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Mrs Slack
Barnet Town Hall
Hendon NW4

re: ERUV INQUIRY

Dear Mrs Slack,

Further to this afternoons telephone conversation I detail below word for word the statement which I had wanted to read out before the Inspector at the above Inquiry, and for which there may not now be available a time slot.

I am a member of and represent here the Rabbinat of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations of Gt Britain, which is headed by Rabbi H B Padwa, who is the undisputed leading Rabbinical Authority in Europe, and includes prominent Rabbis from the Northwest London area.

The Union has been in existence for some sixtyseven years and represents several thousand Orthodox Jewish families living in the Greater London area and other parts of the country. It is comprised of over sixty synagogues and institutions, which retain their independence but accept the authority of the Rabbinat of the Union, and they have a total membership in excess of seven thousand. This and the extent of the Unions activities can be seen from the Unions current calendar herewith enclosed.

The question of the ERUV in North West London has been extensively discussed by our Rabbinat during the past year or so, and Rabbi Padwa and we are firmly of the opinion that the Eruv envisaged will be damaging to the sanctity of the Jewish Sabbath, and should such an Eruv be erected we would declare it invalid and inform the Jewish Community accordingly.

Moreover, in addition to the Halachic considerations, we would deeply regret if the Eruv plan would be implemented as it would cause a deep split amongst the Jewish Communities, wherein Unity has always been one of its most cherished hallmarks.



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