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[Dr Jeffrey Segall has commenced a challenge in the High Court to the decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment.]

We are confident that the carefully reasoned decision of the Secretary of State for the Environment will be upheld by the courts. The decision endorsed the recommendations made by the planning inspector after an extensive public enquiry.

The proposed North West London eruv will greatly enhance the quality of life of many thousands of observant Jews and will have no adverse effect on other people. There are well over 150 eruvs in cities round the world which are appreciated by the people who need and use them and are not noticed by those who don't.

We are carrying on with the background and technical preparatory work and fund raising necessary for the eruv to be established in anticipation of the Secretary of State's decision being upheld.

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