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Concerns Regarding the Edgware Policy in Barnet Local Plan Main Modifications

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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 daily users of Edgware Town Centre, one of our key reasons for moving here was the convenient access to shopping, public transport, banking, dining, and the public library. The proposed closure of the Broadwalk during construction will significantly impact our area, depriving us of essential amenities. We rely on the bus station daily; my child uses it to get to school, and we use the underground for work. The closure of these services during the construction period is alarming, as it will disrupt our connections and, if parking is also removed, leave us with even poorer suburban connectivity.

While building 4,740 new homes is a positive step, the local infrastructure is already struggling to support existing residents. For example, securing a GP appointment is extremely challenging, often requiring calls at 8 AM and long waits, with most slots filled by the time you get through. How do you plan to accommodate 4,740 additional families in terms of schools, GPs, hospitals, and other services?

As an Edgware resident, I am aware that this plan has been in development since 2020, but I only recently learned about its potential impact on our community. Unfortunately, I have not received any written communication from Barnet Council regarding the Local Plan, despite its significant implications for Edgware's future. Wider notification would have been beneficial given the potential changes to Edgware's character and residents' quality of life.

The volume and complexity of the Local Plan and related documents are overwhelming, and the 42-day consultation period seems insufficient for anyone, especially those with work or caregiving responsibilities, to fully grasp the details.

I am deeply concerned about the impact of the Local Plan on Edgware and its current and future residents. In light of these concerns, I support any representations made by Save Our Edgware and the Edgware Community Association. Please consider their submissions as reflecting my own concerns.