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Dear Mr Koster

Eruv

I refer to my letter of the 2nd December 2002 reference my concerns about on-going maintenance requirements for the Eruv in Wildwood Road. To date I have received no response to my letter, which given it was written over two months ago I do find unacceptable.

I am afraid my initial concerns about this development and on-going maintenance are well founded. On Thursday 30th January 2003, I received an e-mail from a member of the Heath and Hampstead Society advising that he saw contractors undertaking works to the Eruv wire who admitted cutting back branches of trees to facilitate installation of a new wire.

I visited the site on Friday morning and was equally concerned to see that works were being undertaken without our knowledge. It was apparent that a new wire is being installed the length of Wildwood Road and I saw evidence of recently pruned branches. I was also deeply concerned to see that the original wire was caught up in the crown of trees and had not been removed. In time I fear the naturalistic woodland edge will be lost, in contravention of our management policies.

I believe you have a duty to consult with the Corporation of London when maintenance works are being executed on the Eruv in Wildwood Road, further your nominated contractors seem unaware of their responsibilities not to prune back branches.

It is imperative that as the licencing authority you ensure that the terms of this Agreement are honoured. I shall be seeking the advice of our solicitors on this serious incident.

Yours sincerely

Simon Lee
Superintendent of Hampstead Heath

Mrs C. McGuinness, Chairman Hampstead Heath Management Committee
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