

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2021/3105/P	Stephen Frosh	10/11/2021 12:32:27	SUPPRT	<p>I am writing in support of the eruv planning application. I note that several objections refer to the visibility of the poles and the possible effect on wildlife. However, I agree with the claims being made by those developing the details of the plans that the siting of the poles and wire in each location has been very carefully selected to minimise visual impact and that existing eruvs have shown that the poles and wire are virtually invisible once installed, merging within the streetscape, and have to be positively sought out to be noticed. There is also as far as I am aware no evidence from other eruvs of any deleterious effects on wildlife and indeed there is now sufficient experience of constructing eruvs to have tested this seriously.</p> <p>On the positive side, whilst it is true that the eruv directly benefits only that proportion of the orthodox Jewish community that maintains restrictions on travel and carrying on the sabbath, it is precisely those people who contribute most to the religious life of local Jewish communities. They maintain religious services, lead on religious learning and disproportionately ensure the maintenance of high levels of Jewish knowledge that is then of direct benefit to the community as a whole. In a context which eruvs have been set up elsewhere, the effect of not having a local eruv is to encourage movement of more religious people to other areas, seriously depleting the local Jewish community and restricting both its own activities and its contribution to the wider local population. For the people concerned, the eruv will make a major contribution to quality of life and will make it possible for them to remain in the local area; for the rest of the Jewish community, this enhances the quality of local communal life; and for the wider population it ensures that the commitment councils have to inclusivity is properly supported in practice.</p>
2021/3105/P	Aron Turner	10/11/2021 16:21:08	COMMNT	<p>It is so important to help a resident minority group in the Borough. In accordance with traditional Jewish Law the Eruv will enable Jewish parents, and children in buggies to leave their homes carry items such as books and if necessary medication so as to walk and attend prayers on Friday evenings and Saturdays (Sabbath) at the synagogue as well as social and leisure activities within walking distance. It will allow wheelchair users of all ages keeping the Sabbath to have the ability to leave their homes to pursue social and educational activities as well as synagogue services, so reducing their social isolation.</p> <p>Existing Eruvs in other Boroughs have proved that the poles and wires are virtually invisible, merging with the streetscape. Since introduction existing Eruvs have shown no change in social cohesion, population trend or community relations but have been a significant benefit in the quality of life to those concerned residents.</p> <p>Please give your permission.</p>