

London Borough of Barnet



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Peter Sheldon Esq
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Dear Mr Sheldon

I have your letter 2 Oct. I come from a 'true orthodox' background & know very well the difference between that & the United Syn. It is certainly not 'black hat'. It is not in dispute that clothing is the only indication. They may well regard themselves as at least as orthodox - & many I am sure may be, but there are those who are not. It is a matter of finite degree which you have not grasped. It is untrue to say that officially recognised leaders of the Orthodox community are active supporters of the Brvt. Rush Best Dan Dobbe Padva, clearly head of the main Orthodox community is in print that it must not be recognised. It is yourself that is blinkered, you cannot accept that there could be a differing view, & not necessarily my own humble self.

You ask for numbers. The membership of the U. Syn is just under 10,000 over the whole of the UK. About 4,000 belong to Vinlas, Ralugh Close, North Lea & Dunstan Rd. the area. The Holmes Report, commissioned by the U. Syn states that 90% drive their cars on Shofhat, & 5% use electricity. This seems to me to be 200. The figure given at the Public Inquiry was 300 - to be on the right side. It is a fallacious to say that only part of the Suburb is included. It is the entire, the whole of it. You are very badly advised. On its T.P representative, I received the map. The new map also includes the entire Hampstead & Garden Suburb - it is easily verified.

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It is offensive to accuse me of animosity to
obedient Jews. You clearly do not know of my
record in the community over the years - for Jews
of all shades of belief.

I do not think that this is a matter
of alleged unconscious judgment. As a Magistrate
for 30 years, Deputy Chairman of my branch - a lay
Judge of the Crown Court for 15 years I doubt
that I have prejudices - least of all against
my own.

Conclusively, I do not know why you
wrote to me - in any event this is a
strictly Town Planning matter. So many persons
have attempted to introduce (as you have)
an emotive & religious element which even the
Impartial & Honest must ignore.

I wish you well

Yours etc

Y. Kabani