

FAX MESSAGE

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Perhaps Alan has already reported to you about our meeting with the head of Town Planning, Geoff Brown and John Koster, the Public Works officer, yesterday. Essentially it was a very sensible session. The outcome is:

- 1) The erection of poles is considered a *development* thus requiring planning approval - this fits with the opinion I received from our planning experts. They will accept one application for the scheme and charge the minimum fee.
- 2) The issue is considered emotive. Whereas technically our use of these poles as an *eruv* is none of his concern, he recognises that people have strong views, pro and con, and therefore in considering the consultative process he must decide whether to present it as a scheme comprising 30 pairs of telegraph poles or as an *eruv*.

My own opinion is that we should steer him towards dealing with the technical, formal consultative process through notices in the press relating only to the actual structures and together we should present the overall plan through carefully prepared media releases.

- 3) Brown will take advice on whether an invitation to us to present the concept on 3rd, June would be rightly criticised as not even-handed. We suggested that instead we could invite the councillors for a tour and presentation.
- 4) The proposal for a joint meeting of the Public Works and Town Planning Committees (some overlap of councillors) has been put forward by Beattie for 6:30pm on the Wednesday 3rd. Brown suggests we rent a coach and give them the grand tour.
- 5) Brown will now go on a tour together with Koster to bring himself up to date on the details of the proposal.
- 6) Brown wants to see the proposal pass Public Works, as 'owners' of the land, first. They should be concerned only with safety, services/maintenance, insurance, etc.
- 7) During the meeting, Alan pitched for acceptance of the idea of new (wooden) telegraph poles throughout at a standard height of 7m using a mono-filament fishing wire rather than the 7mm braided s/s wire suggested by the Council for trunk roads.

I believe that we now need to take control of this process and I would urge you as Chairman to address the following issues.

1 Lobbying of the Public Works and Town Planning Committee counsillors.

Prepare simple information pack.

Canvass all those connected with the Eruv, US etc for people with personal connections. - particularly with anti and neutral counsillors. Contact wider circle, eg Reb Chaim Halpern who has declared himself willing to help.

Arrange June 3rd. event for optimum effect.

2 Preparation and coordination of PR exercise.

We must centralise contact with the press and be prepared with suitable material. Once prepared, we should plan a press conference to take control of timing and presentation.

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