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TO	Dayan Ehrentreu, Rabbi Kimche Graham Murdoch, Alan Perrin Laurence Begner, Edward Black, Graham Morris
FROM	David Schreiber
SUBJECT	Meeting with Don Goodman at his home
DATE	Sunday 2nd May, 1993

I explained our strategy of application 'B' and the appeal

DG advised me that:

- He is now the deputy leader (to Roy Shutz) of the Council
- Victor Lyon will become Mayor on the 11th May and will not take up his seat, during office, on Northern planning or TP&R
- Shutz is likely to push for Public Inquiry but we would find support within Council for Written Reps.
- Officers have expressed real concern to DG as to how they would handle appeal. They do not know how they could respond to cross-examination of their view as to whether or not the Eruv is detrimental.
- In the event of a Public Inquiry, Barnet are obliged to take 'the best available advice' - ie they will certainly take a silk.
- We should submit 'B' immediately for planning. It does not need specific Public Works approval as it is 'less' than the licence already granted and he can and will deal with the minor matter of using lamp posts under his executive powers as Chairman

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- If publicity is sensitively handled, we stand a fair chance of having 'B' approved in planning:
 - 1 Write to councillors who voted against on Conservation Area grounds, explaining the change and asking for their support
 - 2 Provide detailed story to press on eve of vote (H&F Times the week before) positioning the revised application as dealing with all the sensitive planning issues, naming the councillors who referred to the Conservation Area, explaining the RSPB non-objection, publishing petition audit.
 - 3 We start 10 - 7 against (Lyon excluded) and so need 2 swing votes. DG thinks David Williams is sure to change and is confident we could get one other or move abstentions to positive (Vis and Slocombe)

In view of the above, I suggest that Fibbens Fox should prepare and submit 'B' and the appeal. Having the appeal in place will increase the pressure on some councillors to approve 'B'.

I will discuss this in the next day or two in detail with Graham Morris and Laurence Begner prior to giving instructions.

David