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Dear David,

Re: Meeting with Peter Adams, Section Head (Highways), London
Borough of Barnet. 3rd June 1991 @ 2.00pm

Further to our brief telephone conversation yesterday, I am pleased to reiterate my confidence in the eventual outcome of the Eruv project, as demonstrated by Mr Adams' definite enthusiasm for the scheme.

He initiated discussions by pointing out that our scheme differed from the Woodland Close wire in that our support posts were to be in Public Land. This did not seem to him to be a problem, and he viewed the whole Eruv as a batch of licences permitting "a couple of poles and a wire across the highway".

Specific points he raised were, in the main, technical and related to the type of pole / wire. He preferred that we avoided using lamp-posts, as this lessened other departments' input into the scheme (if nothing else). He also suggested that spans across major roads be lessened by erecting supplementary poles on the kerbs.

On the matter of the Golders Hill Park fence "enhancement" he saw scope for a jointly funded (US/Barnet) reconstruction to Halachic acceptability.

He would investigate ownership of the land over the River Brent (Prince Charles Drive) in Brent Cross, and also investigate the crescent of land adjacent to the footpath on Wildwood Road, where we wish to have a series of high level wires.

Again on the business of avoiding too many departments becoming involved he also advised that we set the perimeter a way back from the bridges over the London Transport railway in Finchley and also over the Motorway.

In all the above (not exhaustive, Daniel Rosenfelder took notes whilst I talked (!)), you will see that Mr Adams is seeing the whole scheme as a Highways problem and not a matter for Planning at all. He has, of course to consult senior colleagues but, at this stage appeared very positive.

He is raising the subject on Thursday with the Department of Transport in relation to the handfull of cross-overs on Trunk Roads, and in which circumstances Barnet act as

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the agent for the DoT.

In a subsequent conversation with Dayan Ehrentreu today, it has been pointed out that the matters of the upper pond in Golders Hill Park and the large pond and river in Brent Park, have not been addressed. I expressed confidence that any requirement we might have here should not be onerous, especially as there may be a gain for Barnet.

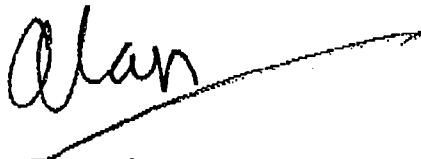
In parting, Mr Adams wondered if there were more Eruvim in the offing. Daniel pointed out that North West London represented the highest concentration of Jews within a unified organisation who could take on the ongoing responsibility of maintenance etc., but that it was always possible that others would follow our lead.

I will be resubmitting some modified sketches incorporating Mr Adams suggestions in the next week or so. We are due to revert to him in a fortnight to find out where his discussions have lead.

To date no-one has mentioned the prospect of a fee for either the licences or Mr Adams' time. One or the other may arise at a later stage.

Kind regards,

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