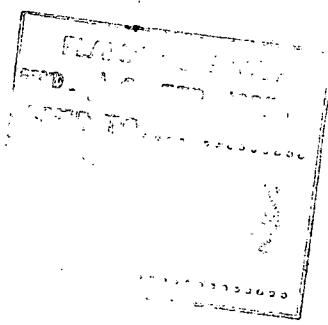


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Dear Mr Turner,

Re: Objections to Eruv proposal

- A) It is, in effect, the creation of a ghetto and, as such, is viewed with apprehension by many Jews as well as non-Jews. It will foster resentment and friction where none existed before. How do you suppose the non-Jewish communities will feel about being enclosed, willy-nilly, in a Jewish community area, which has been described as the "extension of private space?" If other religions seek to similarly expand into public space, could you deny them similar consideration?
- B) It raises intractable problems of responsibility and liability:
- i) Cost - we are told that the United Synagogue is to bear the cost of the wires and poles which, in turn, will need constant maintenance. It is physically impossible in a borough as large as Barnet for the United Synagogue to guarantee maintenance, both now and in perpetuity. We foresee that, sooner or later, the poles and wires will become a charge on the local tax-payer.
 - ii) Liability - in the event of injury, or damage to property resulting from these structures, the Council may well find itself held responsible, and facing claims for considerable damage. It would be wrong for the Council to expose all local tax-payers to such financial risk, especially in a time of unparalleled financial stringency.

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We therefore urge the Council to properly consider the interests of ALL the community in the London Borough of Barnet and to reject this plan.

Yours sincerely,

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