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Contrary to today's misleading article in the JC, we want to appraise the community of the current Eruv position.

The Trustees take their legal and charitable obligations very seriously and have not been willing to commit the community's generous donations to a formal order until all of the contractual, planning and halachic issues have been clarified, which they have not yet been to our complete satisfaction.

However, since the planning meeting, where the Eruv was granted approval in early November the Eruv Committee has been working hard to bring this project to completion. We have not communicated a complete timeline at this point as we are in discussions with the contractor to determine when construction can start.

We needed to engage with the contractors to get revised quotes. In order to ensure the trustees were meeting their duties, we requested three separate contractors to quote. On Tuesday 2 December, the committee met and chose the contractor we wanted to use. At that point, before committing any charitable funds, we needed to take certain steps:

- 1) Confirm with the London Beth Din that based on current information, there would be no further changes to any pole sites – **complete**
- 2) Finalise and sign the license agreements for the Eruv with Hertsmere Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council – **complete**
- 3) Finalise details where fencing repairs are required and obtain permission from the landowners to undertake the work to ensure we only proceed with pole construction once others matters resolved – **in progress**

Whilst point 3 above is in progress, we are continuing the discussions with the contractor to agree timelines for completion.

Based on current information, we hope to be able to sign contracts very shortly with construction expected to start at end January/Early February. Assuming this is possible, the Eruv should be complete and in use before the end of March 2010.

Please contact us on info@eboreruv.org for more information.

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