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Dear Sir

I made an error in the last sentence of my email sent below. It should read "Additionally, I do **NOT** support going ahead with the Local Plan.

Yours sincerely

Rajeev Shah

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED]
To: "forward.planning@barnet.gov.uk" <forward.planning@barnet.gov.uk>
Date: 17/06/2024 22:10 BST
Subject: Concerns regarding the Edgware policy in Barnet Local Plan Main Modifications

Representation from: Rajeev Shah

Address: [REDACTED]

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Edgware Policy in the proposed Main Modifications to the Barnet Local Plan.

I have lived in Edgware for over 25 years and live just off the town centre (station road). I use the town centre's Edgware tube station to commute to work, the Broadwalk shopping centre and Station Road to shop for essential food, grocery, pharmacy, clothing, banking etc, dine at the restaurants on Station Road and the High road, and drive through the town centre to get to most places. My concerns with going ahead with the Barnet Local Plan are that the character of Edgware town will be totally changed; hence depriving me of the aesthetics that I have appreciated for so long; local shopping will be limited especially when construction is ongoing and there may be a knock-on effect on local shops and restaurants due to reduced footfall during construction so that they may close down permanently; density of population will increase putting pressure on local services such as GPs, public transport and schools, pavements and roads, without any associated improvement which the Local Plan does not adequately cater for; public parking is likely to decrease significantly; and there will be a high level of dust and other pollution during the construction phase which will likely make my asthma worse.

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 have not 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, and it is our right to be informed of such developments well in advance.

I found the volume and complexity of the Local Plan and the related documents to be overwhelming. The 42-day consultation period is insufficient for all lay residents of Edgware to comprehend the Plan's details - especially for anyone with work or care commitments.

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. Additionally, I do support going ahead with the Local Plan.

Yours sincerely

Rajeev Shah