

BARNET ERUV OBJECTORS GROUP

107 Wentworth Road, London, NW11 0RH

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Dear Supporter,

As you know The United Synagogue have put forward a revised planning application for the ERUV. It differs from the previous one as poles have been moved from the South side of Cricklewood Lane to the North side using 2 large blocks of Council flats as a boundary, and the footbridge over the Hendon Way with poles continuing up the South side to Brent Cross. Other poles have been moved as well.

The main purpose of the revised application is to secure a less encumbered consent. Technical difficulties are still likely to ensnare the new application. No one can say exactly where each pole is to be situated; no one has seen a sample structure in situ. The Minister declared that "No works to trees, including cutting or damage to branches and roots shall be undertaken in implementing the approved development." Without this the eruv cannot be implemented.

There are two basic issues that have not been addressed. Is it right to erect a sectarian border across Barnet with poles and wire on the public highway, in many cases using residents' properties as part of the boundary without their consent?

Is the licensing of the Eruv posts on the footway and wires over the roads, to a body without any experience or public responsibilities, compatible with the legal obligation to protect public rights and to prevent non essential obstruction and minimise the risks to children, the disabled, visually impaired and elderly?

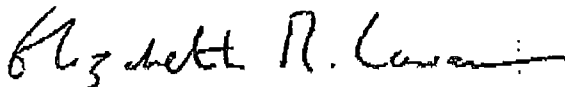
There is great pressure being exerted on the Councillors to deal on the basis that those who cannot conscientiously support the eruv, have no alternative but to vote it through because it has been "settled by the Minister" or "agreed in principle". These are cajoling tactics and a distortion of the facts.

The vast majority of people do not want the Eruv and we must give support to those Councillors who continue to oppose it and make sure the rest are aware of the substantial opposition.

Please write to Mr. Geoff Brown, Chief Planner, Development Control, London Borough of Barnet at 1255 High Road, London, N20 0BJ to express your continued opposition. Please write also to Members of the Development & Protection Committee (Old Planning Committee), c/o Town Hall, The Burroughs, London, NW4 4BG. The members are as follows:

✓ Jack Cohen (Chairman)	✓ Anita Campbell	✓ Rene Palmer	✓ Allan Turner	✓ David Williams
✓ Richard Soer	✓ Helen Gordon	✓ Malcolm Lester	✓ Eva Greenspan	✓ John Tiplady
✓ Frank Davis	✓ Melvin Cohen	✓ Kanti Patel	✓ Sheila Scott	✓ Edward Bunn
✓ Jeremy Davies	✓ Jim Tierney	✓ Victor Lyon	✓ Agnes Slocombe	✓ Stan Cross

Yours sincerely,



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