

Eruv sparks deluge of post

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Councillors have been bombarded with letters about the eruv since the Hendon Times Group revealed that a new planning application had been submitted.

Jack Cohen, Barnet Council's development and protection committee chairman, said he had received more than 100 letters about the new application.

The eruv is a notional Jewish religious boundary requiring physical markings to enable Orthodox Jews to carry, push prams and wheelchairs on the Sabbath. The Barnet eruv is set to be the first large scale one in Britain.

Although 10.4 miles of the 11-mile eruv would be signalled by existing boundaries, the rest would have to be marked by nylon wire, suspended between 38 different locations.

The eruv sparked controversy when the original plans were submitted two years ago and it was left to the Environment Secretary to eventually approve them.

The changed application omits 12 of the original locations and replaces them with

Lyndale Avenue NW2
Sunnyside NW2
Ridge Road NW2

Templehof Ave/Tilling Rd NW4
Childs Hill Walk NW2
Brent Terrace NW2

Church Lane N2
Aylmer Road N2
East End Road N2
Hampstead Lane N6
Bancroft Avenue N2
Cherry Tree Hill N2

Finchley Road (North of Cricklewood Lane) NW2
Hendon Way NW2 (Footpath to Clitterhouse Playing Fields)

Hendon Way NW2 (Footpath, rear of Tesco's)
North Circular Road N2 Stanley Road N2
Squires Lane N3 Prospect Place N2

Regents Park Road N3 West Heath Road NW3
Devonshire Road NW7 North End Road NW11

Great North Way NW4 Wildwood Road NW11
Grampian Gardens NW2 Templehof Avenue NW4

Watford Way NW4 Pennine Drive NW2
Colindeep Lane NW4 Malvern Gardens NW2

Station Road NW4 Crews Road NW2
Park Road NW4 Ashley Lane NW4

Tilling Road (Entrance to Tesco's/Toys 'R' Us) NW2
Tilling Road (near Claremont Road) NW2

Footpath (Hendon Way/Greenfield Gardens) NW2
Great North Way NW4

Mortimer Close NW2
Hendon Way NW2

The Vale NW2

Lichfield Road NW2
Farm Avenue NW2
Hendon Way NW2

Finchley Road NW2
Devonshire Place NW2
Hermitage Lane NW2

The eruv: The roads outside of the star of David are no longer included in the eruv plans. All of the roads in the star are included in the revised eruv

13 new ones. The changes are largely due to the likely redevelopment of the Express Dairy site in Cricklewood.

Last week Barnet Council began the formal process of considering the new application, advertising the plans in newspapers and libraries, and asking people to comment on the new proposals. Councillors

and committee members due to look at the plans have been bombarded by eruv post.

Mr Cohen said: "A lot of them are objecting to the eruv but not all object on planning grounds. People have the right to make their objections felt and it is our duty to listen to what they say."

But he added that if the two

committees due to consider the plans, the public works committee next month and the development and protection in December, turn the plans down, there is likely to be an appeal.

● If you wish to comment on the plans you should write to the Controller of Development and Protection, Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, N20 0EF

Women's talk on health

Am I Falling Apart? is the title of a women's forum in Colindale on Wednesday, October 30.

The event takes place at the RAF Museum in Aerodrome Road, Colindale, where experts will discuss health and lifestyle

issues.

Norwood Ravenswood and the Garden Hospital have organised the forum. Chaired by DJ David Jacobs it starts at 8pm.

To book tickets (£10) including refreshments call Jane Hoch on 0181 954 4555.

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