impact of the local plan on Edgware and its residents, 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 Statement.

Yours sincerely

Warren marks