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2016/2892/P	David Elias	65 Springfield Road London	29/08/2016 22:58:39	SUPPEMPE R	<p>This proposal would help religiously observant Jews who, on the Sabbath are unable to carry or push prams outside of the bounds of their house. The existence of an Eruv would make their lives of those with small children or elderly members more comfortable.</p> <p>The eruv exists in a number of neighbourhoods in the UK and this has not led to any change in the character or cohesion of the neighbourhoods.</p> <p>The poles and wire required are thin and would be virtually invisible in the urban landscape and have been chosen to minimise visual impact.</p>
2016/2892/P	pinto-duschinsky	5a crogsland	30/08/2016 21:59:37	OBJLETTE R	<p>Having been urged together with fellow members of local orthodox Jewish congregations to write in support of the proposed Eruv, this is, with regret, an objection to it. There is some case for erecting a series of unsightly 18-foot high poles around the district in deference to the religious beliefs of some Jews. Unfortunately, the case has been considerably exaggerated. Only a small minority of Jews are affected (nothing like the 6,000 claimed). Even among the most observant, there is disagreement about the desirability of an Eruv with some factions actively opposed to it on Jewish religious grounds as we are seeing in New York City. Some of the leading proponents of the St John's Wood Eruv have provided an oversimplified, misleading account of Jewish religious law in order to strengthen the case for it (for example about carrying medicines on the Sabbath). And was it a good idea to circularise synagogue members asking them to "mimimize the impression of an organised campaign" while urging them to participate in precisely such a campaign?</p> <p>My main concern is that lack of consistency risks damaging social cohesion. If we Jews are to ask for special favours on behalf of a small minority within our ranks, we need to be equally mindful of the rights of other groups. When an Israeli chief rabbi made controversial statements earlier this year that were seen as impugning the rights of non-Jews in Israel, he was condemned by the Board of Deputies of British Jews. But some of our local orthodox rabbis who have been asked to add their voices of condemnation have so far failed to do so.</p>

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2016/2892/P	Parvez Sobhkhiz	14C Avenue Road St John's Wood Camden NW8 6BP	27/08/2016 20:26:24	OBJ	<p>I would like to register my opposition to this application as in my opinion these kind of physical religious markers are designed very much for the benefit of the few in our area and not the vast majority who live here and come from many different religious and cultural backgrounds, beliefs and faiths. Everyone is free in this country to practice their religion/faith but it should not be to the potential detriment of others and in truth I'm shocked that this application is even being considered since I understand that it has been thrown out previously in 2014 according to records I have accessed online. This religious or cultural takeover by creep on our communities should not be allowed to take place and I hope that the council planners and those involved in making the decision will not allow it as it will be storing up considerable problems and social tensions in the community for the future (whats to stop more and more applications being made all over London and where do you draw the line). The writing is already on the wall. This is not the way to encourage diversity in our community by pandering to minority groups otherwise we have to say 'yes' to EVERY application of any religious persuasion or belief from the far left to the far right! Tolerance of religion and beliefs is one thing but this is a step too far in the wrong direction! Finally I want to make clear that this will only encourage others of a similar persuasion to move into the area/areas and those that are offended/opposed to it to move out creating a ghetto/siege mentality which is not at all what we should encourage if we really want to keep our social cohesion and diversity for all of us living in London and in particular the borough of Camden. Thank you.</p>

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