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**TO GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION OVER HIGH BARNET TUBE CAR PARK WOULD BE UNDEMOCRATIC, IRRATIONAL AND UNREASONABLE**

**(Ref: 25/2671/FUL)**

Dear Mr Pipe,

If the public Representation Hearing at City Hall on 27 May 2026 results in the Barnet Council's decision being overturned (with a grant of planning permission), such decision would be grossly undemocratic; it would be wilfully ignoring the voices of the local people who voted in the Local Elections on 7 May 2026.

Grant McKenna and I stood for councillors in the High Barnet ward in the recent local elections. We based our entire campaign around the single issue of stopping the proposed development. On this issue we achieved 854 votes, representing at least 427 people (and potentially up to 854 people). No party campaigned in favour of the development, because they knew how deeply unpopular the proposal is across the whole political spectrum of the ward. To ignore this, and the 812 people who filed formal objections in the Council's neighbourhood consultation would be grossly undemocratic and unjust to the residents of High Barnet.

Granting the planning permission would also be irrational and unreasonable, meeting the threshold for Judicial Review. It is irrational because local infrastructure is already stretched, and the proposal does not provide for improving roads, expanding schools, increasing policing, nor investing more in local NHS services. Further, it is unreasonable because, while the vast majority of people in the local area are not against development and housing (there is plenty going on in High Barnet right now), we are strongly against losing our much-valued and very well-used end-of-the-line car park. Essentially, that car park facility is a vital utility for the weakest and most vulnerable, particularly the elderly who are less able to rely on public transport, especially at night (26% of High Barnet ward is 60+, compared to a London average of 16%).

I trust that this will reach you in time, and that you will take this into account and make the right decision, which is to decline the application for planning permission.

Yours sincerely,



**Andrew Jackson**

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for High Barnet ward in Local Elections on 7 May 2026