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THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE
ERUV COMMITTEE



Councillor Don Goodman
25 West Walk
Barnet
EN4 8NU

22nd September 1993

Dear Don

I am all too well aware that the second application will be coming before your Committee in a couple of weeks; as it happens, at a time when I will be with my family in Israel. We have thought long and hard about the situation and specifically your urging that the application not be allowed to go forward as is to Public Works. The very clear advice of our planning consultants and the QC who will be running the appeal of the first application is that we must pursue the revised application through all its stages without delay and even in the face of the officers recommending against and the probability of it being voted out.

Let me make it clear, Don, that this is not ignoring your comments but simply and technically what needs to be done in order to be in the best position for the appeal in November. The point at issue is that the first application was rejected by the planners despite your Committee's endorsement and the recommendation of the Planning Officers, largely because of the Wildwood Road treatment. A number of councillors went out of their way and are on the record as saying that their only reason for opposing was Wildwood Road and the only way this can be put to the test is to present them with the modified application. Furthermore, we could well face a situation in which the Inspector would look to find a compromise and would recommend that the second application is indeed environmentally more friendly and that he would then grant planning, subject of course to Public Works. It is not then far fetched to see a situation in which we could go ahead with the first application with its greater environmental impact and only be obstructed from a saving of the landscape by Public Work rejection of the modified application.

I am sure all this is a little theoretical but the advice for all that is very clear and I am sure you will understand that in accepting it, it is in no way a reflection of our respect for you and the kind and supportive advice that you have given us throughout.

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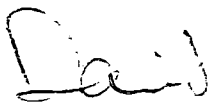
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I do sense even in the additude now adopted by your own officers a very significant shift and hardening in Barnet's opposition to the Eruv and I must tell you, as we have previously discussed, that it is cause of growing distress to observant Jews to find that the opposition is driven primarily by people of our own faith but not tolerant of its continuing traditional observance.

With warm regards and best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David Schreiber

PS: I enclose a draft of a press statement which will be released shortly.

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Don Goodman
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29th June 1993

Dear Don,

Over the last few months we have been listening to views from within the community and outside it and have taken professional advice. The overwhelming consensus is that we should appeal Barnet's rejection and, particularly in view of the Officer's positive recommendation, we are given a high probability of success.

During this time we have reviewed the original proposal and modified it in response to specific planning points made by a number of councillors. Several said that they would support the Eruv were it not for the need to construct new posts along the meadow land on Wildwood Road. The modified scheme uses existing lamp-posts along that sensitive stretch of road and proposes nylon line throughout. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds have confirmed that they have no objection.

In addressing these objections, we have been advised to give Barnet another opportunity to consider the Eruv and this application has now been made. We understand that it will be referred to Public Works in July and to TP&R in August or September. When we met a little while ago at your home, I was most encouraged by your reassurance that you would again take a positive view within Public Works. The changes are significant and should allow a number of councillors to now support the modified proposal. It would only require two councillors to change their vote for an appeal to be avoided (in the absence of the mayor's vote). Our feeling is that everyone, other than opponents on non-planning grounds, would then find satisfaction. Those councillors now voting in favour can show that they have achieved a more 'environmentally friendly' scheme, the council and we would save the cost of an appeal and the eruv would be built.

If no-one changes their mind and the modified scheme is also rejected, the underlying motive for rejection would be exposed and in so doing force the matter to be resolved at appeal. We have now filed the Appeal with the Secretary of State and we will be in a position to appeal both applications at the one hearing. Needless to say if our chances are good for the first scheme they are even better for the second.

We are adopting a very low key approach, seeking to minimise the media circus that was generated by opposition hysteria last time and we are using professional planning people to deal with the revised application and the appeal procedure.

We have always appreciated your support, Don, and now hope that with encouragement from you and others and in light of the above, the Council as a whole will support the modified scheme and thereby demonstrate an understanding for the needs of our Community.

*Warm Regards
David.*

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Councillor D. Goodman
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26th February 1993

Dear Don

Needless to say we feel very disappointed, if not totally surprised, by the outcome of Wednesday's meeting. We are taking advice now regarding an appeal and that will almost certainly go ahead immediately.

In this campaign we have faced opposition primarily from within our own community, to our shame and embarrassment.

I would like you to know how much I and my colleagues on the committee and the Orthodox Jewish public appreciate your personal support and admire your willingness to stand up and be counted according to your conscience against what I am sure was a background of political pressure to conform to the establishment line. Your straightforward attitude has been a constant source of strength to me personally and I thank you for all that you have done for us.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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David Schreiber

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UNITED SYNAGOGUE

Mr. D. Goodman
Chairman, Public Works Committee
Barnet Town Hall
Hendon
LONDON NW4 4BG

1st July 1992

Dear Don

Firstly I would like to express my personal thanks and deep appreciation for the manner in which you dealt with the Eruv application last night. It has been enormously encouraging to my colleagues and me to have had you declare your personal support and I am well aware of the fact that this was only expressed after you had carefully reviewed all the aspects of the Eruv, its benefits and its difficulties. May I widen my expression of thanks to include not only the people of the United Synagogue who have been concerned with promoting the Eruv, but the many, many people who will benefit and who may not be able quite so easily to express their personal thanks to you.

Although you felt that Planning would not be a difficulty, I am well aware that this is something we must not take for granted and I will certainly try to ensure that our people work closely with the officers to provide as acceptable a planning proposition as possible and perhaps nearer the time we could meet to discuss how best to pursue that aim.

Don, thank you very much indeed.

Yours sincerely

David Schreiber

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Councillor Don Goodman
Chairman, Public Works Committee
The Members Room
Barnet Town Hall
The Burroughs NW4

3rd. April, 1992

Dear Councillor Goodman,

We are writing to you in connection with the Eruv application to be considered by the Public Works Committee on the 28th April, to give you more background and information and to ask for your support for this important Jewish community project.

The Jewish Sabbath is, by law and tradition, a day which brings the family together. According to the ancient law, carrying any item - even keys or a handkerchief - or pushing a pram or wheelchair, is forbidden within the public domain. The purpose of the Eruv is to convert the entire area within the boundary into one nominal jointly-owned domain. This would permit carrying of personal items and be of great benefit to mothers and children, the elderly and the handicapped.

The Eruv construction comprises a number of discrete poles and wires on the side of roads around its perimeter. It is for the erection of these, to be paid for by the Jewish community, that this application is made. The small amount of work entailed will cause no general inconvenience or loss of amenity.

For your information, our plans for the Hendon & Golders Green Eruv have been approved by the Chief Rabbi and the Senior Judge of the London Rabbinical Court. There is an Eruv in virtually every major US and European city. It would be an amenity much welcomed by the Jewish community at large although an ultra-orthodox minority may choose not to take advantage of it.

Your personal support for the Eruv would be greatly appreciated by thousands of people in the Borough.

If you would like any further information or explanation, please do not hesitate to contact our Project Surveyor, Mr. Alan Perrin on 081- 458 0036.

Yours sincerely,

David Schreiber
For the Eruv Committee

	Name	Surname	Title
✓	C Don Goodman ^{1/4 Jewish}	Goodman	Chairman,
	Fred Poole	Poole	Vice-Chairman,
✓	LD Jack Cohen	Cohen	
✓	L Melvin Cohen	Cohen	
ld.	L Stan Cross ^{Waste of time}	Cross	
new	C Jane Ellison	Ellison	
	Olwen Evans	Evans	
	C → Mike Freer	Mr, Freer	
	Ellis Hillman	Hillman	
Marshall	Barabara Langstone	Langstone	
	Liz Mammatt	Mammatt	
	Joan Ryan	Ryan	
Hillman	Gerald Shamash	Shamash	

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Int. for PW & P Communities.

Geoff Brown.
John Koster.

Planning: Visual impact?

Form of posts & wire

New telegraph poles

Across tracks - braided s/s 7mm.

Under roads - main filament - fishing
+ smaller spans.

Height 7m

11.

Ab.

PW owners of the road:
Safety
Services
Inc.

Town Planning.

Poles = development

Enclosure to form ERU <> change of use eg Parish Boundary.
is emotive issue.

Issue is impact of 60+ poles on streetscene - street furniture
? perception of public - poles at back of footway.

Consultation procedure:
strictly = 11d.

Do Council declare ERU when holding

June 3rd - Wed.
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- ① CIB/SK tour
- ② AB / Graham B / Legal re - unfair adv. representation
resolve PW problems first

Railway Fence: Cur. Track Area.