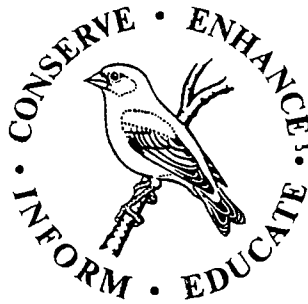


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Dear Sirs,

**PROPOSED ERUV IN BARNET** (Your ref: P/DM/SS Eruv)

Thank you for sending us details of the new application for an Eruv and I attach a copy of our letter of 13.9.92 which sets out our objection in principle to this proposal.

The latest document is a terrible presentation and in many respects is less clear than the original. It no longer has plans which relate each installation to its setting in the slightly wider context and the orientation of some plans is thoroughly confusing; for instance Pole 3 of No 15 (Aylmer Road) appears to be completely misdrawn.

We note that No 15 now has three poles instead of five but do not consider this to be any great improvement over the initial arrangement.

The location of the poles at No 19 (Church Lane) are now far worse sited in relation to Holy Trinity Church and will impinge very directly on the setting of the listed building, greatly to its detriment.

The impact of these poles and wires cannot be properly judged on sketch plans only. The significance of each 'gateway' on the street scene surely requires that elevations are provided to show the background to the poles. This would also enable their positions relative to windows of properties to be assessed.

Although birds may not have visibility problems with conventional telegraph wire, as proposed for the longer spans, we are extremely concerned about the use of monofilament nylon. This would apparently be used on the majority of spans and we believe would present an almost invisible hazard for birds, particularly in certain lighting conditions.

We continue to be of the view that this proposal will seriously prejudice the visual amenities of the locations where the 'gateways' are to be erected, one will affect the setting of a listed building and there is likely to be a considerable danger to birds in flight. We are opposed to the erection of 'private' street furniture of this nature; permission for it would set a very dangerous precedent.

We trust the application will be refused and shall be grateful for notification of the decision.

Yours faithfully,

**BILL TYLER (Vice President)**  
on behalf of the Planning Committee