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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.

I live in Edgware town centre and commute via the Tube daily. I have three concerns:

- 1. I think it's clear that the Edgware branch of the Northern Line has insufficient capacity to comfortably accommodate 4740 new households, as proposed. In recent years, the number of commuters boarding / alighting at Colindale (two stations down from Edgware) has significantly increased. If there is also a major increase of commuters at Edgware, I expect the Tube to become very overcrowded.
- 2. Currently, any small roadworks operation in central Edgware causes traffic to come to a halt across the whole town centre. This significantly increases the air pollution that residents around the High Street are subjected to. I have heard no plan for how continued traffic flow will be ensured during the works.
- 3. The number of proposed new homes in tall tower blocks is out of proportion for the area. While I'd welcome some new development, I would like to see the density of new homes significantly reduced compared to the current proposal, to reduce the strain on all local services, facilities, parks and open spaces.

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.

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 <u>representations</u> made by Save Our Edgware and the Edgware Community Association. Please consider their submissions as reflecting my own concerns.

Yours sincerely Peter Zeidman