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THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE
ERUV COMMITTEE



Mr. Jonathan Lew
The United Synagogue
by fax

13th October, 1993

Dear Jonathan,

I trust you are well.

We have now had a conference with John Steel QC to focus on the evidence to be presented at the Public Inquiry which opens in Hendon Town Hall on the 30th November.

We are now clear that we must present evidence to deal with the technical planning aspects and to establish need. Simply put, if we can demonstrate that the impact on visual amenity is negligible and that the need is significant - then we win! Our planning consultant, Eric Fibbens, will give expert evidence on the technical issues. The question of need will be divided as follows:

- Chief Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Sacks will give evidence regarding the historic, halachic, philosophical aspects - the legitimacy and history of the Eruv
- Lord Jakobovits will give evidence on the need within the community. He will be able to speak as a resident and as a 'minister' attached to a young and vibrant United Synagogue community in the area.

We would like you please to give evidence regarding:

- The communities and population in the area (as per your letter but beefed up a bit)
- The petition gathered in support and audited by Stoy Hayward
- The 'legitimacy' of the Eruv Committee (as per your letter)

We believe that you would be ideal to present this evidence and that between these four expert witnesses we would be putting forward an unassailable team. John Steel is bullish about our prospects.

Let's meet when convenient to discuss and detail the proof which must be compiled within the next two weeks.

Best Wishes,

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