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NOTES OF A MEETING AT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET ON TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 1993

PRESENT: Mr. C. Townsend - London Borough of Barnet
Mr. A. Perrin - United Synagogue Eruv Committee
Mr. G. Murdoch - Fibbens Fox Associates Ltd

1. The meeting had been arranged to discuss the implications of the Inspector's request that some of the Eruv poles and wires are held erect in specified locations prior to commencement of the Inquiry.

2. Mr. Townsend confirmed that the Council will not agree to any holes being made in pavements in order to accommodate these poles.

3. Mr. Perrin suggested that it would be inappropriate to locate the poles on private land in a situation which does not represent a street scene and this view was accepted by Mr. Townsend.

4. Mr. Townsend felt there was no objection to poles being temporarily placed or held on the pavement either utilising some form of base plate or by people holding them while the inspection was made.

5. It was agreed that Mr. Perrin would investigate the provision of the necessary pole, probably dismountable so that they could be moved from one location to another. He would also investigate how many people need to be available to hold these poles. Mr. Townsend indicated that the Inspector had requested that the meeting is held with a representative of the appellants and the Council meeting at the Town Hall on Monday 29th November at 1.00pm. Mr. Murdoch stressed that it may be necessary for the appellants to have more than one representative in order to ensure that poles are properly held up.

6. Concerning wire Mr. Perrin felt that it should be possible to stretch wire between the poles and it was agreed that it would be appropriate to hold the first demonstration in Wildwood Road using the last two posts adjacent to Wildwood Rise. In this case no wire would need to cross the road and it may be that having seen this the Inspector would not require wire to cross the road in a second location. After some discussion it was felt that the Cricklewood Lane/Sunnyside location represents the best location.

7. It was agreed that Mr. Perrin would contact Mr. Coster in the Highways Section to discuss any outstanding points with him and that Mr. Murdoch would contact Mr. Herring in the Chief Executive's Department concerning indemnity for operations on the highway.

Distribution: All present

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