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New proposals for eruv

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The North-West London eruv campaign is back on the road, following the submission of a fresh set of plans to Barnet council.

No date has yet been fixed by its planning committee to consider the new plans. But the eruv committee is confident that they address the objections which led to the council's rejection of the plans in February.

The new scheme proposes to do without five poles which were to be

erected to support the eruv wire on Wildwood Road, Hampstead Garden Suburb. Local residents had claimed that they would be a blot on the landscape. The new plans allow for the use of existing lampposts instead. The total area covered by the eruv remains unaltered.

After further consultation with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the committee also proposes to revert to the use of an almost invisible transparent nylon wire.

The committee originally wanted to

use this type of wire, but concerns about the safety of birds had persuaded members to opt for a slightly thicker version.

Eruv committee member Edward Black was hopeful that the new plans would be passed, since the application "takes account of the concerns raised by the planning committee."

The eruv committee has also filed an appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment, John Gummer, against Barnet council's refusal to pass the original application.

Tribunal case settled

An out-of-court settlement has been reached in the case in which a secretary working with Children and Youth Aliyah claimed constructive dismissal and sexual discrimination.

Irene Huss alleged at an industrial tribunal that she left her job because of the way she had been treated by her boss, Sion Mehdi.

Mr Mehdi denied the allegations. Asked in cross-examination why she had stayed on for six

weeks rather than giving only the required four weeks' notice, and why she then came back for a further two weeks, Mrs Huss said she "wanted to help out."

She said she had been "looking for work the whole time" of her employment at the charity.

She had been offered two other jobs, it was revealed, but rejected both. She had turned down one because it would have meant spending time in Paris.

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