

Eruv Management Plan

St Johns Wood Eruv Committee

1. This Plan is prepared pursuant to an Agreement, ("the Agreement"), made between St Johns Wood Eruv Committee ("the Eruv Committee") and the London Borough of Camden, ("the Council") pursuant to section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and section 278 of the Highways Act 1980.
2. Pursuant to the said Agreement the Eruv Committee hereby submits to the Council for its approval this draft Management Plan ("the Plan"). The purpose of the Plan is, inter alia, to secure inspections, maintenance and the employment of an approved contractor in relation thereto and in compliance with the Agreement.
3. One of the fundamentals of Judaism is the observance of the Sabbath from sunset on Friday until nightfall on Saturday. One basic rule of this observance is a prohibition of the use of any transport, to the carrying of objects from a private area to any other. A private area can include areas demarcated by natural or already built boundaries. Except where there are natural boundaries, (which form the majority of the boundaries of most Eruv's), planning permission is required to install a notional boundary to form an enclosure normally comprising of poles and wires which of themselves have no religious significance. An enclosure (Eruv) includes, in addition to walls or fences of at least 1 metre high a "structure" comprising two poles connected with a thin wire to provide continuity where an existing boundary crosses a road or footpath. The generally agreed height of the poles is 5.5 metres to be safely above any high vehicles.
4. The Eruv Committee will appoint a team of inspectors to tour the perimeter of the Eruv to the extent necessary to view "the Development", comprising mainly of poles and wires, such term having been defined in the Agreement and as explained in paragraph 3 above. Such tour will take place at least twice every week. The inspectors will report immediately after each tour to the Eruv Committee and will advise if any of the Development is not intact or requires any other attention to maintain its condition or perfect order.
5. If any part of the Development is no longer intact or requires attention of any sort, a local maintenance team will be called upon to urgently make the appropriate repairs. The inspectors referred to in paragraph 4 will have been subject to prior rigorous training under the auspices of the United Synagogue which organisation has considerable experience in relation to same. The integrity and safety of the Eruv is

required under Jewish law to be checked at least once a week and essential repairs carried out before the next Sabbath.

6. The Development will be checked for structural stability on an annual basis and a report submitted to the Council. Such checks will be in liaison with the Council and its approved contractors whose costs will be paid by the Eruv Committee plus the Council's offices time charged at 11%.
7. The Eruv Committee's approved maintenance contractor (being additional to the weekly inspections) will be retained for the purposes mentioned above and if any material works are required to the Development the Council will be advised.
8. The Eruv Committee will procure that its interest is endorsed on the public liability insurance policy of the United Synagogue for a sum being not less than £5 million. The Eruv Committee shall permit the Council to use the Development for the erection of signs should an existing sign be obscured.
9. The St John's Wood Eruv Committee is a corporate entity limited by guarantee and, a Company registered at Companies House and limited by guarantee and a charity recorded in the Register of Charities.

Dated:

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Signed:

24/03/19

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