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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.

Myself and my partner both work in the shopping centre, our elderly parents also use the shopping centre to safely meet friends. This development would take away all the current jobs in the shopping centre and they wouldn't be replaced until the retail units are finished under the high rise blocks. And we don't know if they would even be replaced as who know's what companies will get to re-open in the new units. The older generation including mine and my partners parents reguarly travel to edgware to do shopping and safely meet with friends, the high street is no longer safe as there are drug addicts consistantly roaming around so meeting on the high street is not viable. By ripping down the shopping centre a lot of older people will be cut off and not able to travel further out to go shopping. This regeneration is not going to bring anything positive to edgware. The shopping centre will go, the parking availability will go, edgware will become a building zone for the next 10 years deterring people away. It is going to break the edgware community. The bus station and train station will be closed causing havoc for regular commuters. The tower blocks are going to be unsightly and not blend in to the look or feel of edgware, it is going to become over populated with no extra doctors/dentist/parking/school places. And the rent prices of these high rise flats will not be obtainable by the majority of the edgware community even though they are classed as 'affordable' we all know the prices will be sky high just like the tower blocks themselves.

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 and the same goes for all the workers in the shopping centre, they are unaware that there jobs will be non existent and will have detrimental financial impacts when the cost of living is already attacking our lives.

Unfortunately, I haven't received any written communication from Barnet Council about the Local Plan, despite its significance for Edgware's future. Given the potential for significant change to Edgware's character and residents' quality of life, I believe wider notification would have been helpful.

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. 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

Sinead Butler