How do settlements hinder peace?

**Ariel**
Located 20 kilometers inside the West Bank, halfway between the Green Line and the Jordan River. Israeli annexation of Ariel would obstruct the establishment of a viable, contiguous Palestinian state.

**E1 plan**
Planned for a site east of Jerusalem, adjacent to the settlement of Ma’ale Adumim. If the proposed 3,682 housing units are built, they would effectively bisect the West Bank, preventing the establishment of a contiguous, viable Palestinian State. If built, E1 would isolate East Jerusalem from the West Bank, preventing the development of a Palestinian political and economic capital in East Jerusalem.

**Efrat and E2 plan**
Efrat is located south of Bethlehem and east of the only major north-south highway in the southern West Bank (Rt.60). Both Efrat’s location and the location of the separation barrier north and east of Bethlehem, prevent growth for the town of Bethlehem. Moreover, E2, a plan for 2,500 housing units to further expand the containment of Bethlehem, is being promoted. In addition, annexation of Efrat will also include the annexation of the road that links the South of the West Bank with Bethlehem (Rt.60), thus further fragmenting the West Bank.