	Council
Title	Petition – Save Edgware Now
Date of meeting	17 October 2023
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	Edgware
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Appendices	Appendix A – Petition Supporting Statement
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Summary

In accordance with the Council Constitution, Part 3F, Petition Scheme petitions must have a minimum of 25 signatures and be relevant to the functions of the authority. The Scheme also provides that petitions which received over 3,001 signatories will be reported to Full Council. The 'Save Edgware now' petition has received over 3,001 signatures therefore Council are asked to consider this petition at this meeting.

Recommendation

That Council consider the 'Save Edgware Now' petition and determine the decision route (if any) which may include:

- Take no action;
- Provide a written respond to Lead Petitioner within 20 working days; or
- Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of Cabinet or a Committee on the issue(s) raised with a recommended course of action.

1. Reasons for the Recommendations

1.1 A paper petition was submitted to the Head of Governance on 22nd September 2023 titled 'Save Edgware Now'. The petition has received more than 3,001 signatures from Barnet citizens. In accordance with the Petition Scheme the petition is required to be reported to Full Council for consideration.



- 1.2 Section 1.10 of the Petition Scheme states that "Petitions relating to planning or licensing applications, appeals or reviews will be treated as letters of representation and will be dealt with by the relevant service area and will be taken into consideration in dealing with the relevant application, appeal or review. For petitions falling within these categories, the reporting procedures below will not apply." The Mayor who has authority on "...the construction or application of this Constitution or as to any proceedings of the Council..." has decided that, on balance, this petition should be accepted for reporting to Full Council rather than being treated as a letter of representation that would be dealt with by the relevant service area and will be taken into consideration in dealing with the application once submitted by the developer.
- 1.3 The petition states that "...the proposal to build over the Broadwalk Shopping Centre is being dressed up as a regeneration and redevelopment. In reality, this proposal is not redevelopment, it is GROSS OVERDEVELOPMENT leading in all likelihood not to regeneration but to degeneration." Further information is set you out in Appendix A.

2. Alternative Options Considered and Not Recommended

2.1 None.

3. Post Decision Implementation

3.1 Council will decide on the appropriate action to be taken (if any) which will be referred to the relevant parties by the Governance Team.

4. Corporate Priorities, Performance and Other Considerations

Corporate Plan

4.1 None in the context of this report.

Corporate Performance / Outcome Measures

4.2 None in the context of this report.

Sustainability

4.3 None in the context of this report.

Corporate Parenting

4.4 None in the context of this report.

Risk Management

- 4.5 None in the context of this report. Insight
- 4.6 None in the context of this report.

Social Value

4.7 None in the context of this report.

5. Resource Implications (Finance and Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT and Property)

5.1 N/A

6. Legal Implications and Constitution References

- 6.1 Council Constitution, Part 3F, Petition Scheme petitions must have a minimum of 25 signatures and be relevant to the functions of the authority. Petitions with 3,001 or more signatures will be reported to Full Council and the following process will be followed:
 - Lead Petitioner is given five minutes to present the petition;
 - Council Members have an opportunity to ask questions of the Lead Petitioner then debate the item;
 - The relevant Cabinet Member or Committee Chair will respond to the issues raised in the petition and outline the decision route (if any) he/she proposes to take which may include:
 - o Take no action
 - o Provide a written respond to Lead Petitioner within 20 working days; or
 - Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of Cabinet or a Committee on the issue(s) raised with a recommended course of action
- 6.2 Council Constitution, Article 3A, Council Procedure Rules Full Council has responsibility for "Receiving petitions from Members and the public in accordance with the arrangements for the making of petitions."

7.	Consultation
7.1	N/A
8.	Equalities and Diversity
8.1	None specifically arising from the report.
9.	Background Papers

9.1 None.