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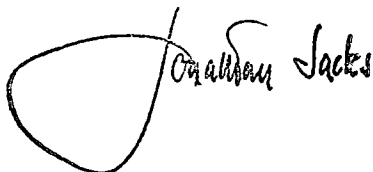
MESSAGE FROM CHIEF RABBI DR JONATHAN SACKS

I have been following the work of the United Synagogue Eruv Committee extremely closely over the past months.

I can say quite categorically that I give my full and unequivocal support for the proposed Eruv.

As Chief Rabbi, I have had the opportunity to visit most of the congregations within the designated Eruv area, and have noticed that large numbers of Jews are excluded from becoming full participants within community life, simply because they are unable to cover the distances to synagogue without some form of assistance. To that end, the Eruv will be a significant social contribution, enhancing the lives of the elderly and infirm, mothers with young children, and the handicapped within our community - allowing them to become full and active members of our synagogues.

I am quite sure that the proposed Eruv will enhance still further the close relations between the Jewish community and the local authorities, and I look forward to hearing of the results of the proposed Eruv scheme.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Sacks". The signature is stylized, with a large, sweeping initial 'J' that loops around the first part of the name.