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Dear Mr Williams,

Map 32 of the Eruv Application Update

At an informal meeting yesterday held by Cllr Jack Cohen and Cllr Monroe Palmer for some Childs Hill residents, no justification could be offered for the additional posts and wire shown on map 32 of the Updated Application.

As we assume you know, these two posts would be on public land, while the wire between them would be partly over a public footpath and partly over the private driveway of All Saints Church of England Primary School.

The part of the wire over the public footpath was not in the proposal when the Application was considered by the Public Works Committee, which has therefore not sanctioned it (even if the term 'public highway' is taken to include 'public pathway').

The part of the wire over the private driveway raises the legal question whether the Council could approve a proposal for a wire over private land. In our opinion, it also poignantly demonstrates the failure of the Applicants to respect other beliefs ~~or~~ to be sensitive to the feelings of residents other than those of their followers.

We consider that the Planning Department should have deemed this addition to the Application as unacceptable in planning terms. We hope that you agree, and if so that you will give instructions for the proposal shown on map 32 to be recalled and returned to the Applicants for withdrawal or revision.

Moreover, this course of action could lead to the Public Works Committee, Planning Committee and Eruv Committee agreeing to put the Application 'on hold'. This might give the Council an opportunity to consider appointing a multidisciplinary Commission of independent experts to investigate and report on all aspects of the proposal, including the many issues that have emerged as a result of the public debate in the Borough on the subject.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth and Jeffrey Segall

cc. Mayor; Leader of Council; Chairs of Public Works and Planning Committees;
Chair of Eruv Committee; Cllrs J. Cohen and M. Palmer