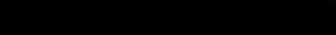




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Representation from  
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I am writing to express my concerns regarding the Edgware Policy in the proposed Main Modifications to the Barnet Local Plan.

You may consider that my opinion doesn't count as I live on the Harrow side of Edgware. However, I am probably less than 100 yards from the boundary with the Barnet side of Edgware. And I live closer to Station Road in Edgware than many thousands of residents in the Barnet side of Edgware. These plans would impact me - and my neighbours - hugely.

Decisions affecting Edgware need to be considered by Harrow and Barnet Councils working together.

I regularly travel by tube to and from Edgware underground station; I also travel on several of the bus routes that use the Edgware bus garage; my bank is on Station Road Edgware, my GP is just off Station Road, my place of worship is in the Barnet side of Edgware.

I shop in Edgware - on Station Road and in particular the Broadwalk where I also meet friends and family for coffee and a snack. I also go to restaurants and cafes in Station Road, Edgware.

The Barnet side of Edgware has been central to my daily life for a long time. However, if the Local Plan goes ahead it would deter me from going into Edgware for anything other than necessity.

With no Broadwalk shopping mall and a building site for a decade, I would probably do most of my shopping online instead. I feel most businesses in Edgware will suffer and many will be forced to close so there will be little left to attract me or anyone else into Edgware. I would go into Harrow rather than Barnet for recreational purposes.

If the plan for the underground bus garage with electric buses goes ahead, I fear it will just be a matter of time before it causes a disaster much greater and more infamous than Grenfell. I know many people who believe this is highly likely and want to avoid the area.

Even if it doesn't go ahead, the plans for destroying the covered bus station make

travelling from Edgware very unwelcoming.

With thousands of new residents in the forest of tower blocks and a major reduction in parking spaces I know that my friends and family will no longer come into Edgware as they won't be able to park. So I would meet them away from Edgware.

I am very sad that these plans will destroy the pleasant suburban nature of Edgware.

I understand your plan has been under development since 2020. However, I only recently became aware of its existence and its potential impact on our community. It would have a huge impact on us, and I believe you should have made people aware of it a long time ago.

In my professional life I am used to reading, analysing and amending lengthy, complicated documents, and yet I found the volume, complexity - and lack of clarity - in the Local Plan and related documents made them virtually incomprehensible, and overwhelming.

The documents appear to be designed to deter residents from participating in a democratic process. You will be aware that most residents would not be in a position to scrutinise and analyse hundreds of pages and give an informed view of the contents.

I am extremely concerned about the impact of the Local Plan on Edgware and its residents - and its businesses - both now and in the years to come.

In light of these concerns, I would like to express my support for all the [representations](#) made by Save Our Edgware and the Edgware Community Association. I have read their submissions and consider their submissions as reflecting my own concerns.

Yours faithfully

Judith Lustigman