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From: Christine Cowdray [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 September 2014 20:26
To: Planning; Carr, Seonaid
Subject: Camden Brent Eruv Application Response From St John's Wood Society

Dear Seonaid,

Please could you confirm that you have received the following objection from the St John's Wood Society as we have not received yet received any confirmation from you that you have despite a few requests.

Best wishes,
Christine
Christine Cowdray
Planning Chairman
St John's Wood Society

From: Christine Cowdray [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 August 2014 13:36
To: 'Carr, Seonaid'
Subject: Camden/ Brent eruv application

Dear Seonaid,

*Please find below the St John's Wood Society's response to the Camden/eruv application.
I'd be very grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email.*

*Very best wishes,
Christine*

Westminster City Council has formally consulted the St John's Wood Society on a planning application submitted by Brondesbury Park Synagogue to erect a number of supporting poles and wires associated with the creation of an eruv close to the St John's Wood Conservation Area boundary with our neighbouring borough of Camden.

After careful consideration the Society's executive committee and planning committee make the following comment on this application:

- Government Planning Policy on Social Cohesion requires planners to take into account the needs of all the community. Although this includes "particular requirements relating to age, sex, ethnic background, religion, disability or income", Government policy requires that planners "meet the diverse needs of all people in existing and future communities, promoting personal well-being, social cohesion and inclusion and creating equal opportunity for all citizens." The specified purpose of the Camden/Brent eruv is to meet the religious needs of only one small minority group and as such the proposals fail to promote the well-being, inclusivity and social cohesion of the vast majority of the richly diverse community.*
- If Camden Council is minded to grant planning permission for the erection of eruv poles in the public realm for the specific purpose of satisfying a religious need, the council would set a precedent whereby other religious or social groups would expect planning approval to use the public realm in a similar way in order to satisfy disparate and potentially socially divisive needs.*
- Camden Council appears to have consulted only 13 neighbour consultees, those who have the proposed poles placed outside their properties. Given the wider social aspect of this application, we respectfully request that the council consults the local community far more widely.*

Peter Leaver QC
Chairman
St John's Wood Society

*Christine Cowdray
Planning Chairman
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