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I am Edwin Solomon

I AM APPALLED WITH THE IDEA OF 30 HIGH RISE BUILDINGS REACHING 29 FLOORS BEING PROPOSED BY BALLYMORE AND EVIDENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY BARNET COUNCIL to be built on the Broadwalk Shopping car park.

I have been a resident in Edgware for 50 years and agree this village requires a new face lift. The area is far too small to accommodate this vast development.

- 1) This is not a large Town as being designated by Barnet Council.
- 2 ) The Consultation Period has been too short for those who are not connected to Whatts App groups or Road groups.
- 3 ) This development will blight the area for 10 -15 years whilst the works are in progress.
- 4) It will create pollution and the noise in this concentrated area will be unbeareable especially for those living in close proximity.
- 5 ) The natural light will be lost, they will have to rely on artifical light through the winter months.
- 6 ) Edgware is presently gridlocked, to bring in 10,000 people this will cause further traffic jams along station road and the off shoot roads.
- 7) I believe the covered bus area (especially the seating area) is to be removed, this will be a disaster for the elderly and the disabled also for mothers with babies, this group will be disenfrachised and it will be impossible for them wait for buses out in the open, especially in the winter months. I believe two addition bus stops will be added on each side of the road along Station Road, this will cause further chaos.

The size of this development is totally disproportionate to the area available. Edgware is unable to accommodate 10,000--15,000 people.

8) Evidently the overall parking will be reduced by 30%!.

This entire scheme is designed for the following reason:

- A ) Increase Income for Barnet Council ( Council Tax )
- B ) Vast profits for Ballymore a construction company who have pressed Barnet Council and TFL to sell them the lands and promote this unacceptable scheme.

We see this development and those being built in Colindale and Brent Cross advertised in China! If there is a housing problem in the UK this commercialization is a contradition to the Governments arguments regarding a shortage of homes. Prices of Sale properities will vastly rise by the time it is built and if multiple properties are sold to investors, rents will spiral accordingly. Therefore the concept of bridging the housing problem will be futile and the purpose of such a development will be pointless.

The views of many regarding an improved size of the scheme is:

Ten Buildings cascading in height from 10 floors to 5 floors, Shops to be built with landscaping areas for social care. Play areas for young children, a Cinema, an area designated for sole traders to sell their wares, an area similar to Covent Garden. Seating for the elderly in between green areas.

This will require a legal and proper consultation, not the amateur way Ballymore have gone about their consultation.

The development should be rejected on the basis of over development. NO HIGH RISE BUILDINGS. A COMFORTABLE SEATING BUS AREA. TALL BUILDINGS SHOULD NOT BE PLACED OVER AN UNDERGROUND BUS GARAGE.

Ballymore must return to the drawing board.

I support SAVE THE EDGWARE and the EDGWARE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. Please consider their submission as reflecting my own concerns.

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