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ERUV COMMITTEE

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Dear David and Edward

Re: ERUV

Last night I had a very good conversation with Jane Ellison. She was extremely friendly and helpful.

She informed me that she had received a large amount of correspondence from people who were against the ERUV and what surprised her was that most of the correspondence was from Jews and hardly any from Gentiles. She was of the view that the Gentile community appears not to be bothered in the slightest with regard to the ERUV and our problem appears to emanate from irreligious and secular Jews. We had a discussion as to whether this generalisation was correct and I explained to her that it was more a case of most of the objectors being 50 and upwards and therefore somewhat more sensitive having been brought up in a different age to my contemporaries and those younger than me. She did on consideration feel that most of the objectors were older people and she accepted that that could well be the problem. What she was very sure about was that this issue should not be fought as an ethnic or cultural war and I would tend to agree with her.

She mentioned to me one letter that she had received from an objector who considered that the social repercussion did form part of a planning consideration and supported his argument with a number of precedent cases. She passed this letter on to the legal clerk at the local authority for him to confirm whether this is actually so. I did not ask her for a copy of the letter at the telephone but, since she agreed to meet with me on Sunday at 3.00 p.m., I will then broach her on the subject. I would very much like to see that letter and, more importantly, Danny should see that letter to enable him to research the cases referred to.

She still is of the same view as she was at the vote of the Public Works Committee and I still have the feeling that she will vote pro the ERUV. She did stress that if she is to be of any help to us (and in this regard she said that as a Non-Jewish member of the Council that she would carry more weight than the Jewish members of the Council) it was essential that she is not seen as a campaigner for the ERUV Committee. I totally agreed with her and confirmed that any meetings that we may have will be totally confidential and, as such, I would appreciate very much if the existence of such meetings

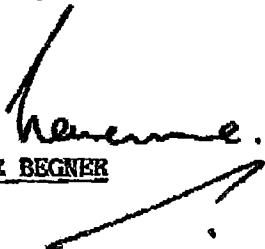
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went no further than yourself, Edward and myself. She did not know if she could be of tremendous help to us since she is not one of the main members of the Planning Committee but I told her that I very much would like to get a feeling from her as to where the other candidates would vote and to have an opportunity to discuss with her how best to proceed through this campaign.

Hence, as mentioned above, I am meeting with her at 3.00 p.m. at my house on Sunday and you may feel that you wish to attend. If so, and as a matter of courtesy, I would ask her to please confirm that she has no objection to me inviting anybody other than myself to that meeting.

Best wishes


LAURENCE BEGNER