
C.868 CAMDEN 'ERUV'
PROPOSED ERECTION OF POLE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO FLANK WALL OF
'CAPO di MONTE' WINDMILL HILL NW3 6RJ

Origin

The origin of this request is the planning application submitted to Camden Council for the poles and connecting wires required to establish an *eruv* for the Camden area; this will link with the existing *eruvs* in Finchley/Golders Green/Hendon and the *eruvs* in Brondesbury (approved, construction imminent) and N Westminster (submitted to City of Westminster).

Definition

An *eruv* is a term in Jewish law to describe a notionally 'enclosed' area, as defined in Jewish law (originating from ancient walled cities), in which a fundamental rule of Sabbath observance, viz. the prohibition of carrying or moving of objects from one property to another, may be relaxed. This permits wheelchair-bound persons, very young children and their carers to leave their house on the Sabbath thus vastly improving the quality of their lives, enabling participation in social, community, leisure and religious activities. There are many *eruvs* in existence within London and the UK -- and in cities throughout the world.

Detail

'Enclosure' for an *eruv* is achieved by using existing buildings, walls, fences and dense hedges at least 1 metre in height; where roads or public footpaths cross the boundary the enclosure requires to be maintained. In Jewish law a pair of poles linked with a wire is deemed an 'opening' without prejudice to the continuity of the *eruv* boundary.

In order to avoid the visual impact of the requisite poles in Windmill Hill and Judges' Walk it is hoped to omit these by re-routing. This can be achieved by the installation of a single 76dia pole, with 100mm of the north flank wall of 'Capo di Monte' as illustrated on Drawing No 868.28A.1 submitted.

Statutory and planning and social cohesion

An *eruv* is a 'relevant protected characteristic' (as defined in the Equality Act 2010, S149) of Jewish religious law.

Installation work required to achieve an *eruv* finds general support in relevant local authority UDP and planning policy guidelines.

Existing *eruvs* demonstrate that there is no effect whatever on the social cohesion of the local population.

Finally, the applicant will agree to pay all reasonable supply, installation maintenance and legal agreement costs.