

DA21054 - MANCHESTER ERUV EXTENSION PLANNING STATEMENT

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APPLICANT	MANCHESTER ERUV COMMITTEE
APPLICANT ADDRESS	
PROPOSAL	ERECTION OF POLES AND TPK TO CREATE AN ERUV
DEVELOPMENT ADDRESS	VARIOUS

1.0 PROPOSAL

This application is to increase the size of the already existing Manchester Eruv that serves the Manchester Jewish community.

The original eruv was created in 2011 – planning reference 097227/FO/2011/N1
The eruv was extended in 2016 - planning reference 112321/FO/2016

This latest extension of the Eruv involves installing a number of additional poles in various locations as described below and shown on the attached plans. The additional poles will be of the same size and type as the poles that were erected when the Eruv was first granted planning permission. The additional poles will only extend the Eruv further to allow more local people to enjoy the benefits that the Eruv brings to them.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Every week from sundown on Friday evening to sunset on Saturday evening, Jewish people observe the Sabbath. All manual labour and most forms of weekday work are prohibited. Examples of prohibited works on Sabbath are, driving, cooking, operating machinery, carrying items outdoors, smoking, use of electrical items and others activities similar to these. Altogether these and other prohibited activities contribute to a feeling of complete rest and abstention of work. Of course, in order to survive the weekend, we need to eat, keep warm and be mobile. This is why Rabbis historically instituted methods and ideas by which the sanctity of the Sabbath could remain intact and at the same time introducing ideas that have been developed over thousands of years. These ideas work around the actual prohibitions and allow basic living to continue. Two prominent examples of this are; using electronic timer switches that automatically turn lights on and off - avoiding the prohibition of operation electronic equipment and erecting an Eruv around a community - allowing people to carry items outdoors. The eruv does not permit driving or the use of transport.

3.0 THE ERUV

An Eruv is a setup of strategically located posts and wires and including mostly existing city structures and boundaries, that creates a virtual enclosed area which transforms what was a public area into a 'private' space. This in turn allows Jewish people to carry items within the Eruv boundaries because on a spiritual level the area within the Eruv boundary is considered one single domain.

In practice nothing actually changes to the street and the areas remain completely public and freely accessible – there is no change of ownership or claim to ownership of the land within this area - rather the whole arrangement is entirely symbolic and the boundary is simply virtual. This concept is in use all over the world and now in most Jewish Communities in Europe. To non-Jewish people the existence of the Eruv boundary is entirely unperceivable. The creation of the Eruv is through the imposition of a few strategically positioned poles that always blend in with the local street furniture. However the changes and impact on Jewish life is immeasurable. The Eruv allows people to carry in the public domain, so people can now push wheelchairs for the infirm and pushchairs for babies to be mobile and not housebound. This, amongst other benefits have hugely improved the quality of life for all members of The large north Manchester Jewish community (that is based in higher Broughton and Prestwich, which bounds Manchester, Salford and Bury conurbations).

2.0 SITE

The following is a list of locations where it is being sought permission to site poles.

- LB7 – 22 Sandering Drive, M8 8YT
- LB8 – 118 Fairy Lane, M8 8YD
- LB9 – 1 Lokfu Gardens, M8 8JX
- LB10 – 10 Stonefield Drive, M8 8JH
- LB11 – 15 Barrow Hill Rod, M8 8DB
- LB12 – 176 Elizabeth Street, M8 8BN
- CE7 - 22 Dinorwic Cl, M8 4FT
- CE6 - 8 Dinorwic Cl, M8 4FT
- CE5 – 42 Mariman Drive, M8 4PT
- CE4 - 120 Chudleigh Road, M8 4PG
- CE3 – 155 Cleveland Road, M8 4GX
- CE2 – 143 Delaunays Road, M8 4GY
- CE1 – 52 Crumpsal Lane, M8 5SG

4.0 SCALE

Generally the Eruv is made up of existing street furniture and other boundary walls and treatment. In a very few locations the distance between the existing infrastructure is too great to constitute a continuous boundary, in these areas it is necessary to install poles that effectively close up the breaches in the virtual boundary. The poles are very similar in shape size and colour as practically all other poles in the street. They are manufactured by the people who make street furniture anyway, thus they are entirely non descript. They are not require to be at the edge of the pavement so they are always tucked up next to the side of the pavement so they will not be a hazard to any other users of the street.

10.0 SUMMARY

The Manchester Community Eruv was built and completed in late December 2013. This Eruv spanned across all three Council Boroughs of Salford, Manchester and Bury and the committee and the whole community are hugely grateful to the Manchester, Bury and Salford councils for allowing the initial Eruv to be set up several years ago. This application will allow the Eruv Committee to enhance the existing Eruv yet further for the benefit of even more residents.