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THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE
ERUV COMMITTEE



Councillor Don Goodman
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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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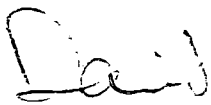
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I do sense even in the additude now adopted by your own officers a very significant shift and hardening in Barnet's opposition to the Eruv and I must tell you, as we have previously discussed, that it is cause of growing distress to observant Jews 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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