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Forward Planning
Barnet's local plan
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I am writing to object about some of the current plans proposed by London Borough of Barnet which seem to lack consideration for people in the immediate vicinity, the wider community and those people who would be homed there.

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1) The size of the plot seems inadequate to allow families and individuals to thrive, given the number of homes being proposed. How can over 190 'homes' be proposed on that space with enough space to live healthily and happily? The current pandemic has demonstrated that adequate indoor and some sort of private outdoor space is crucial. Even though the pandemic is becoming more controlled more people continue to work from home more often, meaning that the requirement for space to work from home and space to be outside at home is still a key requirement in the 'new normal'. The number of homes being proposed gives no assurance that this has been considered.

2) The plan doesn't indicate what type of properties are being planned. Buildings which are higher than that currently on the road would be out of character of the local area and could overlook many of the nearby properties which would be extremely unwelcome. We are very lucky to live in such a green area - building high rise accomodation would be extremely distressing for people who live nearby.

3) The number of properties being planned would introduce significantly more people to the local area. It looks to be a higher number than that being proposed at Barnet Station which appears to be a much larger site, which is absurd. The infrastructure in Barnet is already stretched: traffic on the high street is consistently horrendous, the GP surgery seems overwhelmed when dealing with the basics, littering in St Georges' fields and on the Green is getting worse, not better and the quality of some of the roads in the area is frankly dangerous. An increase in traffic and noise and disturbance, along with the additional strain of a significant increase in the number of people living nearby is a genuine concern for those of us living here.

4) We live in a conservation area and (rightly) have extremely tight restrictions on what we are able to do to our properties to maintain the appearance of the local area. We have a genuine concern about the design and appearance of the development and the impact that this may have on the building and conservation area which we have worked hard to maintain.

5) How is the perceived increase in parking proposed to be managed? The volume of properties being proposed would indicate a sizeable increase to the number of cars and traffic, with an increase of people trying to park locally. The roads from Puller Road to Byng Road are already at capacity in terms of the number of people trying to park and the roads close to Hadley Green are equally stretched. How can the volume of properties currently being proposed allow adequate parking facilities for the people living there without impacting on the existing residents?

Barnet Station - I also have concerns about Barnet Station proposals which would remove all car-parking facilities.

In addition, the number of properties being proposed at that site seems excessive given that people need and want more internal space with some external space as people continue to

work from home more.

I appreciate there is a need for new housing, but this should be done with consideration for all parties - current residents and new residents, and I don't feel these plans have given consideration to either.

I would appreciate your considered response to these concerns.

Yours Faithfully Helen James and Tom Hearnden

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