

THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE ERUV COMMITTEE



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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