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ERUV PLANNING APPEALS APPROVED

Environment Secretary John Gummer has today accepted an Inspector's recommendation to allow proposals to instal poles and wires to define part of the perimeter of an "Eruv" in the Golders Green and Hendon areas of the London Borough of Barnet.

An "Eruv" marks the boundary of an area in which Orthodox Jewish people can relax certain aspects of their Sabbath observance. The question before the Secretary of State was entirely a planning matter and it was on this issue alone that the Inspector, David Bushby, who conducted a public local inquiry into the issues from 30 November to 13 December 1993, reported. He concluded that the proposals would not seriously harm the character and appearance of the particular locations where the poles and wires would be erected, including the five sites proposed within the Hampstead Garden Suburb Conservation Area.