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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 resident of Edgware, I understand the plan has been under development since 2020 when covid struck the country went into lockdown & no one was paying any attention to anything else

However, I only recently became aware of its existence and its potential impact on our community.

I have lived in Edgware for 26 years and love the openness of the area, the greenness, the abundance of family homes with gardens & the community feel.

I use the Broadwalk shopping centre at least once a week & it would be sorely missed. It will be years before its replacement is operational.

Losing the bus station & parking busses along Station Road would be a disaster. Losing all the local parking would be detrimental for businesses & shops & create more traffic & pedestrian congestion. Where would people shelter from the weather, rain or heat, whilst waiting for a bus? Where would the elderly or disabled wait? Will there be places to sit & wait? The pavements are narrow enough.

The idea of an underground Electric bus charging depot under the Edgware development is horrendous & dangerous.

I understand the need for more housing in the area but the scale of the development in Edgware is excessive. The extra housing should be spread throughout the borough without the need for these hugely tall tower blocks.

Have we learnt nothing from the past about putting people in tower blocks. The isolation & effect on their mental health.

Also the number of tower blocks so densely built would impact the amount of natural light reaching the lower floors also affecting the mental health of the residents.

Has provision been made for the physical health of potentially 10,000 more residents? GP & Dental surgeries for example. What about school places? The lack of parking for the housing development & shopping centre is laughable. People use cars, particularly the elderly & disabled. People will stop coming to the area leading to the eventual demise of local business & shops.

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

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