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2021/3105/P	Alan Marsh	21/10/2021 10:40:20	OBJ	While fully accepting the right of worship and the sanctity of places of worship, it exceeds the boundaries of community acceptance that a small minority sect should impose 5.5 metre (18 foot) street furniture upon a conservation area solely for the purpose of reducing the inconvenience imposed upon them by their own rules and beliefs.
2021/3105/P	M Helfgott	18/10/2021 19:42:39	SUPPRT	<p>I am emailing in support of Application Number 2021/3105/P lodged by the Highgate and Muswell Hill Eruv Committee.</p> <p>The Eruv will particularly benefit wheelchair users of all ages, who keep the Sabbath, enabling them to leave their home on Friday evenings and Saturdays. That means that they would be finally able to pursue social, leisure and educational activities as well as synagogue services. For many wheelchair users living on their own, especially the elderly, this may be the highlight of their week as the Eruv will allow them to join a variety of social and leisure functions without infringing their religious beliefs.</p> <p>The Eruv will also facilitate access for Sabbath observant visitors to local hospitals and care homes, such as the Whittington Hospital and to the Royal Free Hospital and will allow them to bring necessary supplies and visit with their young children and families, on Friday evenings and Saturdays.</p> <p>Most of the areas surrounding Highgate and Muswell Hill already have Eruvs. This new Eruv therefore will not single out Highgate and Muswell Hill, but rather it will put our community on an equal footing with those around us, including for example Camden, Westminster, NW London, Woodside Park, Barnet, Edgware, Stanmore, Pinner.</p> <p>The siting of the poles and wire in each location has been very carefully selected to minimise visual impact. Existing Eruvs have shown that the poles and wire are virtually invisible once installed, merging as they do within the streetscape, and have to be positively pointed out in order to be noticed.</p> <p>Importantly, areas where Eruvs have been installed have shown no change whatever in social cohesion or community relations, rather they have shown a huge benefit in the quality of life of those most concerned.</p>

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2021/3105/P	Tim Cowen	19/10/2021 20:36:07	SUPPRT	<p>I am an orthodox Jew and I live in the area of the proposed ERUV with my family. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] The ERUV will therefore enable our family to fully benefit from all the Jewish communal facilities in the area on the Sabbath. We also have elderly relatives living in the area and the ERUV will make it easier for us to give them the support that they need on the Sabbath. The construction of the poles in these locations is essential for the full expression of our Jewish communal life in the area. The poles and the wire will not be noticeable to nearby residents and passers-by and will be barely visible. There are many other ERUVs in other parts of London and I usually struggle to be able to see the poles or the wire, even though I know that they are there! These other ERUVs have not caused any problems since they were constructed, as far as I know. This proposed new ERUV will simply bring the Highgate area into line with surrounding Jewish communities. The ERUV does not create any exclusivity in the area. It is designed only to facilitate religious Jews on the Sabbath, and will not exclude anyone else in any way. Nor will it prevent anyone (Jewish or otherwise) from entering and leaving the area freely. Because all the surrounding areas (eg Barnet, St John's Wood, Hampstead Garden Suburb) already have ERUV facilities, there is no reason for the proposed new ERUV to cause any significant Jewish population change in the borough of Camden or anywhere else. I would urge you please to permit this ERUV application as it will be a great benefit to the Jewish population of the area and will not adversely impact anyone.</p>
2021/3105/P	Marc Rubinstein	17/10/2021 15:22:39	SUPPRT	<p>I would like to lodge my support of this application. Similar structures exist in other areas of London, and they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enable both parents who wish to keep the Sabbath and have young children to leave their homes on Friday evenings and Saturday to attend synagogue for both prayers and social functions on Friday evenings and Saturday and including all their children. - Allow wheelchair users of all ages who keep the Sabbath, likewise to leave their home on Friday evenings and Saturdays. - Allow fuller use of the existing social, religious and community facilities provided by the local synagogue and other activities by ALL members of the community, without exception, in accordance with traditional Jewish law and thereby encouraging expansion of the range of these community activities. <p>In particular, areas where an eruv has been installed have shown no change whatever in social cohesion, population trend or community relations & but have shown a huge benefit in the quality of life of those most concerned.</p> <p>Many thanks, Marc Rubinstein</p>
2021/3105/P	Hugo Raine	18/10/2021 23:49:33	SUPPRT	<p>This project is vital to ensure that Orthodox Jews can practice their religion freely and easily, in the manner that a decent society should guarantee as a basic right. Though it does not affect me directly, as a less strict Jew I would still feel affronted and upset on behalf of many others if it were turned down.</p>

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2021/3105/P	Anthony Silverman	18/10/2021 16:13:24	SUPPRT	<p>I'm writing in support of the Eruv. They are a very important in increasing the diversity and social inclusion of the community. For example, they allow the less abled and infirm to utilise wheelchairs to go to synagogue. They also allow for families with young children to access synagogue / communal buildings using a buggy, which they cannot do without an eruv.</p> <p>It is hard to see any negative impact from the installation of the eruv. The poles (and wire) are almost entirely invisible, blending into the streetscape. Communities that currently have eruvs show there is no change to social cohesion, the population or wider community. However, it makes a massive difference for religiously observant Jews who care.</p>
