

THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE
ERUV COMMITTEE



PRESS RELEASE

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The Development & Protection Committee of the London Borough of Barnet tonight approved the planning application for the construction of the UK's first large-scale eruv in NW London.

An earlier refusal by Barnet in 1993 was appealed and following a Public Inquiry the Secretary of State for the Environment granted planning permission in September 1994. The present application has been revised to accommodate planned developments in Cricklewood and the widening of the North Circular at East Finchley.

Edward Black, spokesman for the Eruv Committee said:

"Our Committee and the community we represent are delighted with tonight's result and grateful for the support of Barnet Councillors and Officers.

Thousands of people in the Borough have been waiting eagerly for years for this facility which will benefit, in particular, young families, the disabled and the frail. As has been the experience in so many cities in the world, we are confident that ^{the} ~~the initial anxieties expressed~~ ^{and} will dissipate as the benign nature of this time-honoured amenity is appreciated."

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