

THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE ERUV COMMITTEE



INTERNAL MEMORANDUM	
TO	Dayan Ch Ehrentreu Dayan Binstock, Rabbi Silberg, Rabbi Kimche, Rabbi Jackson Jonathan Kestenbaum, Jonathan Lew, Elkan Levy All Committee members
FROM	David Schreiber
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I thought it would be appropriate to give you a brief update on progress before Yomtov.

Planning

Now that Dr. Segal has withdrawn his private appeal to the High Court against the Secretary of State, John Gummer's decision stands in our favour and we have a valid planning consent.

Highways

You will recall that, lurking in the background, we had to deal with the Department of Transport regarding trunk roads and the obtaining of suitable licences and stopping-up orders. It had been unclear whether the legal department of the Ministry would adopt the positive view of Barnet regarding the granting of these licences and the process was on hold pending the outcome of the legal challenge on planning.

We have now been informed that the DoT have taken a similar view and are willing to grant the necessary licences and our pro-bono solicitors, Fladgate Fielder, are in touch with the Department.

Fund-Raising

We have achieved the goal of raising more than half of the total budget well in advance. This, of course, is quite apart from the Public Inquiry special fund-raising which succeeded in finding the £50,000 required.

More than three hundred people have responded to a low-profile campaign primarily directed to the United Synagogue membership in the area. It does underline the wide and popular support for the Eruv and we have received many letters of encouragement and support as well as money. Now people want to know when it will be up!

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The next stage

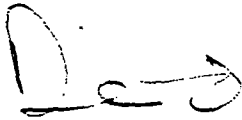
Since the plan was first proposed, there have been a number of changes in street layout and developments, both proposed (eg Express Dairy site in Cricklewood) and completed (eg Safeway on North Circular). We are therefore having to revisit every site and make amendments accordingly. These have been discussed, in principle, with Barnet officers and will be put together in a final scheme that will be dealt with appropriately by Public Works and Town Planning committees in the light of the Government's decision.

This final scheme will be submitted once the revised boundaries have been determined by Dayan Ehrentreu. The preliminary surveying work has already been carried out and the Dayan will be carrying out his final inspection immediately after Pesach.

Timetable

On this basis, we can expect to be in a position to place the contract for construction within about six months. As I am planning, please G-d, to move back to Israel for Ellul, I am pushing on all fronts to see the contract placed before I leave!

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. G.' with a flourish at the end.