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I have lived in Finchley Central for 53 years and am now living at [REDACTED] having moved 3 years ago from [REDACTED]. I am devastated at the proposal to destroy both the character and ambience of the area.

Having found it very difficult to navigate your website regarding objections to the above proposal and not having found an official form to fill out. Here are my objections to the planned development:-

1. To build 556 residential units to include 4 x 20 storey tower blocks in an area of low rise property brings this into a description of urban not suburban which Finchley has always been. This smacks of the 1960's and what a disaster those buildings were. It has surely been proved that the health of those in high rise buildings however attractive the drawings are, is generally poor.
2. I understood that the Barnet policy only permits the construction of buildings over 15 storeys under exceptional circumstances. There is nothing to prove this is the case.
3. The proposal does not include sufficient parking and includes a "micro park" which is so small to be laughable. The present car park which provides essential spaces for those working out of the borough and for them to use the station to reach their workplace which leaves them without the means to do. It also ignores the needs of the present population most of whom do not or cannot cycle everywhere. They have not taken into account the fact that this borough has one of the largest number of elderly citizens.
4. This proposal will completely paralyse the traffic around the scheme and cause tremendous pollution as the traffic will have to be diverted to side streets. The traffic in the Ballards Lane is congested a lot of the time anyway. This will affect all the small businesses in the area which are struggling at the moment. A development of this size (totally inappropriate for the area) will cause pollution in the whole area.
5. The lack of provision for schools, surgeries and dentists in the area is patently obvious and there will be problems for those who rent or buy there as well as those that already live in the area and struggle to find places or GP surgeries which are open. Let alone dentists.

Finchley will become overcrowded and an unpleasant place in which to live, losing its total identity. It ignores the needs of the present population.

Whilst I understand that TFL are in need of realising funds this should not be at the expense and health of Finchley Central residents.

I trust this letter will join all the other objections.

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