

19th January 1993

Ms E. Segal
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Dear Ms Segal,

PROPOSED ERUV - BARNET

Thank you for your recent letter to the RSPB. Following a reorganisation of RSPB regions, your letter has been forwarded to us as the RSPB's South East Office is now responsible for nature conservation issues in Greater London.

We have re-evaluated the case of the proposed Eruv in Barnet and consider that a structure of this nature would not have a significant impact on local wild bird populations in the Barnet area. As you are aware, Kevin Bayes of the RSPB's former Thames and Chiltern Office has written to the London Borough of Barnet expressing our concerns about the potential for birds to collide with monofilament wires should these be employed in the proposed Eruv. Beyond this I am afraid the RSPB cannot get involved in the case further.

I am sorry if this seems unhelpful but I am sure you will agree that as a nature conservation organisation reliant on charitable means we must set clear priorities and be sure to concentrate our efforts on issues that are of major significance to nature conservation within the region. Unfortunately the proposed Eruv is not one of these so we cannot justify any further involvement. Once again I am very sorry to disappoint you.

Thank you for contacting the RSPB.

Your sincerely,

Rebecca Sinton
Conservation Officer
(South East England)

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cc Dave Pritchard



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Dear Mr Perrin

Thank you for your helpful letter of 2 November 1992 clarifying the technical details of the proposed Eruv. Your proposals to use thick braided steel wire to span major roads are unlikely to provide significant problems for the local bird population. However, the remaining 3-400m of nylon monofilament in 'sensitive' urban areas could still have implications for bird strike, though the species involved in these urban settings are unlikely to have a high status in nature conservation terms.

Whilst the intention to attach bird boxes to the wooden poles around Hampstead Heath is laudable, it would be important to consider who would clean and maintain them to ensure their value beyond the next few years. Nestboxes in the more urban sites would almost certainly be of limited benefit.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Bayes
Conservation Officer

cc Ms Deidre McGurrian, London Borough of Barnet.

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Attn: Mr Kevin Bayes, Conservation Officer

2nd November 1992

Dear Mr Bayes,

Re: Proposed "Eruv" in south Barnet
Your letter to Ms McGurrian 15 September 1992

As the technical advisor to the United Synagogue's Eruv Committee, whose responsibility it is to acquire permission from the Council (and other bodies) to erect this "structure", I have been passed a copy of your letter of 15th September.

Whilst I can fully understand the RSPB's stance on this issue - indeed I am a member of the society (R 4926447) and have been for many years - I believe that you may have been given the impression that there are "miles of monofilament" to be strung around the borough.

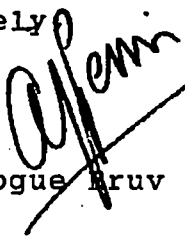
The proposal entails discrete pole-and-wire arrangements at the perimeter of a notional Eruv perimeter. Some are short spans c.10-15m across minor roads, others two to three times this length above major roads. The latter will be constructed using steel braided wire at least as thick as telephone wire, and in all those places the background is particularly clear from an avian point of view, being large open road junctions.

Where the wires are to be erected in residential side roads the proposal to use near invisible nylon monofilament was mooted on planning grounds, i.e. to limit visibility and reduce obtrusiveness. Whilst I can understand your concern for birds impacting these wires, I must say that the scale of our project, which would incorporate between 3-400m of crossovers in "sensitive" areas, constitutes a negligible risk to the urban bird population.

For the record, we have offered to attach bird and/or bat boxes to a number of poles which skirt the extension of Hampstead Heath in NW11. In this way, we feel that the arrival of these "structures" - themselves wooden poles some 3-4m high, on the highway's pavement adjacent to the Heath, will be of benefit to the local wildlife. Other sites which are more clearly urban have not been proposed but the RSPB may wish to look into this. The Eruv Committee would fund the erection of the boxes, and their subsequent maintenance.

Please feel free to call me about this or any aspect of the Eruv. I do hope that your fears are allayed.

Yours sincerely


Alan Perrin
United Synagogue Eruv Committee

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