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Dear Mr Murdoch

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 178
APPLICATION BY UNITED SYNAGOGUE ERUV COMMITTEE
ERECTION OF POLES AND WIRES ON TRUNK ROADS IN LB BARNET**

Thank you for your letter of 19 November to Mr Mance.

The Committee's application is being considered. You will appreciate that there can be no question of granting a licence until the United Synagogue Eruv Committee's planning appeal has been determined. However, I accept that it would minimise delay later, should planning permission for the proposed eruv eventually be given, if the conditions under which a section 178 licence might be granted could be settled in advance. Appropriate conditions are being considered and I will write to you again.

Meanwhile, a licence under section 178 of the Act of 1980 would only cover the placing of wires across the trunk roads concerned. Section 178 does not enable poles to be erected in the highway. I should be grateful if you could let me know which procedure your clients propose to adopt in relation to the poles.

Incidentally, the information sheet which you said was enclosed with your letter failed to reach me. It would be helpful to have a copy, especially as it includes information on materials and maintenance. Also, one of the roads in which it is proposed to erect eruv poles, Finchley Road N2 (map ref: 06), does not appear to be a trunk road.

Finally, you will wish to know that the engineer dealing with this application is Mr Ian Jones, Room C7/08A, Ext 6033.

Yours sincerely

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