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## **Representation from: Ronit Shakhani**

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 we were all in hiding from Covid. Since becoming aware we are majorly opposed to the plans to ruin our community, its' infrastructure and the surrounding areas.

The Edgware Town Centre Development would ruin any forms of realistically using the high street or indeed even having one. The development would increase the population by double in a tiny space with no means of escape were there to be a fire. More densely populated than Hong Kong with no additional amenities, transportation, schools, doctors, dentists, parking spaces. There won't be a shopping centre or indeed any shops other than Sainsburys which has an extensive lease in it's current location. With the high street currently having a sewage leak for the past month - how on earth would Edgware survive with more buildings, more concrete, and pressures on the existing systems in place which clerly aren't good enough.

Unfortunately, I haven't received any written communication from Barnet Council about the Local Plan, despite its significance for Edgware's future. Which only gives rise to the idea that this is purely a money making venture with no respect to the existing people of edgware. Given the potential for significant change to Edgware's character and residents' quality of life, I believe wider notification would have been helpful and expected at the very least.

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 since they have a collective voice and speak for us Edgware-folk (those you've been ignoring thus far). 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

*Ronit Shakhani*