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society, which is why I will not allow the British National Party to use Trafalgar Square."

Newspaper report on eruv criticised for inaccuracy

By Brian Gordon

MR. EDWARD Black, Chairman of the United Synagogue Eruv Committee, has criticised a "highly inaccurate" report in the *Hampstead and Highgate Express* (Ham & High) last week. The report, on the newspaper's front page, said that managers of Hampstead Heath had, in a recent City of London Corporation survey, opposed plans to erect the North West London eruv on the basis that it would cause damage to protected woodland in Wildwood Road, Hampstead Garden Suburb, which backs on to the Heath. If the Ham & High's report were correct, it would completely undermine the licence to erect the Eruv granted by Barnet Council, which is strictly subject to trees being left intact.

The truth is that the Corporation's survey merely referred to the possibility that one or two trees surrounding Hampstead Heath might need

pruning in order to accommodate the eruv wires which would run through them. However, the survey confirmed that with reasonable care trees ought not to be "adversely affected". Mr Black told the *Jewish Tribune* that the Eruv Committee was well aware of its obligation not to prune or damage trees in any way, and that would be certainly borne in mind at all times when work was being carried out.

Even though the issue of the eruv has been going on for well over a decade, Mr. Black could not predict with any certainty when its construction would actually take place. He said that although the Highways Agency and, more recently, Transport for London, had given their approvals to the necessary construction of poles and wires, there were still several "logistical issues" which remained to be dealt with.

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