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

I am very concerned that you can be considering building such tall buildings in a very small area that will overwhelm the town and be very oppressive. They are even taller than those in the new Brent Cross site. It has been known for years that very tall blocks lead to gangs, poor mental health and people being stranded when the lifts break down, which will inevitably happen. How would you like to be stuck on the 29th floor with no lift? Even 15 floors would be a lot to climb up or down. How can you even think of such a development without any concern for the damage to people's welfare?!

Even a development of half the height will have repercussions on the services provided by the council, such as medical needs, schooling, cleaning, parking and the travel will be severely disrupted for years. Of course the shops will be affected too as the noise and traffic of builders will affect them, as well as nowhere to park.

I travel by tube to work each day and will be very inconvenienced by the building work and the huge needs of a much denser population. Not only will trains and buses be full at the beginning of the journey, but anyone down the line will have tremendous problems too. What are you going to do about it?

Although there is a need for more housing it does not all have to be in Edgware and whatever is built should be a MUCH lower height.

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 objections or representations made by Save Our Edgware and the Edgware Community Association. Please consider their submissions as reflecting my own concerns.

Yours sincerely

Robyn Deutsch (Mrs)

