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Dear WNP Team,

First to congratulate Westminster on supporting this plan. I live in **Exercise** Brent and so much also live in Maida Hill as Chippenham Gardens 'The Chippenham' Maida Vales largest village centre is down this street and shared with Westminster MH and MV residents.

MHNP Policies Map

Thank you for putting the Brent spatially located Victorian shop terrace onto your map- Designated Town Centres. Brent planners are long term hostile to this village being a village (not protecting shop uses), while residents love its being a village of shops and diverse businesses near to home. Brent has a retreat from neighbouring borough boundaries policy all along its southern boundary.

As regards Protected Spaces. You should full map in South Kilburn Public Open Space 2ha, also called Kilburn Park by locals. It is located a mere 50 metres from Maida Hill and I meet people from MH in this cross-borough boundary open 24/7 significant park all the time especially walking dogs or playing football.

Can Maida Hill Britain's most overcrowded neighbourhood afford the luxury of totally ignoring the existence of this its nearest public park? There is no definition of what brownfield land is in English law and Brent decision-makers hence want to bit-by-bit build on this 60 years old purpose built park which surely undermines your MH plans humane objectives? Westminster should strong support this 2ha local parks protection for future generations to enjoy, its also being a key flood defence for MH residents keeping their building insurance costs manageable through ongoing climate change.

At Chippenham Gardens village there is a recently renewed public green space, which is shared with MH. This should be mapped in.

See both of these green spaces on the satellite plans p48 and 58 of the MHNP main document.

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Page 3 map shows South Kilburn Public Open Space, but as the wrong shape and smaller than its in reality is? Not helpful to MHNP access to green space, nature and recreation objectives.

Chippenham Gardens Green Space should be mapped in on page 3.

These key green spaces should be talked about in this plan document? Satellite maps on p48/55 show these spaces and their actual size and close proximity to MH. Maybe in MHNP full account should be taken of flood risk see Maida Vale Flood Area in the London Flooding Review. Natural flood defences are protected in Westminster, why not 50m upstream another borough park but still in the Maida Vale Flood Area?

Or, since 2019 South Kilburn 51 m tall building zone of car-free housing which 5 years later in 2024 still has no tall building zone masterplan for it. What started 23 years ago as a community-led neighbourhood policy plan to 2010 Growth Area policy re-designation, has now become the total opposite of what MH is attempting to achieve, a developer-led TBZ. This TBZ is all car-free housing, so maybe an active travel 45 ha zone being applied here is of interest and value to MH residents?

Best regards

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