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2016/2892/P	Benjamin Levine	Flat 2 89 Fairfax Court London NW6 4EA	07/07/2016 16:34:25	SUPNOT	<p>I am a regular attendee of religious facilities in both Camden and Westminster, and I live in Camden. The construction of the N. Westminster eruv would directly affect me. I set below my reasons in support of this application.</p> <p>The construction of the eruv will have large benefits for those who observe Jewish Law. It will also have no effect on surrounding communities, based on the experiences in other areas e.g. Elstree/Borehamwood, Golders Green/Hendon, Edgware, Stanmore which still maintain an excellent diverse mix of peoples from all backgrounds.</p> <p>Moreover, the construction of this eruv would allow those members of the Jewish faith to practice their religion with greater ease. In particular, those with young children could more easily attend synagogue and interact with their local communities. Similarly, those wheelchair-bound members can also attend the social and communal functions at their local facilities on the Sabbath.</p> <p>I support further development of communal and family life which is something that the construction of the eruv would enhance.</p> <p>Crucially the eruv would mean that synagogues and other institutions can extend their activities to ALL people - equally - whilst still maintaining a set of laws and traditions that mean so much to their congregants.</p> <p>At the recent committee meeting regarding the Brondesbury eruv (a part of which extends into Camden) concerns were raised and addressed about the number of poles, their locations and other "street furniture". It was decided that the benefits the eruv brought far outweighed any street furniture associated with it. It was clear that construction should go ahead and the same is true with this planning application. Even with the small amount of street furniture, the benefits to the community of Camden and the Jewish people within that community would be huge.</p> <p>In addition, special care has been taken to minimise the visual impact of the poles. As is the case with other eruvs (e.g. Golders Green/Hendon), once the poles and wire are installed they are nearly invisible and blend in with other street furniture.</p> <p>Therefore, I believe that this planning application should be approved</p>