

MANAGEMENT, MAINTENANCE AND MEANS PLAN

Introduction

This Statement relates to the installation of street furniture required to achieve an 'Eruv'.

An 'Eruv' comprises the creation of a notional boundary around a specific built-up area which, under Jewish religious law allows relaxation of Sabbath laws prohibiting carrying or moving objects and use of buggies, etc beyond the home on the Sabbath, i.e. from dusk on Friday to nightfall on Saturday.

This is of immense assistance to religiously observant members of the community allowing wheelchair users and their carers, as well as parents of non-ambulant young children, to leave their homes on the Sabbath to participate in social, leisure, religious and other activities on what for many is the key day of the week. The many 'Eruvs' already in existence has demonstrated how beneficial this facility is to a large number of individuals and the local communities that do have an 'Eruv'.

Management and Maintenance

'Eruv' construction and maintenance are subject to many laws to retain the validity of the concession the 'Eruv' provides.

The construction and installation are meticulously supervised by the religious authorities to ensure compliance. It is a fundamental requirement that the entire installation be inspected, for damage as well as general condition, at least once a week with a NSRWA-qualified contractor on standby to effect any repairs or maintenance on the rare occasion that this may be required. Inspections are carried out in the early hours to enable any work to be completed the same day.

Hence, every 'Eruv' is by definition subject to exacting weekly inspection and prompt remedial action if necessary.

Means

The initial costs of installing the 'Eruv' are met by donations from within the community; the same applies to the cost of the weekly inspections and any maintenance requirements. These funds are generally raised by voluntary donations and from a surcharge on membership fees within the local community/ies served by the specific 'Eruv'.

In addition, the local authority licence to install the necessary street furniture includes the above maintenance, alteration, removal, etc requirements as well as public liability insurance and other matters.

The costs of creation and maintenance of an Eruv have no impact whatever on the public purse.