i) Statement of: Joanne Mason
ii) Statement No: First
iii) For: Claimant
iv) Dated: 19 April 2021
v) Exhibits: JM1-JM16

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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CLAIM NO:

B E T W E E N:

(5) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
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EXHIBIT JM14

This is the document referred to as "Exhibit JM14" in the witness statement of Joanne Mason dated 19 April 2021.

Positive Responses

a. David Inchley:

As a resident living in WS9 I can say that the last few years have been easier for my family and I to sleep of a weekend due to the injunction that has been in place. The thought of returning to those Sunday evenings living by a race track fill me with fear. Please see sense to re issue this injunction to help local people live peacefully and ban these illegal and life threatening activities.

b. Carole Byrne:

I am a resident of West Bromwich, Birmingham, I have lived at my address for 14years and for the past 6/7 year's have lived with boy racer's invading my streets 2/3 times a week, it has now impacted my health, as my anxiety is causing me to have dizzy spells, I have witnessed these hooligans go at speeds of 60/70 mph around an island where there is buses and cars travelling, I have written a statement for the Police to have something done, I love my property but have seeked to move as I can't take anymore of this terrorism, I have witnessed crashes and destruction to property, something needs to be done.

c. Councillor Tim Wilson, Walsall:

I wish to add my support to the application for the extension of the car cruising injunction in the Black Country. I live in and represent an area that has suffered with noise, dangerous driving and asb by car cruisers. I have witnessed the racing and have been very close to having an accident with one who was on my side of the road whilst racing. My constituents and I need this injunction to maintain our quality of life and sincerely hope this injunction is renewed.

d. Pat Bradley:

Am writing to you to ask you to consider an extension to the already existing injunction on car cruising. Where I live near the Merry Hill shopping centre it is still a nuisance at times particularly late at night. Without it in place there is a distinct possibility the issue would increase to previous levels once lock down is lifted as this has in my opinion been the best deterrent we have had for some years now!

e. Arthur and Jill Smith:

We live in Halesowen, post code B62 and our house is alongside A456 Manor Way. Over the last few weeks we have been disturbed and indeed awoken at 12.30 one night by car racing on Manor Way with

several dozen spectators and fireworks. Phoning the Police, as with other residents, eventually gets them moved on but no arrests as yet. Someone will get killed, especially tragic if it is an innocent motorist who may be using the road at the same time. There are speed cameras but I guess they do not work, perhaps they should, maybe a camera installed between junction 3 M5 and traffic lights halfway down A456. If this legislation is effective please renew.

f. Arthur Smith No 2:

I hope the injunction can be extended, I cannot think why it would not be. I have spoken with our local councillors and also the local police, who are operating under Operation Hercules. My wife took images of the spectators and they were sent to Cllr Taylor.This was at 12.30 at night, in the dark, on an Iphone so possibly not much use, who knows. Actually, I cannot see why an injunction is so crucial. Surely these people are breaking many laws without an injunction, speeding dangerous driving, noise in excess of whatever decibles, careless parking on a dual carriageway. All it requires is for the authorities to catch them. There are speed cameras along this stretch of road, probably they do not work, perhaps they should. If for any reason the injunction is not extended I shall contact my local MP James Morris. He lives not many houses from me and I was told, although I cannot recall be whom, that he was aware of this problem, probably he had heard it as well. If this "cruising " continues I think that I shall dial 999 next time. 101 takes some time to answer, maybe crucial in catching the offenders and 999 is appropriate, lives are at risk, not only the racers or spectators, but ordinary motorists who are innocently driving along the road at whatever time one of whom may be me.

g. Mr and Mrs Phil Stevens:

We have been made aware that Councils in the Black Country , which include our own i.e. Dudley , will be seeking a further injunction to ban car cruising in our area. We live in Halesowen on the Hagley Road , and we are subject to illegal gatherings of people racing later in the evening. The existing injunction states that car cruising is prohibited between 3 p.m and 7 p.m , which in itself seems satisfactory . Yet many races in our own experience happen usually " around " 10 to 11 p.m , when traffic is quiter than normal. We assume that the people responsible for organising these gatherings are aware that the police are streached , and therefore have limited time to react , so they perform and disperse in good time before the police can attend. I am unsure what can realisticaly be done about this , apart from what you have done so far. Signs being displayed in prominant places are unlikely to deter the racers. The hope that innocent people are not seriously injured should really be a spur to introduce higher penalties. It seems that speed camera technology has advanced , so would it not be prudent to consider introducing new technology in these areas especially where residents live alongside the roads in question. Or perhaps signage to state that average speed is being calculated . ?

h. James Parkes:

I believe the court should renew this injunction in the black country as car Cruising has caused a lot of accidents and anti-social behaviour before the injunction was in place I do believe if the court doesn't renew this injunction then I believe crime and anti-social behaviour will rise again.

i. Mike Perkins:

Hello. I would like to comment on the councils application to renew the high court injunction for “car cruising.” We live in Wolverhampton and 2 years ago faced almost nightly events of “car cruising” in which numerous vehicles would meet and spend 2-3 hours revving engines, wheel spinning, racing up and down a road on a road which runs alongside an industrial estate (spring vale, Bilston). This may be considered as low level anti social behaviour but it has a large impact on family life. With this going on the noise is unbearable, it often went on until midnight and so hard working, tax paying members of the public were unable to sleep due to a small amount of individuals. The noise the vehicles make is very intimidating and scary for children and elderly residents. With this injunction in place we were able to stop this - the police were called and in conjunction with the council a number of people were taken to court for breaching the injunction and it has now stopped ... if it were not for the injunction then I feel this behaviour would have continued. I fear that if the injunction renewal is not granted then the meets will start and yet again hard working families who just want to enjoy their evenings in peace will suffer due to a small amount of individuals. I strongly support the application and would ask the court to grant the application for its renewal. I am happy to personally attend to give any evidence the court wishes to explain how this injunction has improved our families quality of life.

j. Mike Perkins (Facebook):

Email sent supporting the council application and examples of ho this injunction has improved our quality of family life as we regularly suffered with these car cruisers speeding up and down a local road, often until late at night – wheel spinning and racing… the noise is unbearable

k. Emmanuel “Manny” Olaiya (Facebook):

Should put that in place for Wolverhampton Street in Bilston. The way cars drive down that road is horrendous and scary in equally measure

l. Faye and John Willetts:

I was so pleased to see on Central News this morning that you are seeking views of Black Country residents regarding the Car Cruising

Injunction Order which is due to expire on 1 February 2021 as I understand it. Our lives have been nothing but blighted for the last few months with car cruising issues along the Manor Way A456 in Halesowen which runs behind the back of our house. We live on Raddens Road – see attached Google map which shows the road and our proximity to it. Since the most recent lockdown was invoked, with the added threat of an issue of a Covid fine, we have not had a night of misery for a few days, but our worry is the next night will not be far away. It normally happens a few times a week - predominantly around the weekend. Our biggest worry is that there is a serious danger to life - the racing that goes on with innocent motorists mixed in beggars belief. Apart from the danger to life, the extreme noise and nuisance it creates means we rarely get a good night's sleep when it is happening. We are not in a position to wear ear plugs to deaden the noise, because we are also currently besieged by a spate of car thefts in the area, indeed our neighbour opposite us was burgled last week, with the thieves breaking in her house for her car keys, and then making off with the car. A very frightening experience for her - and so we need to remain of good hearing in case of anything happening to us. We do call the Police when it is happening but more often than not it takes at least an hour before they turn up by which time we have wound ourselves into a frenzy with the extreme annoyance that it is allowed to happen in the first place. We believe the only permanent solution for this is an average speed camera set from Junction 3 of the M5 roundabout down to at least the Cricket Club island, and perhaps to the next roundabout to Hayley Green as we believe they are speeding across both stretches of road. We are told by the Police when we ring that they have already had "many calls about it already" - so this is clearly affecting lots of people who live in close proximity to the road. I would be grateful if you could take this into account when going to the High Court and presenting evidence as regards how this affects law abiding citizens.

m. Leanne Hardy:

As a resident of Rowley regis and of Oldbury Road I would like to express my feelings in favour of extending the ban. I personally have noticed less accidents and reckless driving on the Oldbury Road b65 since the ban had been in place. In the past I have had cars through my hedge even people physically have been thrown from their vehicles onto my drive. So for everyone's safety including my children I'm definitely in favour of extending the ban I can't actually believe it is even up for debate.

n. Rob Adams:

I live on one of these "Race tracks" and as the pandemic bit there was little help, little chance of these people being caught, from 50 cars on the middle.of.rhenforst lockdown when i coildnt see my family, yet these people could turn up and have nothing happen to them, these injunctions need to stay, it's a slap in the face to all.of us who are

abandoned by the police and what passes for local government, to see a hundred people spectating a load of illegal racing cars on a housing estate in west Bromwich. (Kenrick park estate).. These need to stay, I cannot say enough. Then they need prosecution and cars crushing. With the massive rise in stolen "Relay" thefts, the often turn up.as.race cars and are abandoned later, one was stuck into the railings the side of the road on Kenrick way. Do not abandoned us again. I for one am sock if it.

o. Helen Rawlings:

I wholly support the banning of car cruising. I am a resident of Sandwell. I pay my council tax and feel that I should have a voice about whats happening in my area that causes distress and danger. Car cruising is dangerous, frightening and an absolute nuisance. In my opinion it should be banned completely and against the law and not reviewed every few years. As a law abiding resident I feel you have a duty to protect me against danger and this absolute nightmare of anti social behaviour. I hope you make the right decision to protect the general public and ban car cruising. Why would you not? Nobody would want to live with this on their doorstep.

p. Roy Walker:

Please renew the ban.

q. A concerned resident:

I live near to a few routes that have the banning order in place and I do dread to think what it would be like if it was removed. The Birmingham New Road near me has had fatal accidents even with the injunction in place. The black country new road has also had very bad accidents. To remove the order would be a big mistake. The memorial that has flowers on the corner of the bham new road from a fatal accident over a year ago where 2 children were tragically killed is a constant reminder.

r. Mary-Ann Brown:

I fully support the application by the Black Country councils to request an extension of the existing injunction to prevent Car Cruising in Sandwell and surrounding region. Additionally, I am in favour of extending the ban to apply not only to people organising and participating in a car cruise but to spectators as well. The ban has ensured that the roads in the region have been kept clear from traffic and noise nuisance. Please extend the ban for a further three years as requested.

s. Liz Barton:

Yes stop car cruising it happens near the warburtons bakery in wednesbury the noise is horrendous and it's a danger to other innocent road users.

t. Jenny Bateman:

We strongly support the renewal of the Injunction against Car Cruising in the Black Country. Prior to the introduction of the existing injunction, the noise, danger and threatening behaviour we experienced due to Car Cruising was totally unacceptable. Regularly, our peace and sleep would be disturbed by the sounds of high performance engines, noisy exhausts and backfiring and the noise from large crowds of spectators who gathered to watch these events. The noise was so bad at times that it could be heard above the television. Dozens of Spectators cars would be parked on side roads, grass verges and even pavements whilst their owners lined the roads and road traffic islands in order to watch the cars racing against each other. We frequently feared for our safety when trying to drive through these events and we felt unable to walk our streets in safety. There have been instances when members of the public have almost been driven off the road by the participants. We feared that there would be loss of life. Since the existing injunction has been in place, there has been an enormous improvement and despite the occasional breach, we feel that the injunction and the response from the Police has significantly helped to reduce this problem. We strongly and urgently request that the Court not only renews the Injunction against Car Cruising, Organisers and Participants but also extends it to cover Spectators. It would give us total peace of mind if the Injunction could become permanent. We hope the Court will take our comments into consideration when making their decision. Thank you.

u. Dean:

I have Black country new road on two sides of me. When they race you can't sleep, please keep the ban going.

v. Pam Causer:

I live in Tipton near the Black Country route which is used on late Sunday evenings by people who race their cars. Needless to say trying to sleep before getting up for work on a Monday morning is impossible and any relaxation gained over the weekend is ruined. It gets to the point where you dread going to bed on a Sunday night. These people should form a club, raise funds and pay for a track day at a proper circuit instead of causing nuisance in the community. The police have enough to do without having to deal with this too.

w. Philip Shackles:

The reinforcement of this is a must to avoid mass anti social behaviour on our highways. The behaviour of people at these occurrences is

dangerous bordering on criminality. They also attract the worst elements of society with no thought for their fellow citizens.

x. Robert Harthill:

I would like to submit my observations and comments to back up the renewal of the injunction to counter boy racers in the Black Country. I am an ex West Midlands Police Traffic Sergeant who retired before we had the benefit of such an injunction. On a regular basis I personally witnessed the incompetent and reckless driving displayed by boy racers both in the Black Country and also Force wide. Quite how none of these morons killed themselves or, much worse, innocent members of the public is abjectly beyond me. Very often their jalopies were poorly maintained and unsuitable for normal, legitimate, road use let alone racing on the Queens Highway. Additionally, the noise nuisance created by their large numbers and utterly illegal exhaust systems create an awful stress to any person living within earshot of their disgusting behaviour. I thus strongly support the renewal of the injunction to curb the lawless behaviour of these cretins in order to prevent the almost certain loss of life to innocent road users and also to prevent the noise misery inflicted upon rate paying residents. I am willing to attend and give evidence if required.

y. Jon Maltman:

I support the local councils request to extend the injunction banning 'car cruising' for a further 3 years. There are still too many reckless and careless drivers on our roads, without adding to their number, those who wantonly race cars, cause accidents, injuries and deaths. We have seen in the COVID Pandemic how a small group of 'refusenik' people are willing to openly ignore rules, made for the better good of all, and I can see no justification for withdrawing powers that strengthen the hands of the police and the courts to enforce the prevention of 'car cruising' activities, by persons who will otherwise return to presenting a real threat to life and limb. Please renew the injunction for a further meaningful period, of say, 3- 5 years, with any additional clauses requested by the local councils.

z. David Bonnett:

I wish to submit my opinion on the renewal for the Car Cruising extention for tue Black Country. I am a Coach driver for National Express West Midlands (although currently driving buses due to Covid19 coach restrictions). Since this 3rd lockdown I have again observed a rise in the gathering of participants in this Car Cruising culture. They tend to meet in Mill Race Lane in Stourbridge usually in the early evenings. In general however, any bus driver will tell you, that during the lockdowns the quiter roads have become a huge playground for those wishing to speed. Daily we witness this sudden increase of absolute disgraceful behaviour on the road. From blatantly jumping Red lights

to horrendous fast speeds, to tailgateing cars and flashing their head lights at them, forcing them to move over. This, like I have said, I see daily. I am not surprised when I see railings or lamp posts knocked over a-fresh the next day. I say please extend the Court Injuction and if possible, increase plain Police vehicles to patrol the roads. Ps. If only we could submit the bus/coach CCTV footage to the police when we witness such awful actions; so they could follow it up as a lead. It would quickly make a difference I should think, as there are so many Buses on the road with CCTV.

aa. Letter from Nicola Richards MP. Her letter is attached as "**Exbibit PB3**."

Mixed Comments

bb. Stuart Perry

I'm writing in relation to the upcoming car Cruising ban review in the Black Country. I would like to say that I'm a 38 year old male that is now a father of 2 young children and detest the driving styles you are trying to get away from with this ban. However there are alot of people from all age groups that enjoy spending money and time on their vehicles with a view to showing them off without the dangerous driving or Cruising. To modify cars and have the ability to park up with like minded others and talk about the changes they have made to their cars over a coffee does no harm at all. I'm sure at some point local businesses like McDonald's and other fast food chains have lost out since the bans were introduced. By encouraging this and helping by providing a safe space to these kind of meet ups you would automatically see a huge reduction in the amount of anti social driving and illegal meetings. I welcome you taking time to read my email and thank you for taking my views on board in your decision.

Negative Responses:

cc. Tony Holmes (Facebook):

Far more important things to be spending time money & effort on.

dd. Mick Ferret (Facebook):

How about finding somewhere they can safely use.

NICOLA RICHARDS MP
Member of Parliament for West Bromwich East

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

19th January 2021

Dear The Honourable Mr/Mrs/Ms Justice,

I'm writing to you on behalf of my constituents in West Bromwich East to express my support for the extension of the injunction banning car cruising in the Black Country and set out the reasons why I believe that this will be a positive thing for our region.

As the Member of Parliament for West Bromwich East, I hear from numerous constituents about the issues that they are having with irresponsible car cruisers in our area. For example, the residents of Kenrick Way and the surrounding area in West Bromwich are affected by frequent noise pollution overnight from regular car cruisers, sometimes as part of organised events that even have spectators. We are seeing similar problems all over the constituency, for example in the Great Barr area, 364 local residents have signed my petition so far to reactivate the speed cameras along a stretch of dual carriageway.

By extending this important injunction, it means that the Police are equipped with the tools necessary to go after these irresponsible people. It will help to reassure many of my constituents who are kept awake at night by the sound of cars racing through residential areas. And it will make our local roads safer.

I am frequently in conversation about this important issue with Chief Superintendent Ian Green, who is leading the charge against car cruisers in Sandwell and he has assured me about the validity of the injunction in the fight against those that seek to disrupt our communities.

Therefore, on behalf of my constituents, I must ask you to strongly consider extending the injunction for another three years.

Yours Sincerely,

Nicola Richards MP
Member of Parliament for West Bromwich East

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EXHIBIT JM15

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Exhibit JM15

From: Lisa Fox <foxlisa623@gmail.com>
Sent: 17 April 2021 23:43
To: Joanne Mason <Joanne.Mason@wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk>
Subject:

Hi jo.

Racing like mad at minute down black country route. Saturday 17th 23.30

From: Lisa Fox <foxlisa623@gmail.com>
Sent: 19 April 2021 09:08
To: Joanne Mason <Joanne.Mason@wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk>
Subject: Re:

Hi jo. They was racing again last night around midnight.

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Police called to illegal Thurrock car meet that attracted around 450 cars in 'blatant breach' of Covid-19 regulations

Officers warned the car cruisers to go home or face having their vehicles seized.

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Hundreds of cars attended an illegal car meet in Essex over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

Yesterday evening (Sunday, April 4), a large group of coronavirus rulebreakers met up in the car park of Sainsbury's in **Chelmsford**, then proceeded to move onto The Manorway in **Thurrock**.

Essex police officers were made aware of the large car meet and quickly attended the scene to disperse the drivers. The officers warned the car cruisers to go home or face having their vehicles seized.

When officers arrived, they found up to 450 cars illegally attending the car meet, which is against current government's coronavirus regulations.

Last night, Chief Inspector Richard Melton, District Commander for **Thurrock** said: "If you come to Thurrock this evening and take part in a car cruising event you could have your car seized.

i) Statement of: Rachel Fanthom
ii) Statement No: 1
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WITNESS STATEMENT OF RACHEL FANTHOM

I, Rachel Fanthom, of Wolverhampton Homes, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am employed by Wolverhampton Homes as an Anti-social Behaviour Officer; I have held this position for six years.

2. On Saturday 10th April 2021 at approx. 23:05 hours I entered the Black Country Route (A463) from Birmingham New Road (A4123). When I was approaching the first roundabout I saw a dark coloured car on the central reservation crossing area on my left which is Overfield Drive, outside the Elisabeth Arms pub.

3. At first glance it looked like the driver had lost control and had ended up in that position, however, it soon became apparent that it had actually been parked there on purpose as there were a few people surrounding the vehicle and were laughing and talking. The driver was behind the steering wheel and there appeared to be passengers in the vehicle too. I also noticed that there were 2

other cars parked on the other side of the road outside the entrance to the pub car park and they all seemed to know one another.

4. Upon entering the roundabout fully, I then saw approximately 5/6 cars on the other side opposite Overfield Drive, which is Anchor Lane; all were revving their engines and the headlights were on but weren't moving anywhere. I knew that they were not just driving from that direction as the only buildings on that road are industrial units and the waste recycling centre, none of which would be open at that time.

5. I proceeded straight over around the roundabout to continue on the Black Country Route and could then see on the opposite side of the carriageway that there were more cars parked up outside the car auctions building; there were approximately 7/8 that I could see again, all revving their engines and with their headlights on.

6. As I made my way along that stretch towards the next roundabout where B&Q, Springvale is, a green Audi came up alongside me and started revving as if they wanted me to race with them. I ignored them and continued as normal so they sped off in front of me onto the roundabout and beyond out of sight.

7. When I got to the roundabout at Bilston by the Fire Station, I took the first exit as was going to McDonalds drive thru. When I pulled onto the car park there it was as if it was the middle of the day with the amount of cars there and a queue for the drive thru. As I waited to get to the ordering booth, I could see groups of 3/4 cars leave together and then another 3/4 would enter, this would happen every few minutes. When I was then giving my order I could hardly hear the operative for the noise of the cars revving and beeping horns. When I finally got to the window to pay the girl there apologised for the noise and said that it is like that a lot with the cars going racing, although she said that that night had been particularly bad. I suggested to her that the store manager should notify the police if they felt that they were acting criminally or causing a nuisance.

8. Once I had collected my order I parked up on the Lidl part of the car park so as not to be by all of the cars that appeared to be altogether and so that I could consume my drink. In the 5 minutes that I was parked up, I observed in the region of 30 cars parked on the car park, headlights on, revving engines, some

beeping horns and some even driving recklessly around the car park. I did try and call 101 myself to report it but there was no answer so I gave up. Most of the vehicles had some kind of performance specification or modification but were a mixture of all different makes & models and even a couple of motorbikes there too.

9. When I left the car park I decided to go a different way home so as not to get caught up in anything that was going on on Black Country Route so I went via Millfields Road instead. Even as I went that way I could see cars seemingly racing each other around the main Bilston roundabout and could hear cars further down the road too but could not see that far.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Wolverhampton City Council

Signed RFanthom **Date** 13.4.2021

Print name in full RACHEL FANTHOM

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF JENNIFER BATEMAN

I, Jennifer Bateman of 24 Capponfield Close, Sedgemoor Park, Wolverhampton, WV14 9XL, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Jennifer Bateman of the address stated above.

2. This statement is in relation to the application by the four Black Country Councils to renew the car cruising injunction.

3. Prior to the introduction of the injunction, the noise, danger and threatening behaviour we experienced due to car cruising was totally unacceptable. Regularly, our peace and sleep would be disturbed by the sounds of high-performance engines, noisy exhausts and backfiring and the noise from large crowds of spectators who gathered to watch these events. The noise was so bad at times that it could be heard above the television.

4. Dozens of spectators' cars would be parked on side roads, grass verges and even pavements whilst their owners lined the roads and road traffic islands in order to watch the cars racing against each other.

5. We frequently feared for our safety when trying to drive through these events and we felt unable to walk our streets in safety. There were instances when members of the public have almost been driven off the road by the participants. We feared that there would be loss of life.

6. This problem was particular to the Black Country Route in Bilston. Since the injunction has been in place, there has been an enormous improvement and, despite the occasional breach, we feel that the injunction and the response from the police significantly helped to reduce this problem.

7. I understand that in January 2021 the authorities submitted an application to the High Court for the most recent injunction to be renewed. However, I further understand that this matter was adjourned until the end of April 2021, which means that there is currently no injunction in place to stop or prevent this anti-social behaviour from taking place.

8. I would like to inform the court that as soon as the injunction ended on 1 February 2021, we have started to experience anti-social behaviour from car cruising. As anticipated, car cruising has become a regular weekend event again now that there is no injunction in place.

9. The drivers appear to be playing a game of 'cat and mouse' with the police as they complete several laps and then disappear to another area; I can only assume that this is to 'out-fox' the police. I am unable to say how many vehicles are involved at any one time as I am not able to view these events due to COVID-19 restrictions, but I can most certainly hear them with their noisy racing engines and constant backfiring.

10. Since the injunction ended, I have heard numerous short sharp bursts of activity, but notably there are three dates when I have heard significant noise from cars racing along the A463 Black Country Route between the traffic island at Overfield Drive and the Springvale island in Bilston. These incidents are as follows:

- the evening of 6 February 2021 when we experienced our first car cruising/boy racer event since the injunction lapsed;
- Friday 26 February 2021 when I noted the activity started at 9.24 pm; and
- Friday 5 March 2021 which started at 8.50 pm.

These events followed the same strategy as described in paragraph 9 above. As I have said above, I must stress that I cannot see what is happening, but I can certainly hear the noise.

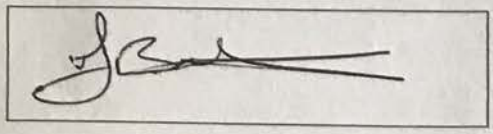
11. These events can happen from early evening throughout the night. Due to the way in which the drivers are behaving, by the time we are ready to report it to the police, they have moved elsewhere, only to return again later. Therefore, my husband and I have not been able to report these incidents to the police. I do hope that no one is injured or killed.

12. Our lives will become unbearable if the injunction is not renewed. I strongly and urgently request that the court not only renews the injunction against car cruising, organisers and participants but also extends it to cover spectators. It would give us total peace of mind if the injunction could become permanent.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Wolverhampton City Council

Signed  **Date** 17/03/2021

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i) Statement of: Paul Brown
ii) Statement No: First
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated: 19/4/2021
v) Exhibits: PB1

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: XXXX

B E T W E E N:

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimants

and

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF PAUL STEVEN BROWN

I, PAUL STEVEN BROWN of the City of Wolverhampton Council, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RG WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

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team of the City of Wolverhampton Council. I previously led on communications around the car cruising injunction which was in force between 2015 and 2021.

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5. Assuming the court is minded to grant the injunction, the communications plan also outlines the stems that will be taken to publicise its existence, including the terms of the injunction and power of arrest.

6. Recognising this is a joint enterprise, I have been liaising closely with my counterparts in the communications teams of Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall Councils and West Midlands Police.

7. For ease of reference I attach hereto marked “Exhibit PB1” a copy of the communications plan in question.

8. I confirm that the four councils and West Midlands Police are aware that of the steps outlined in the communications plan will be executed and in place prior to a) seeking an arrest (if a power of arrest is granted by the court) or b) seeking to commit a person for contempt / breach of the Order / Injunction.

9. After completion of all of the steps outlined in the plan one of my colleagues or I will file another statement confirming the actions have been completed together with any further relevant information that may have come to light.

10. I will continue to liaise with my counterparts in Communications Teams of Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall Councils and West Midlands Police to ensure that they are disseminating the information as and when necessary.

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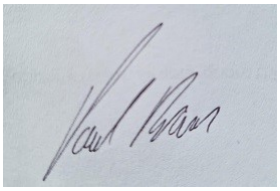
Full Name: PAUL STEVEN BROWN Position: COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Name of Claimant: Wolverhampton City Council

Signed 

Print Name Paul Brown

Dated 19 April 2021

Exhibit PB1

Communications plan to communicate application for and granting of injunction to restrain car cruising in the Black Country Boroughs

The following methods will be used to disseminate the information described within my witness statement – initially the application for a new car cruising injunction to be heard by Birmingham High Court on 13 May and subsequently, assuming approval, the existence and terms of the injunction and the power of arrest.

Please note, where highlighted with an Asterix (*), tasks will be replicated and actioned by officers from the four councils and West Midlands Police.

This is a live document – further communications opportunities will be added as appropriate.

Communications to publicise application for new car cruising injunction		
1. Publication of notice of the hearing of 13 May on the four Claimants websites and the website of West Midlands Police.	22 April 2021	CWC Communications Team * CWC Legal Services *
2. Issuing of media release to print and broadcast media giving notice of the hearing of 13 May and inviting people to submit comments to be presented as evidence to the court. Providing interviews for broadcast media as required.	22 April 2021	CWC Communications Team
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4. Publication of public notice in the Express & Star newspaper (all editions covering the Black Country area) giving notice of the hearing of 13 May and inviting people to submit comments to be submitted as evidence to the court.	22 April 2021	CWC Legal Services
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6. Publication on social media reminding people of the deadline before which to submit comments to be presented as evidence to the court.	29 April 2021	CWC Communications Team *
7. Issuing of media release to print and broadcast media giving notice of the hearing on 13 May. Providing interviews for broadcast media as required.	12 May 2021	CWC Communications Team *
8. Issuing of media release to print and broadcast media on outcome of hearing and next steps including date of implementation of injunction if approved.	13 May 2021	CWC Communications Team *
Communications to publicise existence of injunction and power of arrest	When	Who

1. Publication of information relating to the car cruising injunction on the four Claimants' websites, and the website of West Midlands Police. This would include the publication of copies of the injunction and power of arrest.	Date injunction comes into force	CWC Communications Team * CWC Legal Services *
2. Making copies of the injunction and power of arrest available at the front desks of the Claimants' main offices, including police stations throughout the Black Country.	Date injunction comes into force	CWC Legal Services *
3. Review of existing signage: 25x metal signs and 100x foam signs bearing the legend "Warning, No car cruising in Black Country area HIGH COURT INJUNCTION IN FORCE", together with the logos of the four councils and West Midlands Police. These are displayed at car cruising hotspots as identified by partners around the Black Country.	Upon renewal	West Midlands Police
4. Suite of media releases to be prepared and disseminated to print and broadcast media outlets throughout the life of the injunction. Matters to be covered will include: • Injunction comes into force • Appeals for witnesses to incidents • Terms of the injunction • Prosecutions • Update on impact of injunction	Regular messaging throughout life of injunction	CWC Communications Team
5. Suite of social media messages to be prepared and disseminated using partners' social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat) containing details of the injunction, terms and the power of arrest, and highlighting ongoing enforcement action.	Regular messaging throughout life of injunction	CWC Communications Team *
6. Facebook advertising campaign, targeted at demographic of those most likely to participate in car cruising, containing details of the injunction, terms and the power of arrest.	Four week period from date injunction comes into force	CWC Communications Team
7. Full-page advertorial to be carried in all editions of the Express & Star containing details of the injunction, terms and the power of arrest.	Date injunction comes into force	CWC Communications Team

8. Advertising takeover of Express & Star website on day injunction comes into force to containing details of the injunction, terms and the power of arrest	Date injunction comes into force	CWC Communications Team
9. Use of electronic traffic signage in Black Country to promote the car cruising injunction, using legends such as "CAR CRUISERS WILL BE PROSECUTED", "CAR CRUISING BANNED IN BLACK COUNTRY", "CAR CRUISING: SPECTATING IS PARTICIPATING" etc, throughout the period in question. These will be scheduled to appear at key times including weekends and evenings, and in areas of particular car cruising activity.	Regular messaging throughout life of injunction	CWC Urban Traffic Control
10. Uploading to the video sharing website YouTube, a video of someone presenting and reciting a copy of the terms of the injunction with a warning that should people be tempted to participate in car cruising in the Black Country they may be in breach of the injunction and liable to committal proceedings for contempt of court.	Date injunction comes into force	CWC Communications Team
11. Receive reports and review that actions detailed above have been completed satisfactorily.	Two weeks after injunction comes into force and then at regular intervals through to January 2024	CWC Legal Services

i) Statement of: Paul Brown
ii) Statement No: Second
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated: 4/5/2021
v) Exhibits: PB2 – PB8

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE **CLAIM NO: H90BM037**
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

B E T W E E N:

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
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SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF PAUL STEVEN BROWN

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5. Assuming the court is minded to grant the injunction, the communications plan also outlines the steps that will be taken to publicise its existence, including the terms of the injunction and power of arrest, once in force.

6. Recognising this is a joint enterprise, I have been liaising closely with my counterparts in the communications teams of Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall Councils and West Midlands Police.

7. I make this witness statement further to my previous witness statement dated 19 April 2021, and the communications plan exhibited to that statement as "**Exhibit PB1**."

8. This statement identifies the steps taken by the Claimants to publicise the application for a new car cruising injunction, of the hearing taking place on 13 May and of the opportunity for people to submit comments and observations to be used in evidence at said hearing.

Publication of notice of the hearing of 13 May on the four Claimants websites and the website of West Midlands Police

9. I can confirm that copies of the Notice of issue, Notice of Hearing and the Evidence Bundle have been uploaded to the Claimant's websites, as follows:

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/carcruisinginjunction
www.sandwell.gov.uk/carcruising
https://go.walsall.gov.uk/black_country_car_cruising_injunction
www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/parking-and-roads/roads-highways-and-pavements/car-cruising-injunction/
https://west-midlands.police.uk/your-options/car-cruising

10. Examples of this can be seen in "**Exhibit PB2**".

Making hard copies available at the front desks of the Claimants' offices and publicly accessible police stations throughout the Black Country

11. I can confirm that hard copies of the Claim Form, Particulars of Claim, Application Notices and all supporting documentation have been placed at the Claimant's front desks and also in the publicly accessible police stations in the Black Country.

Issuing of media release to print and broadcast media giving notice of the hearing of 13 May and inviting people to submit comments to be presented as evidence to the court

12. I can confirm that a media release was issued by the City of Wolverhampton Council on behalf of the Claimants to local print and broadcast media on 22 April, 2021, with Sandwell and Walsall Councils also issuing slightly revised versions for their local audiences.

13. Wolverhampton, Walsall and Sandwell's media releases, and resulting coverage, can be seen in "**Exhibit PB2**".

Publication on social media giving notice of the hearing of 13 May and inviting people to submit comments to be submitted as evidence to the court

14. I can confirm that posts have been issued via the social media channels of the Claimants to the above effect on 22 April, 2021, these being:

www.twitter.com/WolvesCouncil
www.twitter.com/WalsallCouncil
www.twitter.com/dudleymbc
www.twitter.com/sandwellcouncil
www.twitter.com/WMPolice
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www.facebook.com/DudleyBorough
www.facebook.com/sandwellcouncil
www.facebook.com/westmidlandspolice
www.instagram.com/wolverhampton_today

15. Examples of these can be seen in "**Exhibit PB2**".

Publication of public notice in the Express & Star newspaper (all editions covering the Black Country area) giving notice of the hearing of 13 May and inviting people to submit comments to be submitted as evidence to the court

16. I can confirm that the public notice was published in the Express & Star edition of 22 April, 2021.

This can be seen in "**Exhibit PB2**".

Issuing of media release to print and broadcast media reminding people of the deadline before which to submit comments to be presented as evidence to the court. Providing interviews for broadcast media as required

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Publication on social media reminding people of the deadline before which to submit comments to be presented as evidence to the court

19. I can confirm that posts have been issued via the social media channels of the Claimants to the above effect on 29 April, 2021 (see 11 for website addresses).

20. Examples of these can be seen in "**Exhibit PB2**".

Responses received to requests to submit comments

21. I can confirm that the Claimants have received 75 comments to the litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk inbox in response to the publication of the application for an injunction.

22. 66 comments were in support of the application, 6 comments were against the application, and 3 comments were mixed/neutral. A document containing these responses can be seen in "**Exhibit PB3**"

Reports by media organisations and reach and engagement of social media posts following publication of the application

23. The media release was carried by a number of news outlets including the Express & Star on 22 April, 26 April and 29 April (online edition, https://www.expressandstar.com/news/crime/2021/04/22/new-injunction-applied-for-banning-car-cruising-in-the-black-country/, https://www.expressandstar.com/news/crime/2021/04/26/police-operation-begins-against-car-cruising/,

https://www.expressandstar.com/news/crime/2021/04/29/comment-to-crack-down-on-black-country-car-cruising/) and 23 April and 30 April (print edition), the Birmingham Mail on 26 April (https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/black-country/watch-officers-raid-illegal-car-20468726), BBC Midlands Today on 26 April and Free Radio and Signal 107 (22 April and 29 April) among others.

24. In addition, the application has been heavily promoted on social media by the Claimants on the pages detailed in paragraph 14, above. The City of Wolverhampton Council has issued a total of six messages, on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram on 22 April and 29 April, which have reached a total of 979,517 people (the total number of unique people who have seen content on their screen, not including Twitter users), made 343,406 impressions (the total number of people who have seen content on Twitter), and received an engagement rate of 0.18% (engagement includes reactions, likes, clicks, comments and shares, depending on the network). Further details are available in "**Exhibit PB2**". As described in **"Exhibit PB2"**, the above data only relates to the social media posts issued by the City of Wolverhampton Council, therefore actual reach and impressions would be considerably higher when considering the activity of all Claimants.

25. The comments received on Facebook demonstrate that the communications have reached both people who are impacted by car cruising and those who are supportive of car cruising. Please see "**Exhibit PB4**" for comments received to the Facebook post of 22 April, "**Exhibit PB5**" for comments received to the Tweet of 22 April, "**Exhibit PB6**" for comments received to the Facebook post of 29 April, "**Exhibit PB7**" for comments received to the Tweet of 29 April and "**Exhibit PB8**" for comments received to the Instagram post of 29 April.

Letters sent to Defendants subject to committal applications under previous injunction

26. I can confirm that the Claimants have also sent letters to all of the defendants who were previously subject to committal applications for breaching the previous injunction, which was in force from 01 February 2015 until 01 February 2021. The first letter was sent on or around 22 April 2021. A second letter is planned to be sent on or around 05 May 2021.

27. These letters advised the defendants that the Claimants were no longer pursing their original application to renew the old injunction for a further three years, but instead were looking to pursue a new application for an injunction. They were advised that they were not obligated to take part in the proceedings, but that if they wished to, they could make an application to the Claimants or to the court to become a party and/or to attend the hearing.

28. An example of the letters can be seen in "**Exhibit PB2**".

29. In addition, an email was sent to all 3,619 members of Wolverhampton's Citizen's Panel, inviting them to comment on the application and the issue of car cruising in general. See "**Exhibit PB2".**

30. Therefore, for above reasons stated reasons, I believe that notice of the Claimants' application for a new injunction, including copies of the claim form, particulars of claim and support documents, have been brought to the attention of the public at large, and in particular, those likely to be affected by this application, or those engaging, looking to engage, or likely to engage, in the behaviour prohibited by this application and the injunction if granted.

31. I will continue to ensure future steps in the Communications Plan are acted upon at the relevant time and will continue to liaise with my counterparts in Communications Teams of Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall Councils and West Midlands Police to ensure that they are disseminating the information as and when necessary.

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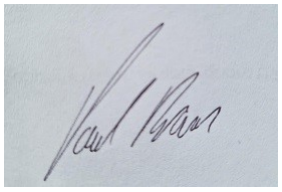
Signed 
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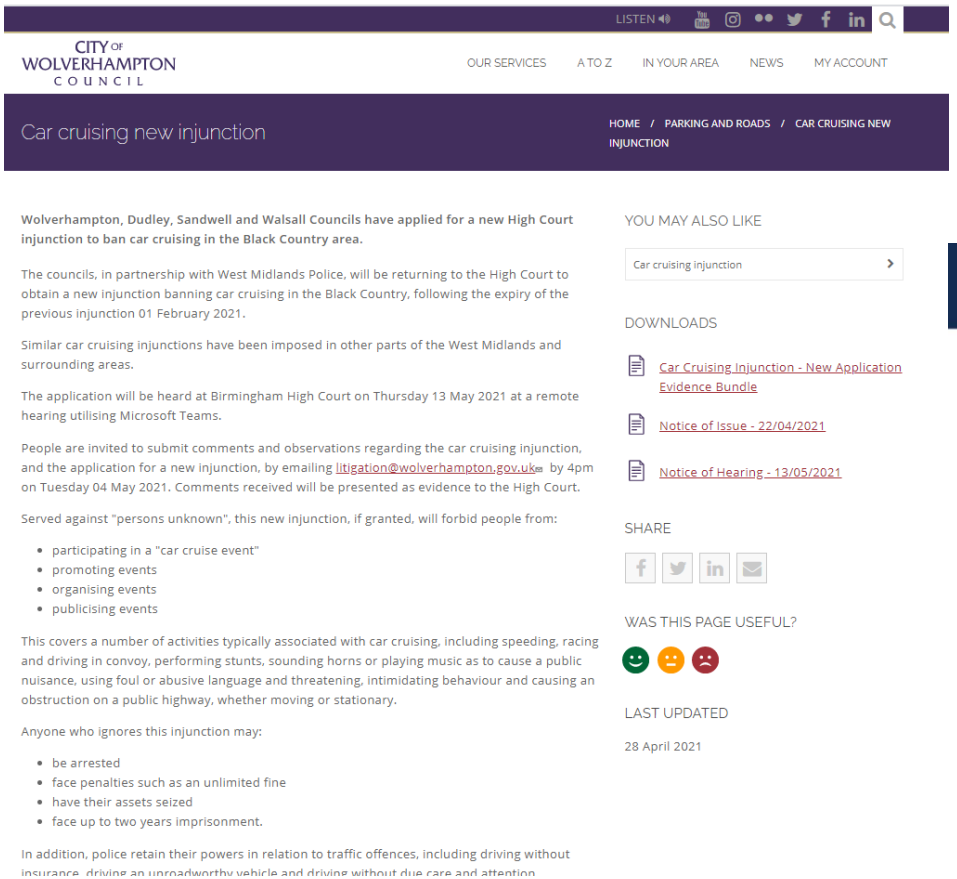

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Car cruising new injunction

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Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall Councils have applied for a new High Court injunction to ban car cruising in the Black Country area.

The councils, in partnership with West Midlands Police, will be returning to the High Court to obtain a new injunction banning car cruising in the Black Country, following the expiry of the previous injunction 01 February 2021.

Similar car cruising injunctions have been imposed in other parts of the West Midlands and surrounding areas.

The application will be heard at Birmingham High Court on Thursday 13 May 2021 at a remote hearing utilising Microsoft Teams.

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Served against "persons unknown", this new injunction, if granted, will forbid people from:

- participating in a "car cruise event"
- promoting events
- organising events
- publicising events

This covers a number of activities typically associated with car cruising, including speeding, racing and driving in convoy, performing stunts, sounding horns or playing music as to cause a public nuisance, using foul or abusive language and threatening, intimidating behaviour and causing an obstruction on a public highway, whether moving or stationary.

Anyone who ignores this injunction may:

- be arrested
- face penalties such as an unlimited fine
- have their assets seized
- face up to two years imprisonment.

In addition, police retain their powers in relation to traffic offences, including driving without insurance, driving an unroadworthy vehicle and driving without due care and attention

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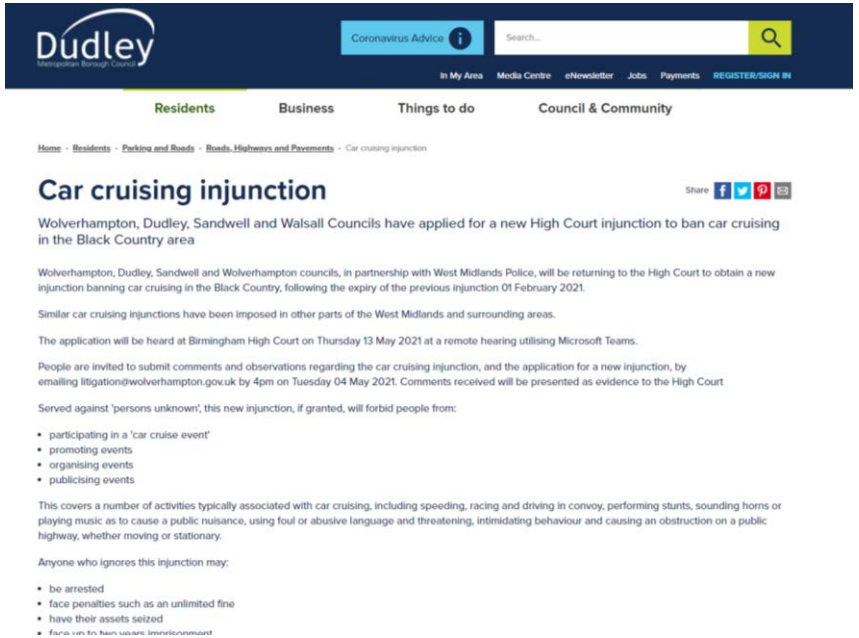
- Councils in the Black Country will return to the High Court on Thursday 13 May 2021 to seek a new injunction to ban car cruising in the region for a three years. View the paperwork here. People are invited to submit comments and observations regarding the car cruising injunction, and the application for a new injunction, by email by 4pm on Tuesday 04 May 2021. Comments received will be presented as evidence to the High Court. View the notice of hearing and notice of issue.



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Black Country Car Cruising Injunction

New High Court injunction to ban car cruising in the Black Country area

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What will the injunction prohibit?

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Anyone who ignores this injunction may:

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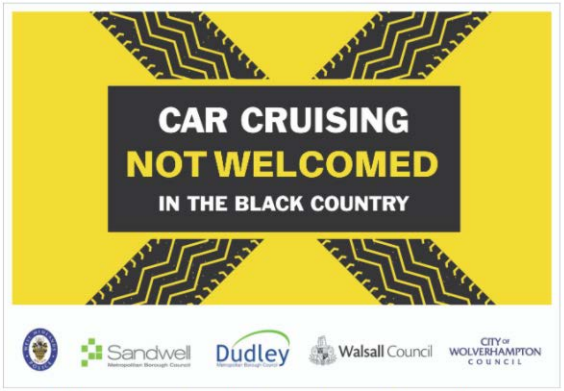

Sandwell, Wolverhampton, Dudley and Walsall councils have applied for a new High Court injunction to ban car cruising in the Black Country area.

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CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Councils and police seek new ban on car cruising in region

Released: Thursday 22 April, 2021

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The four councils, working in partnership with West Midlands Police, are returning to the High Court on Thursday 13 May to seek a new injunction banning car cruising in the region.

Served against "persons unknown", the injunction, if granted, will forbid people from participating in, attending, promoting, organising or publicising a car cruise event. Anyone ignoring the injunction may be arrested, face penalties such as up to two years' imprisonment or an unlimited fine, or have their assets seized.

For the purposes of the application, car cruising is defined as the act of drivers of cars, motorbikes or quadbikes meeting to race or show off in their vehicles.

The proposed injunction would replace one which expired in February. It had been in force for six years and had helped dramatically reduce instances of car cruising across the Black Country during that time. Similar injunctions are in force in other parts of the West Midlands and surrounding areas.

The application will be heard at Birmingham High Court on Thursday 13 May 2021. The hearing will take place remotely because of coronavirus restrictions. People are invited to submit comments and observations regarding car cruising and the application for a new injunction by emailing litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk by 4pm on Tuesday 4 May, 2021. Comments received will be presented as evidence to the High Court.

For more information, including details of full terms of the proposed injunction and evidence in support of the application, please visit www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/carcruisinginjunction.

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Also see:
https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/news/councils-and-police-seek-new-ban-car-cruising-region

https://go.walsall.gov.uk/newsroom/Walsall-Council-Newsroom/News-details/residents-invited-to-comment-as-councils-and-police-seek-new-ban-on-car-cruising-in-region

https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/news/article/6002/councils_and_police_seek_new_ban_on_car_cruising_in_black_country

Express and Star, 23 April 2021:

Car cruising injunction hope as councils joining forces

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Councils across the Black Country have joined together to seek a new injunction banning car cruising in the region.

Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall councils are returning to the High Court on Thursday, May 13 to seek a new injunction banning car cruising in the region.

The proposed injunction would replace one which expired in February and which had been in force for six years and had helped reduce instances of car cruising across the Black Country during that time.

The injunction, if granted, will forbid people from participating in, attending, promoting, organising or publicising a car cruise event, with anyone ignoring the injunction facing arrest, penalties such as up to two years' imprisonment or an unlimited fine.

The application is being led by the City of Wolverhampton Council on behalf of the four Black Country local authorities and West Midlands Police.

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People are invited to submit comments and observations regarding car cruising and the application for a new injunction by emailing litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk by 4pm on Tuesday, May 4.

Also see:

https://www.expressandstar.com/news/crime/2021/04/22/new-injunction-applied-for-banning-car-cruising-in-the-black-country/

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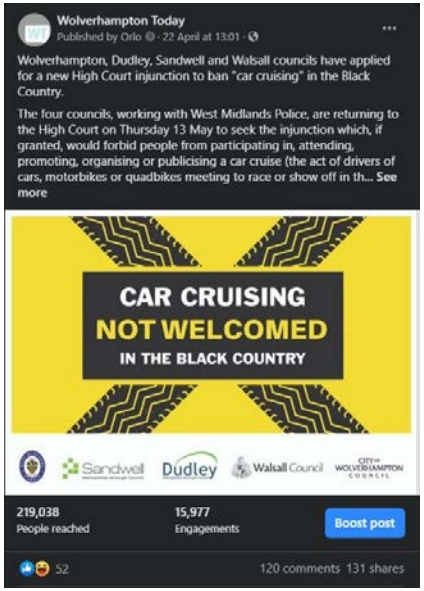

Our Walsall
Published by Melinder Kaur · 16 m ·

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If granted, the car cruising injunction would forbid people from participating in, attending, promoting, organising or publicising a car cruise (the act of drivers of cars, motorbikes or quadbikes meeting to race or show off in their vehicles) in the Black Country.

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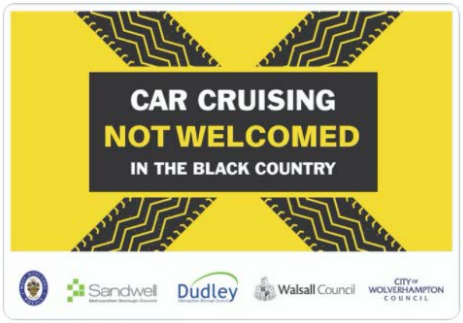
For further details of the application, including full terms of the proposed injunction and evidence in support of the application, please visit https://go.walsall.gov.uk/black_country_car_cruising....
Read more in our newsroom: https://bit.ly/3gumUyo

Sandwell Council
@sandwellcouncil

Car cruising: @sandwellcouncil @WolvesCouncil, @dudleymbc, @WalsallCouncil and @wmpolice have applied for a new High Court injunction to ban 'car cruising' in the Black Country.

More info: sandwell.gov.uk/carcruising (1/3)



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Sandwell Council @sandwellcouncil · Apr 22
The case will be heard by the High Court on 13 May.

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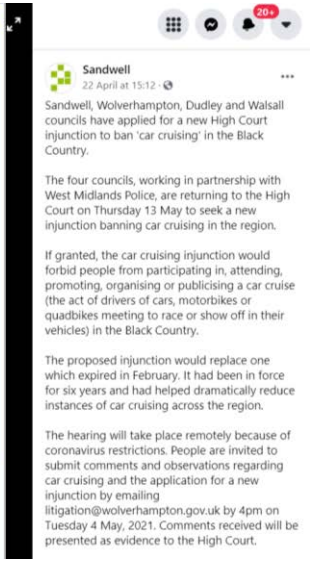

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Sandwell, Wolverhampton, Dudley and Walsall councils have applied for a new High Court injunction to ban 'car cruising' in the Black Country.

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West Midlands Police @WMPolice · Apr 22

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The 4 councils, working in partnership with us, are returning to the High Court on 13 May to seek a new injunction.

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Wolves Council @WolvesCouncil · Apr 22

Car cruising: @WolvesCouncil, @dudleymbc, @sandwellcouncil, @WalsallCouncil & @WMPolice have applied for a new High Court injunction to ban "car cruising" in the Black Country. Full story: wolverhampton.gov.uk/news/councils-.... More info: orlo.uk/O7ULU (1/3)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
SECTION 1 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011, SECTION 222 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AND SECTION 130 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
APPLICATION FOR A NEW BLACK COUNTRY CAR CRUISING INJUNCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Councils in the Black Country (Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton) will attend the High Court on Thursday 13th May 2021 to obtain a new order for the ground-breaking injunction banning car cruising in the region for three years, following the expiry of the previous injunction in February 2021.

They will request a new injunction to be put in place until 2024.

In light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the hearing will take place remotely, and therefore people are invited to submit comments and observations regarding the car cruising injunction, by emailing litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk Comments received will be presented as evidence to the High Court.

Copies of the Claim Form and associated paperwork to be utilised at the hearing can be found on Wolverhampton City Council's website here:
https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/carcruisinginjunction, and at the front desks of the four council's main offices, as well as the publicly accessible police stations throughout the Black Country

The previous injunction proved hugely successful, dramatically reducing incidents of car cruising across the Black Country since its introduction nearly six years ago. It will prohibit people from taking part in a car cruise anywhere within Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell or Walsall, or from promoting, organising or publicising any such event in the same area.

Dated 22 April 2021

David Pattison
Director of Governance
and Solicitor to the Council

Civic Centre, St Peter's Square
Wolverhampton WV1 1RG

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9 LOCAL INFO

Public Notices

LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE
An application for a variation of a Premises Licence has been made by Newhampton Art Centre to Wolverhampton City Council in respect of premises known as Newhampton Art Centre which is situated at 1 Lime Grove, Newhampton Road West, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 4RS
The application to vary is as follows:
To extend the licensable area, add premises licence conditions and add licensable activities: Performance of Dance, Courtyard marquee activities to take place between 1st May and 30th September. Timings for application are 10am – 10pm, Monday – Sunday. Indoors and Outdoors) Recorded music and performance of dance to be held in the courtyard between May and 30th September. Timings for application are 10am – 10pm, Monday – Sunday. Bespoke DJ sets would occur on Friday, Saturday & Bank Holiday Sundays 10am – 10pm only and be subject to any limits imposed by the premises licence.
Supply of alcohol on the premises Courtyard/marquee activities to take place between 1st May and 30th September. Timings for application in this area are 11am – 9.45pm, Monday – Sunday.
Any representations by interested parties must be received within 28 days after the application must be made in writing to the Licensing Services, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1SB or by 13/05/2021.
If is an offence, liable on summary conviction to a fine up to Level 5 on the standard scale, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with the application.

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE TO BE GRANTED UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003
Asda Stores is applying for the GRANT of a Premises Licence at Cradley B' Us, 110 Dunstall Rd, Halesowen, B62 0SA, P GRANTED the application will allow Sales by Retail of Alcohol between Monday – Sunday 10:00 – 23:00.
Any person, who wishes to make a representation, must do so in writing, addressed to the Licensing Section, Wolverhampton City Council, Civic Centre, Mary Stanley Hill DY5 1QF (Fax 01827 709377) or email licensing@cradley.gov.uk
Any representation must be received in writing within 28 days from the date of this notice, by midnight on 7th May 2021
It is an offence, under section 158 of the licensing act 2003, to make a false statement in connection with this application. Those who make a false statement may be liable on summary conviction to a fine of £5000.
(Web Licensing AUTHORISED) 8/22/21 to 07778561600 DATED: 16th April, 2021

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984 – SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT, 1991
WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH
CROOK LANE, WALSALL
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
Notice is hereby given that Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council intends to make an ORDER, the effect of which will be to prevent any vehicle from proceeding in that length of carriageway of Crook Lane, Walsall that is situated from its junction with B4151 Sutton Road to its junction with Bodens Lane.
Signed diversion routes will be in operation for affected traffic and access to adjacent properties will be maintained wherever it is safe and possible to do so. The diversion route for traffic affected by the closure will be signed via B4151 Sutton Road, B4154 Beacon Road, Pelsall Road and Bodens Lane, and vice versa.
The Order will come into operation on Monday 3 May 2021 and will remain in force for 18 months or until the work is completed, whichever is the earlier. The prohibition of traffic is appropriate to ensure that improvements to highway drainage can be undertaken in a safe manner by a contractor working on behalf of Walsall Council. It is expected that the works will be undertaken between the hours of 0800 (8.00 am) on Monday 3 May 2021 and 1700 (5.00 pm) on Friday 7 May 2021.
Dated this 22nd day of April 2021
Director of Governance
The Civic Centre, Walsall WS1 1TP
JR/22/6/4841

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
The Borough Council of Sandwell (Elizabeth Walk, Tipton) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2021 has made an order to temporarily prohibit vehicles from proceeding along Elizabeth Walk, Tipton from its junction with Wake Green Road to its junction with the boundary of No.28 Elizabeth Walk. Traffic will be diverted via Haden Road, Wake Green Road and vice-versa. The maximum duration is 18 months, but the work necessitating a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order is expected to be completed by 21/05/2021, effective from 26/04/2021. Purpose – to facilitate drilling and grouting works to an abandoned mineshaft on the driveway of No.28 Elizabeth Walk by Soil Engineering Geosciences Ltd.

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
The Borough Council of Sandwell (Tollhouse Way, Smethwick) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2021 has made an order to temporarily prohibit vehicles from proceeding via Tollhouse Way, Smethwick between Telford Way and Rolfe Street (both sides of dual carriageway) 19.00hrs to 06.00hrs only. Traffic will be diverted via Telford Way, Kenrick Way, Birmingham Road, Middlemore Road, Lewisham Road, Bridge Street North, Rolfe Street and vice-versa. The maximum duration is 18 months, but the work is expected to be completed by 29/04/2021, effective from 27/04/2021. Purpose – works associated with the installation of a new 2 way cycleway by Sandwell MBC.

SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
The Borough Council of Sandwell (Wigorn Road, Smethwick) (Temporary Road Closure) Order 2021 intends to temporarily prohibit vehicles from proceeding along Wigorn Road, Smethwick between Loxley Road and Long Hyde Road. A diversion will be signed via Wigorn Road, Lightwoods Hill, Barclay Road, Upper St Mary's Road and vice-versa. The maximum duration is 18 months but the work is expected to be completed by 07/05/2021 effective from 05/05/2021. Purpose – to facilitate works to relay a water service pipe by South Staffs Water.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Diversion of Vehicular Traffic
Notice is hereby given that Staffordshire County Council on 20th April 2021 made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding along:
Post Office Road, Swindon
Post Office Rd, Swindon. For more information regarding access arrangements, timings and diversion routes please visit https://one.network/?tm=17241857. The Order will come into operation on 26th April 2021 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated the works will be completed by 26th May 2021. The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the underground cable network upgrade works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.
Jacobs Hall Lane, Landywood
Jacobs Hall Ln, Landywood. For more information regarding access arrangements, timings and diversion routes please visit https://one.network/?tm=17239740. The Order will come into operation on 27th April 2021 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated the works will be completed by 24th May 2021. The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the underground cable network upgrade works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 – Temporary One-Way Closure
Notice is hereby given that Staffordshire County Council on 20th April 2021 made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in a generally easterly direction along:
B5012 Park Road, Cannock
B5012 Park Road, Cannock. For more information regarding access arrangements, timings and diversion routes please visit https://one.network/?tm=17239755. The Order will come into operation on 26th April 2021 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated the works will be completed by 30th April 2021. The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the telecommunication works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

PUBLIC NOTICE
THE WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL (JONES ROAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Wolverhampton City Council propose to make an Order under Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, prohibiting vehicles from proceeding on Jones Road in both directions between its junction with The Downs and the Railway Bridge. Access to frontages/for emergency services to be maintained.
The Order may operate for a maximum period of eighteen months, but it is anticipated that the works will be undertaken from 1 May 2021 until 3 May 2021. It is anticipated that the work will be undertaken between the hours of 19:00 until 06:00 each day.
The Order is required to facilitate a metre chamber rebuild by Severn Trent Water.
Dated 22 April 2021
David Pattison
Director of Governance
and Solicitor to the Council
Civic Centre, St Peter's Square
Wolverhampton WV1 1RG
CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Walsall Council, Planning and Building Control
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) act 1990 Development Management Procedure Order 2015 (as amended).
The below applications have been made to the Walsall Council. Applications can be viewed online www.walsall.gov.uk/planning. Comments can be made online, by email, planningconsultee@walsall.gov.uk or in writing to Head of Planning and Building Control, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall, WS1 1DG. Your letter and personal details will form part of the planning file, which is a public document and will be available publically for viewing at the Council offices. The information may be released as part of a request under the Freedom of Information Act.
DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS ON OR BEFORE: 06-06-2021
APPLICATION NO: 20/1407 MR D. WESTLEY FOR SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION, PROJECTING PORCH EXTENSION WITH TILED MONO ROOF CANOPY, ABOVE AND BELOW FRONT ELEVATION AT 29, CHURCH ROAD, PELSALL, WALSALL, WS3 4QW.

PUBLIC NOTICE
WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
SECTION 1 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011, SECTION 222 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, AND SECTION 130 OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
APPLICATION FOR A NEW BLACK COUNTRY CAR CRUISING INJUNCTION
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Dated 22 April 2021
David Pattison
Director of Governance
and Solicitor to the Council
Civic Centre, St Peter's Square
Wolverhampton WV1 1RG
CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

highways england
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)(a) THE M5 MOTORWAY (JUNCTION 1) (SLIP ROAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Highways England Company Limited (Company No. 9346363) has made an Order on the M5 Motorway, in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell, to allow technology work to be carried out.
The effect of the Order will be to close the entry slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 1.
The work will be carried out over one night between 23:00 hours and 06:00 hours and is expected to start on Saturday 1 May 2021.
The Order will come into force on 26 April 2021.
Vehicles being used for police, fire and rescue authority, ambulance or traffic officer purposes, and vehicles being used in connection with the works will be exempt from the closure.
A diversion route via M5 Junction 2 will be signed.
For more information please contact Gavin Nellist on 07522 216 651.
Karen Eustace, an Officer in Highways England Company Limited.
Highways England Company Limited (Company No. 9346363) registered office: Bridge House, Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, GU1 4LZ. A Company registered in England and Wales.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984 – SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT, 1991
WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH
LITTLE CALDMORE AND NEWHALL STREET, WALSALL
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
Notice is hereby given that Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council intends to make an ORDER, the effect of which will be to prevent any vehicle from proceeding in that length of carriageway of:
Little Caldmore, Walsall that is situated between its junction with Caldmore Road and its junction with Newhall Street;
Newhall Street, Walsall that is situated between its junction with Little Caldmore and its junction with Lyseways Street.
Signed diversion routes will be in operation for affected traffic using (for westbound traffic) Lyseways Street, Birmingham Road, Springhill Road, Aldawell Street, Town Hill, Upper Rushall Street, Post Street and Dudley Street and (for eastbound traffic) Caldmore Road, Caldmore Green, West Bromwich Street, Weston Street, A4148 Broadway, Birmingham Road and Lyseways Street.
The Order will come into operation on Thursday 6 May 2021 and will remain in force for 18 months or until the work is completed, whichever is the earlier. The prohibition of traffic is appropriate to ensure that carriageway surfacing works can be undertaken in a safe manner by a contractor working on behalf of Walsall Council. It is expected that the work will take place between the hours of 1900 (7.00 pm) and 0600 (6.00 am) only on the nights of Thursday 6 and Friday 7 May 2021.
Dated this 22nd day of April 2021
Director of Governance
The Civic Centre, Walsall, WS1 1TP
JR/22/6/4839

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984 – SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT, 1991
WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH
GREEN LANE, WALSALL WOOD
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021
Notice is hereby given that Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council intends to make an ORDER, the effect of which will be to prevent any vehicle from proceeding in that length of carriageway of Green Lane that is situated from a point approximately 120 metres in a westerly direction from the Bilbrook Heath Grove / Oakwood Close junction to a point approximately 300 metres in a northerly direction from the entrance of Grange Farm.
Signed diversion routes will be in operation for affected traffic and access to adjacent properties will be maintained wherever it is safe and possible to do so. The diversion route for traffic affected by the closure will be signed via Hall Lane, A461 Walsall Road, A461 Lichfield Road, Mill Road and Green Lane and vice versa.
The Order will come into operation on Tuesday 4 May 2021 and will remain in force for 18 months or until the work is completed, whichever is the earlier. The prohibition of traffic is appropriate to ensure that sewerage mains renewal works can be undertaken in a safe manner by a contractor working on behalf of Severn Trent Water. It is expected that the road will be closed from Tuesday 4 May 2021 for a period of approximately eight weeks with works expected to be completed by Wednesday 30 June 2021.
Dated this 22nd day of April 2021
Director of Governance
The Civic Centre, Walsall, WS1 1TP
JR/22/6/4844

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE
Navdeep Singh Kaur trading as Pennu Transport Ltd of 12 Lymington Road, Willenhall, WV13 2SB is applying for a licence to use Unit 7, Stamina House, Hickman Avenue, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV1 2BT as an operating centre for 2 goods vehicles and 2 trailers. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.
Dated: April 22, 2021.

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Second Media Release:

Media Release

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Still time to have say on court application to ban car cruising

Released: Thursday 29 April, 2021

There is still time for people to submit comments and observations regarding a new High Court injunction to ban "car cruising" in the Black Country.

Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall councils, working in partnership with West Midlands Police, are returning to the High Court on Thursday 13 May, 2021, to seek a new injunction banning car cruising in the region.

The hearing will take place remotely because of coronavirus restrictions. People are invited to submit comments and observations regarding car cruising and the application for a new injunction by emailing litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk by 4pm on Tuesday 4 May, 2021. Comments received will be presented as evidence to the High Court.

Served against "persons unknown", the injunction, if granted, will forbid people from participating in, attending, promoting, organising or publicising a car cruise event. Anyone ignoring the injunction may be arrested, face penalties such as up to two years' imprisonment or an unlimited fine, or have their assets seized.

For the purposes of the application, car cruising is defined as the act of drivers of cars, motorbikes or quadbikes meeting to race or show off in their vehicles.

The proposed injunction would replace one which expired in February. It had been in force for six years and had helped dramatically reduce instances of car cruising across the Black Country during that time. Similar injunctions are in force in other parts of the West Midlands and surrounding areas.

For more information, including details of full terms of the proposed injunction and evidence in support of the application, please visit www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/carcruisinginjunction.

David Pattison, the City of Wolverhampton Council's Director of Governance, said: "The previous Black Country-wide injunction proved incredibly effective in reducing instances of car cruising across the region. However, the problem still persists in some areas, and has started to grow again since the original injunction expired.

"It is important that the authorities have the powers they need to crack down on car cruising as and when it occurs and so we are naturally keen to see this new injunction granted by the High Court, which will then be introduced as soon as possible."

He added: "This month's hearing will be held remotely, so we are inviting people who wish to submit comments and observations for consideration by the court to do so electronically by emailing litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk by 4pm on Tuesday."

The application is led by the City of Wolverhampton Council on behalf of the four Black Country local authorities and West Midlands Police.

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Also see:

https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/news/still-time-have-say-court-application-ban-car-cruising

https://go.walsall.gov.uk/news/news_details/reminder-for-residents-to-submit-comments-by-tuesday-4-may-as-councils-and-police-seek-new-ban-on-car-cruising-in-region-1

https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/news/article/6009/still_time_to_have_say_on_court_application_to_ban_car_cruising

Express and Star, 23 April 2021: https://www.expressandstar.com/news/crime/2021/04/29/comment-to-crack-down-on-black-country-car-cruising/

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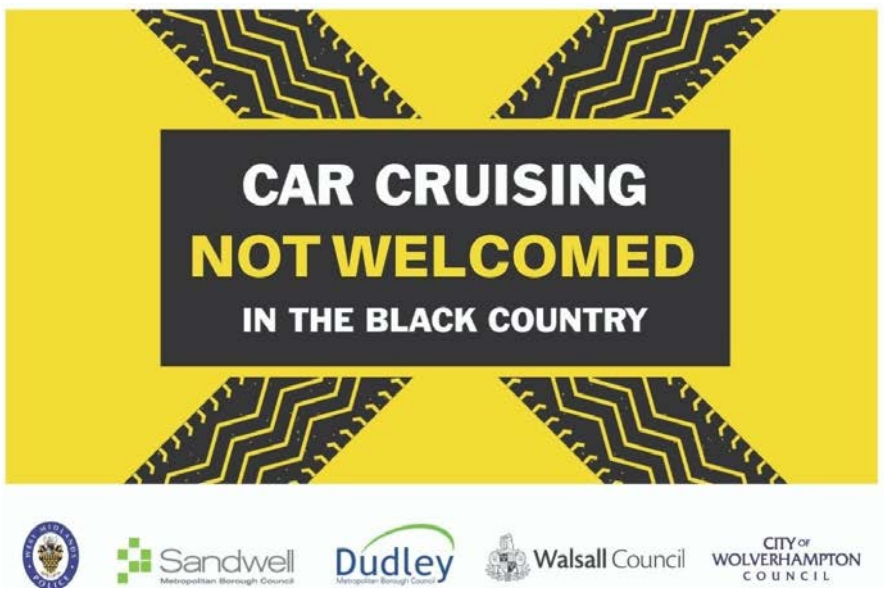

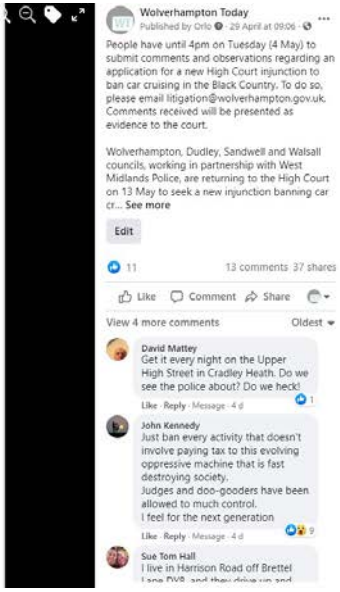

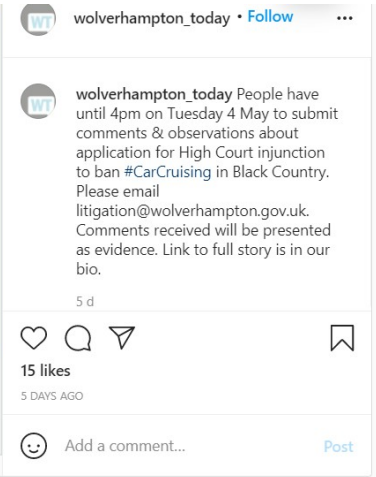

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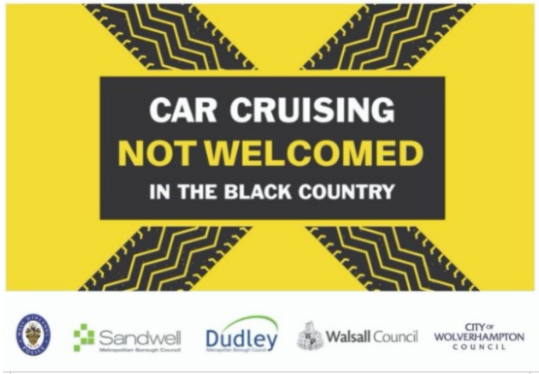

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Our Walsall
29 April at 09:22 ·

Reminder for residents that the deadline for submitting comments & observations about the application for a High court injunction to ban #CarCruising in the Black Country is Tues 4 May. More on our newsroom: https://bit.ly/3gumUyo

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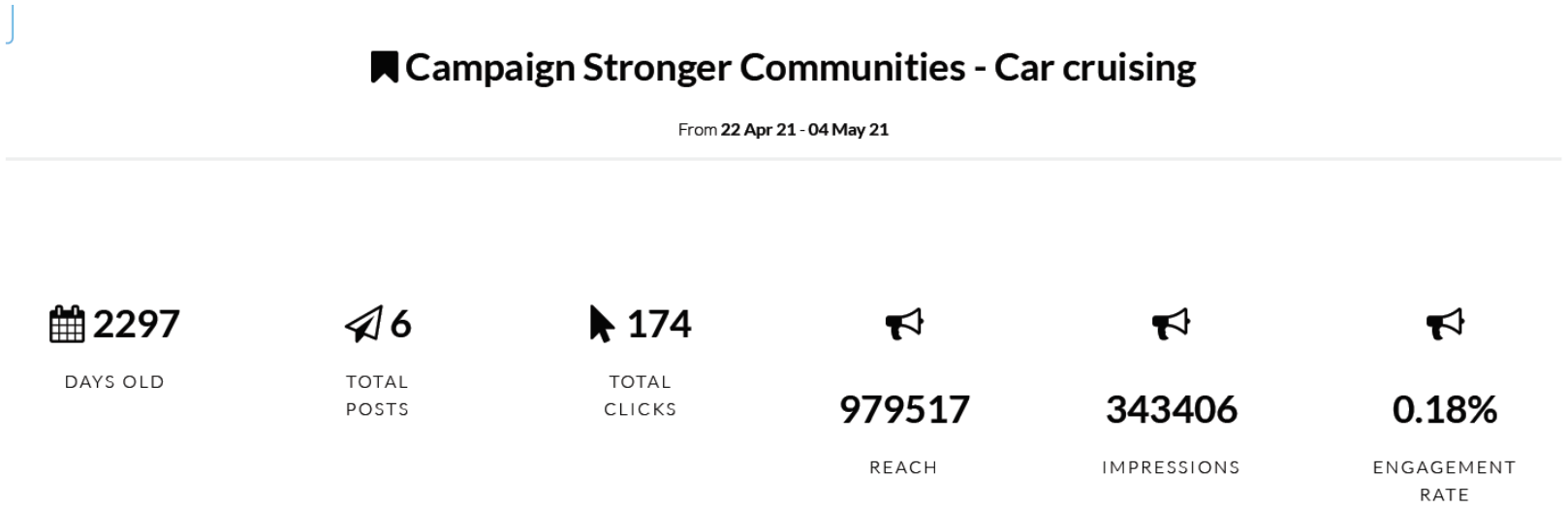


The above shows the impact of the social media posts published by the City of Wolverhampton Council between 22 April 2021 and 4 May 2021. Please note, the software platform used by the City of Wolverhampton Council (Orlo) can only capture posts issued by the City of Wolverhampton Council and not the other Claimaints. Nor can it capture any other references to the application for the car cruising injunction on social media. Therefore it is fair to say that the actual reach and impressions will be considerably higher.

For the court's benefit, Orlo defines reach, impressions and engagement rate as follows:

Reach: The total number of unique people who have seen your content on their screen. Twitter is excluded from this calculation as this number is not provided by the network.

Impressions: This is calculated by dividing the total Impressions for the reported time period by the amount of days being reported on, regardless of whether or not the same person views it multiple times (on Twitter).

Engagement Rate: This is the total engagements on a post dived by the total number of impressions multiplied by 100. Engagements may include reactions, likes, clicks, comments and shares, depending on the network.

Letters to defendants:

21 April 2021

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Tracey Christie
Head of Legal Services

Your Ref:
My Ref: CS/LIJ017753P

Dear

Application for New Black Country Car Cruising Injunction
Wolverhampton City Council, Dudley MBC, Sandwell MBC and Walsall MBC ("Claimants")
-v-

(1) Persons Unknown who participate between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am in a gathering of 2 or more persons within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached) at which some of those present engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving

(2) Persons unknown who participate between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am in a gathering of 2 or more persons within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached) with the intention or expectation that some of those present will engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving

(3) Persons Unknown promoting organising publicising (by any means whatsoever) any gathering between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am of 2 or more persons with the intention or expectation that some of those present will engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached) ("Defendants")

Hearing date: 13 May at 10.30am, Remote Hearing by Microsoft Teams

You were previously written to in January 2021 regarding the Claimant's application to renew its injunction prohibiting car cruising in the Black Country. This is because you were listed on the court system as a party to these proceedings, having previous been subject to an application at court.

This application was adjourned until 13 May 2021.

However, this letter is to advise you that the Claimants are no longer looking to renew the previous injunction. Instead, an application for a new injunction has been lodged with the Court. The previous renewal application will be withdrawn.

The court will hear the application for a new injunction on 13 May 2021 at 10.30am at a remote hearing using Microsoft Teams.

As you are not listed on the claim for this new application, you are therefore no longer a party to the proceedings. However, as you were a party to the previous injunction, the Claimants have been advised to notify you of this, in case you wish to become involved.

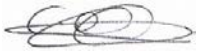
However, please note that you are **NOT** obliged to attend, or get involved in the proceedings in any way, if you do not wish to. Furthermore, to confirm, the Council would not be seeking to extend/vary any sentence imposed on you by the court previously and it would also not be asking the court to make any orders against you should you not attend.

I would advise you to seek independent legal advice; however, if you do wish to take part, you may apply to court to be joined as a party and attend the hearing. You can do this by contacting the High Court office at qb.birmingham@justice.gov.uk, and chris.simmonds@wolverhampton.gov.uk.

However, please note, if you do choose to take part in the hearing, seek to challenge the application and the Court finds that the Injunction should be made, you may be liable to pay the Council's costs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Chris Simmonds
Solicitor

For and on behalf of Head of Legal Services
Direct: 01902 555317 | Email: chris.simmonds@wolverhampton.gov.uk

05 May 2021

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Tracey Christie
Head of Legal Services

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My Ref: CS/LIJ017753P

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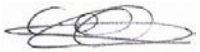
Hearing date: 13 May at 11am, Remote Hearing by Microsoft Teams

I write further to my previous letter dated 22 April 2021 regarding the Claimant's application for a new injunction to ban car cruising in the Black Country.

This letter is a further reminder of the application and to say that, if you wish to, you may attend the hearing on 13 May 2021 and/or pass this information on to anyone who might wish to object to the making of an injunction. However, you are not obliged to do so if you do not wish to.

If you did wish to attend, you can do this by contacting the High Court office at qb.birmingham@justice.gov.uk, and myself at chris.simmonds@wolverhampton.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully



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Email to Citizen's Panel

Citizens' Panel — CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Car cruising new injunction

You are invited to submit comments and observations regarding an application for a new High Court injunction to ban car cruising in the Black Country.

Email your comments to litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Comments received will be presented as evidence to the court.

Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall councils, working in partnership with West Midlands Police, are returning to the High Court on 13 May to seek a new injunction banning car cruising - defined as the act of drivers of cars, motorbikes or quadbikes meeting to race or show off in their vehicles - in the region.

If granted, it will forbid people from participating in, attending, promoting, organising or publicising a car cruise event. Anyone ignoring the injunction may be arrested, face penalties such as up to two years' imprisonment or an unlimited fine, or have their assets seized.

For more information about the application, including details of full terms of the proposed injunction and evidence in support of the application, click here.

Deadline for comments is Tuesday 4 May, 4pm.

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Car Cruising Email Responses

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Shannon Harris (F):

Car Cruising

SH Shannon Harris
To Litigation

Reply | Reply All | Forward | ...
Thu 22/04/21 15:00

Retention Policy 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years) Expires 22/04/23

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Hello

I would just like to say how welcome this would be and to get this issue resolved. I live just off the Wolverhampton road and can hear them at least 2 or 3 times a week shouting and racing around after 11pm - yet never hear of anyone getting caught. I dread to think of the speeds they get to to create noise like an F1 track. Not only is it dangerous it keeps the local area awake quite late. My sister can sometimes hear is as far as Halesowen/rowley.

Thank you for attempting to resolve this issue

Kind regards

Shannon

Catherine Belsten (F):

Car Cruising

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Thu 22/04/21 15:19

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Hi,

I live off Lichfield Road, and despite there being a safety camera with 30mph flashing sign by The Square, New Invention, it is a haven for late night racers, the single to dual carriageway by the pedestrian crossing being a favourite spot. We regularly hear vehicles being over-revved and exhausts 'popping' as they thunder down this road.

I myself have nearly been rear-ended by a "cruiser" who was desperate to pass me, as I headed from the mini roundabout by the primary school and continued up Lichfield Road; the car behind me double-swerving to go around me both off-side and nearside as I was slowing to perform a right-turn into Squires Grove.

You can guarantee if there was someone using the crossing there's no way the vehicle would have been able to stop. The illuminated sign is more of a light to a moth than a deterrent as it provides almost a "Who can get the highest number" contest for the racers.

Catherine Belsten

Michael Westwood (F):

Cruising and speeding on Black Country Roads

MW Michael Westwood
To Litigation

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Thu 22/04/21 20:17

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Disappointed that this was allowed to run out. It seems that the roads are being taken over by these people.I live just off Birmingham New Road,it's bad enough in the day, but of a night it can be very disruptive both from a vehicle noise perspective and also from an antisocial behaviour perspective. Last year I had one of these fools demolish my garden wall through bad driving

Regards

Michael Westwood

Lajia Simpson (F):

Car Cruising Injuction

L lajiasimpson
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Thu 22/04/21 15:37

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Hi,

I am a Sandwell resident & i am aware you are working in conjuction with Sandwell Council.

I would like to submit my request for a new car cruising injuction for Dudley Road East & West in Tividale.

This is a long stretch of road & people are doing 80-90mph, especially in the evenings. It is a matter of time, some innocent person will lose their life because of these idiots.

The evenings are the worse, when the roads are a bit clear, i can hear them speeding up & down and i live off the Temple Way estate.

Please consider obtaining an injuction for these roads.

Thanks

Lajia Simpson

Dan Swales (F):

Car cruising

DS daniel swales
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Thu 22/04/21 17:09

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I totally understand that people would want to race/cruise in their cars, but I object for a number of reasons unless it can be policed/organised safely for a set time like the klondike cycle events.

Firstly they're dangerous and as a Medic it's one less incident to attend. Having experienced several cars speeding in excess of 70mph in 40/50mph speed limit road as their cars weave in/out of traffic.

Secondly, in an ever changing climate we're getting greener as a country and the vehicles aren't being used economically.

For the locals, again having been exposed to them racing up/down down the roads with noisy exhausts at silent hours, even through lockdowns.

You will see down Long Lane, Halesowen in recent weeks that they were creating skid marks down residential roads in the early hours of the morning.

Now I know this won't be all and even whether it is the drivers or passengers, there is nitrous oxide canisters and often the strong smell of cannabis when they congregate in car parks prior to going 'Cruising'.

It was illigal in the area previously and I hope it is so again. But, like many things it needs to be policed and action taken against those responsible for breaking the rules. I am all for warnings, 1st time a warning, 2nd time a warning with fine, 3rd time the car is ceased and sold or crushed with a 5 year warning on the individual after each conviction.

I would like to see more ANPR everywhere also, along with average speed cameras on many of the roads in the area, along with speed bumps. Too many times in built up areas, even by everyday motorists I am caught up by drivers speeding in 20/30 mph roads. More needs to be done to make roads safe and the roads need to be policed better.

Dan Swales

Faisal Amin (F):

Ban car cruising please

FA Faisal Amin
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Thu 22/04/21 22:26

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Hi, Despite the current ban, it is unbearable to hear loud exhausts and racing. Recently a racimh subru crashed into the telephone pole on our street and took phones pole and lines down for a month or so. Please control sound pollution these cars are making.

Thank you,

Faisal

Sandra Jones (F):

Car cruising

SJ sandra jones
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Sat 01/05/21 06:59

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Car cruising needs to be banned its outrageous for people to think its OK to be a danger and a complete nuisance

Adie Harris (F):

car cruising - Lucknow Road

AH Adie Harris
To Litigation

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Fri 23/04/21 10:58

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Dear sirs,

I have only lived in Walsall for around 14 months, but the noise due to car cruising is deafening and that's putting it mildly. The crackle of exhausts and turbos Is horrendous.

What makes it worse is these people have no respect for people that are in bed and they rally around until the early hours of the morning, more so on weekends.

This together with noisy mopeds and bikes can at times be hard to tolerate.

I hope the new injunction is passed, although, even when the other one was in force up till February , it did not seem to faze the racers.

Regards

Mrs A Harris

Steve and Sue Mapley (F):

(no subject)

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Fri 23/04/21 23:18

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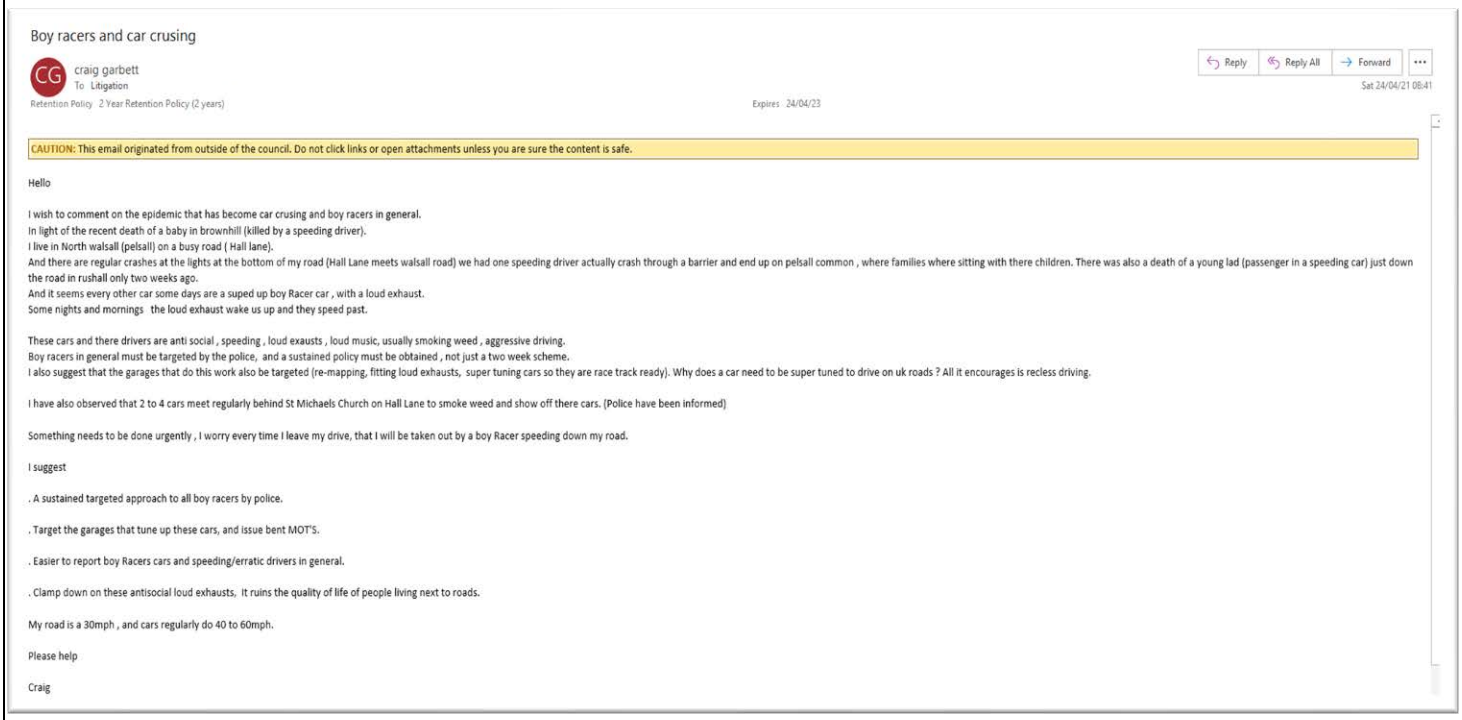
Hi
Each week my wife and I have difficulty sleeping because of "boy racers". Our home is about one mile from junction 1 of the M54 and the noise is constant from 10.30pm onwards.
Could you please help with this as it is effecting our mental health.
thankyou
Steve and Sue Mapley

Craig Garbett (F):



Boy racers and car crusing

CG craig garbett
To Litigation

Reply | Reply All | Forward | ...
Sat 24/04/21 08:41

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Hello

I wish to comment on the epidemic that has become car crusing and boy racers in general.
In light of the recent death of a baby in brownhill (killed by a speeding driver).
I live in North walsall (pelsall) on a busy road (Hall lane).
And there are regular crashes at the lights at the bottom of my road (Hall Lane meets walsall road) we had one speeding driver actually crash through a barrier and end up on pelsall common , where families where sitting with there children. There was also a death of a young lad (passenger in a speeding car) just down the road in rushall only two weeks ago.
And it seems every other car some days are a suped up boy Racer car , with a loud exhaust.
Some nights and mornings the loud exhaust wake us up and they speed past.

These cars and there drivers are anti social , speeding , loud exausts , loud music, usually smoking weed , aggressive driving.
Boy racers in general must be targeted by the police, and a sustained policy must be obtained , not just a two week scheme.
I also suggest that the garages that do this work also be targeted (re-mapping, fitting loud exhausts, super tuning cars so they are race track ready). Why does a car need to be super tuned to drive on uk roads ? All it encourages is recless driving.

I have also observed that 2 to 4 cars meet regularly behind St Michaels Church on Hall Lane to smoke weed and show off there cars. (Police have been informed)

Something needs to be done urgently , I worry every time I leave my drive, that I will be taken out by a boy Racer speeding down my road.

I suggest

. A sustained targeted approach to all boy racers by police.

. Target the garages that tune up these cars, and issue bent MOT'S.

. Easier to report boy Racers cars and speeding/erratic drivers in general.

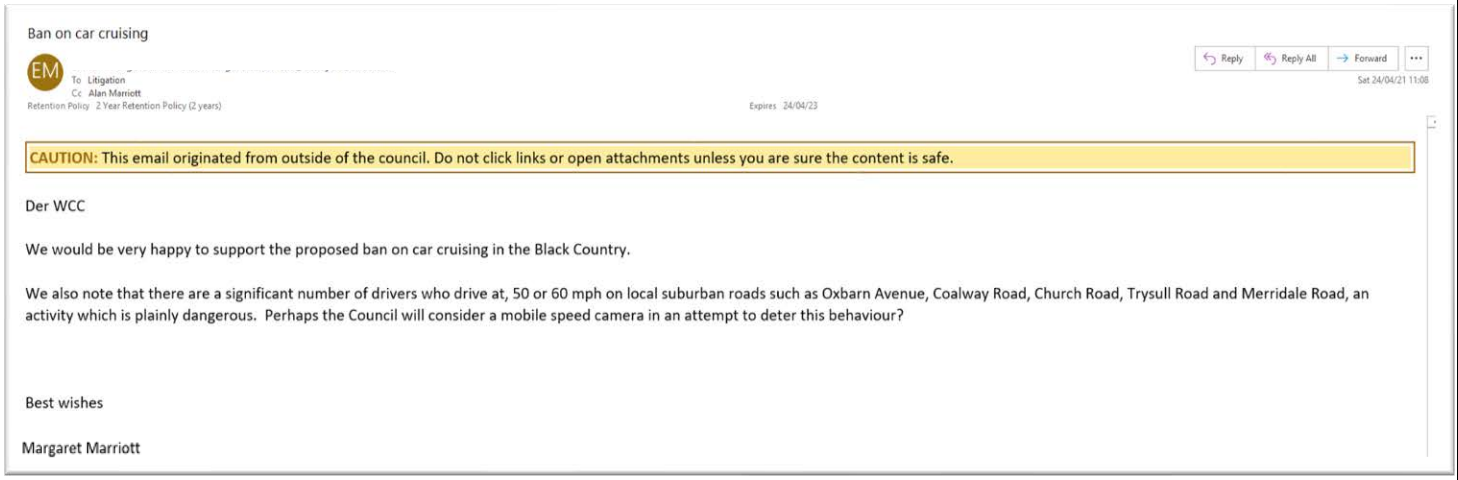
. Clamp down on these antisocial loud exhausts, It ruins the quality of life of people living next to roads.

My road is a 30mph , and cars regularly do 40 to 60mph.

Please help

Craig

Margaret Marriott (F):



Ban on car cruising

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Cc Alan Marriott

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Der WCC

We would be very happy to support the proposed ban on car cruising in the Black Country.

We also note that there are a significant number of drivers who drive at, 50 or 60 mph on local suburban roads such as Oxbarn Avenue, Coalway Road, Church Road, Trysull Road and Merridale Road, an activity which is plainly dangerous. Perhaps the Council will consider a mobile speed camera in an attempt to deter this behaviour?

Best wishes

Margaret Marriott

Dhaliwal Dharminder (F):

Car Cruising Black Country Route

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Hi

In favour of injunction due to the fact i live near springvale business park & always hear the noise at all hours due to racing esp bank holiday weekends on black country route, bilston

Lenneke van der Houwen (F):

Car cruising,

LV Lenneke van der Houwen
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To who it may concern,

Since we moved in this property at
, we have had people driving through with excessive speeds. This on their own or with several cars chasing. Often these cars are types with a very loud exhaust, sporty type.
On one occasion, this was the day after we moved in 2006 a car got out of controle and hit a lamp post ,which in turn , flattened a woman.
I was witness to this event and my husband caught the driver. But I was never asked for a statement, the driver was released on a formality.
Not long after a young man died in a two car race further down the road, my friend was witness to his death.
Most days, more so weekends and evenings we see and hear cars racing broad lane. sometimes (evenings/ night), you can hear them racing on and returning to go round again.
I admit the two incidents, I witnessed direct and indirectly, where a while ago. To me though, it feels we are only waiting for the next victim in our street since.
I am only talking here about the "racers" , not the "normal" speeders, on Broad Lane.
Of course these 'speeders' are also a threat to the safely on our street.

I would think a working speed camera would be the right step. In this way perpetrators can be caught and brought to justice. The last thing we want is slow the first response services down and punish the drivers who stick to the Highway Code.

Kind regards

L Boss -van der Houwen

Christine Costin (F):

Car Crusing

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I welcome a ban of car cruising across the West Midlands.Our lives are blighted by car cruising in Sandwell at night particularly in the vicinity of Kendrick park area.Namely Kendrick Way,Trinity Way,Spon Lane and surrounding streets.Sleep is disturbed by cars racing and speeding.Extremely loud exhaust systems on these cars can be heard racing around our streets at night late and into the early hours.On Saturday night 24th a car crashed near to the Cricketers Arms public house,i believe police attended.The car cruising/street racing has been going on for at least 2 years that i am aware of,with liitle deterant from "a blanket ban" across Sandwell.It's time for police to step up and stop the cruising and time that judicial system was more severe in punishment.On Trinity Way we have had fatality's already,how long before there is another.

Kind Regards
Miss Christine Costin

John Dickinson (F):

Car Cruising

JD John Dickinson
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At apparently random times, we can hear motor vehicles being accelerated violently and driven at high speed up and down Manor Way between M5 Junction 3 and the Manor lane junction . No innocent parties injured or killed as yet, I believe, but, surely only a matter of time, since this is a very well-used stretch of road.

During winter months the noise is largely, but not completely, blocked by our double/triple glazing. However, summer is coming and we will be unable to keep cool by opening windows during these episodes. This is, of course, a minor inconvenience compared to the danger to which innocent road users are exposed.

I urge you to press for an injunction to prevent this over the whole of the Black Country.

Yours faithfully,

John Dickinson

Robert Adams (F):

Car cruising injunction

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Hello.

The car racing on Kenrick way, was one of the reasons I moved out of the flats at Kenrick house. As it had been going on since 2002 unchecked.

Were I live now i however is where the people that did the racing actually live! So low speed growling exhausts, and revving pretty much from 4 in the afternoon, at night the race and rev up and down Brandon way. When i am in bed, some 200 or more metres away and you can feel it.

I have bad eyesight, I can't drive, I love these cars, I'd love to work on one, I know about boost pressure, and coil overs.

If I could drive and had a car like that, a track day is the thing.

These guys must have money, or mommy's little man would be given the money, but they don't go to tracks to race.

But no talent or skill so they play Gran Turismo or Need For Speed on real roads.

The injunction is a great idea IF IT'S ENFORCED!
Otherwise what's the point.

We need this, ask any taxi driver in the area, about those clowns cutting them up at islands and junctions.

Get the injunction back and enforce it!

Yours

Robert Adams

Lawrie Mulheron (F):

Injunction regarding car cruising.

LM lawrie mulheron
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Hi,

I live in alongside the A456 Manor Way. We have for a long time now suffered from persistent car cruising along this stretch of dual carriageway. This activity by these car cruisers is making our lives a misery when they race up and down this stretch of road at anytime between 8.00 pm and 2.00am on any given day or night, mostly Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and sometimes in the week, they use the Shell filling station as a gathering point with up to thirty cars in attendance. It's a miracle there hasn't been a major accident as they race through red lights at speeds exceeding 100 mph. With have had regular meetings with the local Police and MP's to discuss this anti social behaviour and they are doing their best to address the problem. So, we and all the local residents along the A456 at Manor Way are overwhelmingly in favour of this injunction put in place and let's implement the increased powers the Police will have with this in place, as at the moment these car cruisers are just doing what they want and where they want knowing without an injunction to fear they're getting away it.

Kind Regards

Mr Lawrie Mulheron

Jason Scott (F):

Car Curising and Speeding

JS Jason Scott
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Hi

Seen this article, I presume you are aware of the constant racing and loud 'boy racer' exhausts on Mannor Way in halesowen?

Only a matter of time until someone is killed.

Shamil Patel (F):

Car cruising

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I wanted to make you aware of car cruising that takes place almost everyday at the Tesco Extra Dudley. The address is as follows...

Town Gate Retail Park, Birmingham Rd, Dudley DY1 4RP

We have noticed that it is currently unsafe to park your car at the rear portion of the underground section of the Tesco car park. There tends to be cars cruising in big batches of 7-8vehicles, kids hanging around inside the cars and around them, there's rubbish strewn across the car park floor due to the amount of car cruising. The vehicles are also parked very close to each other with all their windows open, I can imagine so that they can socialise and chat more easily. But this survey poses a risk of spreading coronavirus due to a lack of social distancing when your neighbour is parked face to face from you with less than half a metres distance, wearing no masks.

On one occasion I went shopping there in February this year, there was around 40-50 cars cruising parked up at the tesco underground. The young drivers were racing up and down the length of the car park and also parked up in the centre of the roads you would use to navigate the car park. Given the current coronavirus pandemic I felt it was highly irresponsible of Tesco to allow this to take place. I can only imagine the staff simply do not know how to manage the car cruising issue.

I hope this issue can be resolved by yourselves and I would be most appreciative to hear what you would do to improve the car cruising issue for all the local people who shop here.

I have copied on tesco customer services into this to see if there is any actions they can take.

Currently I try not to visit the Tesco Extra due to this insane parking problem, out of fear that my car could be damaged, or that the vehicles filled with young drivers staring at the shoppers going into the store may target the vehicles for theft, an issue I have heard from locals is real and due to a lack of CCTV the crimes are going unpunished.

Kind regards,

Mr Patel

Catherine Simonds-Malkin (F):

Car cruising A456

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I would like to raise our concerns regarding the incessant car racing that has been occurring along the dual carriageway of the A456 Manor Way over recent months.

Our concerns very much relate to safety and noise. The racing at high speed with supped up engines can be heard from mid evening through to the early hours of the morning. Drivers are recklessly racing along the dual carriageway at high speed and without regard for other road users. The noise levels are so high at times that it has woken us up or prevent us from being able to actually sleep. We constantly fear that there will be a terrible accident and someone will be fatally injured.

Yours sincerely

Catherine Simonds-Malkin

Jim Price (F):

Car Cruising etc in Black Country

JP Jim PRICE

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I support any application that would help prevent illegal street racing and car cruising. Speeding is dangerous enough without the added effect of racing. These people may think that they are cool and that laws do not apply to them but they do and so so often when it goes wrong it is other innocent lives that are ruined or lost

Jim PRICE

Jennifer Sadler (F):

A456 Manor Way Halesowen car cruising

Jennifer Sadler
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To whom it may concern

I sincerely hope that the High Court will reinforce the injunction to prevent car cruising across the Black Country.

As a resident living close to the dual carriageway, I have witnessed at first hand the havoc these drivers have been causing since autumn 2020.
I have lived off Manor Way for over 30 years and have been very happy and felt lucky to live in such a nice area, but this continual racing, bringing with it the noise and the disturbance it causes to sleep is making me consider moving away.
The speed they drive at, sometimes going across red traffic lights in the early hours, is beyond comprehension and I know it sounds like a cliche, is an accident waiting to happen.

The cruisers gather at the Shell Garage on Manor Way, Halesowen revving up their engines and even perform "do'nuts" on the forecourt close to the petrol pumps.
I have contacted Shell UK with video footage of their gatherings which show them all accelerating at high speed from there but they seem powerless to do anything as the service operator working inside alone is intimidated by their mass presence too. I have suggested a remote-controlled barrier that can prevent them entering the site.

I have been out on numerous occasions in the early hours and videoed the racers going at tremendous speeds. I have been threatened, sworn at and at times been terrified by them swerving their cars towards me as they pass, but I refuse to be intimidated by them. My footage was used by BBC Midlands News to highlight the problem quite recently.

The local police seem powerless to do anything, other than issue fines relating to breaking laws relating to Covid-19.
I have to say, I have had nothing but praise for our local MP Mr James Morris and the police officers, as they have been very pro-active in keeping residents informed on what measures they take to interrupt the meetings. I have also forwarded them my footage and give them VRNs of the speeding vehicles, many of them are un-taxed vehicles too. I was concerned I was wasting police time in logging these nightly incidents but they assured me they needed the evidence.

They also gather in broad daylight at weekends and do "tricks" in the middle of the dual carriageway next to Lodge Close, just past the traffic lights on the A456. I was passed on footage from faceBook that I forwarded to PC Sarah Potter from Halesowen Police, of them filming themselves racing and stopping in the middle of the dual carriageway burning their tyres and reversing at high speed.

A few neighbours where I live are nurses at the QE Hospital and have worked all through the lockdown doing back-to-back shifts. They have been disrupted by the dreadful noise the racers make in the early hours, as they show such a blatant disregard for everyone they are disturbing.

I noticed a newspaper headline in The Birmingham Mail in early March relating to the death of a 27 year-old man driving alone in a crash, not involving any other cars, on the A441 Alvechurch Highway, not very far from where I live. I put his name into a search engine and it came up that he was well known in the "car cruising community." I'm sure his death won't be the last.

These cruisers must be causing distress for so many residents in Halesowen along the A456 and the neighbouring boroughs and they seem to act with impunity, knowing they can race at will without any punishment or consequences.

I hope the High Court can support the Councils and police and reinforce the injunction to bring some peace back to people's lives that have been affected by sleep disruption over many months.

Regards
Jennifer Sadler
Halesowen Resident

Kam Uppal (F):

Car Cruising

Kam Uppal
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my support for the application to ban car cruising in the High Court.

This activity is a menace and must be stopped. It is dangerous to residents also.

I fully support the application for another injunction.

Yours faithfully

Mr Kam Uppal

Mary Carroll (F):

Street racing

Mary C
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I observed street racing taking place across Birmingham from highgate to handsworth a few weeks ago on a sunday afternoon. I had to stop my car and dial 999 as I was petrified an innocent person would get killed.
Thank goodness the police are dealing with it
Mary Carroll

Jane Tarnowski (F):

Car cruising

JT Jane Tarnowski
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I am a resident of and support the ban on car cruising.

Over the last year particularly since lockdown occurred there has been regular activity of this nature sometimes on a nightly basis that has kept residents awake until the early hours of the morning.
It often starts around 9pm and goes on until well after midnight.

The cars tend to gather at the Shell garage opposite and at the entrance to our road as a point of joining in on the 'race' as they can pull out of the road into the flow of traffic.

The participants also gather at the Shell garage and mess about there performing skid manoeuvres such as 'donuts' the tyre marks of which can be clearly seen as proof.

They drive past our road at speeds far in excess of the speed limit. There are continual loud pops and bangs and the noise can be heard well above the tv with all windows closed.

Residents of Cloister Drive have themselves filmed the activity and logged occurrences with the police each night it happens. They have also been working with James Morris our local MP to work out ways to stop this behaviour and prevent potential accidents which we believe will end in a fatality if nothing is done.

Hopefully reinstating the injunction will curb this activity and prevent loss of life.

Sincerely
Jane Tarnowski

Lisa Palmer (F):

Car cruising

LP Lisa Palmer
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I want to see a total ban on this, however it's not just car cruising it's our streets in general, the way the scumbags drive and race around our streets is disgraceful and nothing is being done!!!

We have been asking for years to have speed bumps up our road only to be ignored and ignored, no one will be bothered until someone dies then it will be too late, nothing is ever done in our area, we are surrounded by benefit cheats, drug dealers and addicts as well as these idiots racing around our streets, I'm not sure why I am wasting my time writing this as nothing is ever done, we just live in a deprived scum hole area where we work hard, it our own home only for scum of the earth to take what they want and cause misery to others, this country has nothing to offer anyone whilst we live in a lawless state where the criminals get treated better than good honest people, hope you get your injunction even though it will make no difference and never has!!!

Mrs Palmer

Ann Lanni (F):

Car Cruising

AL Ann Lanni
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I totally support a ban on car cruising in the area, and the country as a whole. Living in Halesowen the noise can be unbearable. We are also deeply concerned that innocent lives will be lost as a result of all the boy races.

I also don't understand why any cars are souped up to increase the noise. Surely this should be made illegal too.

Ann Lanni

Val Walker (F):

Car cruising A456 HALESOWEN

RW Robert Walker
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Fri 30/04/21 12:33

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After many distressing months being subjected to car racers on the A456 which backs onto our garden we have seen up to 20 cars racing at unbelievable speeds zig zagging during a race 0f speeds which must be in excess of 80/90 miles per hour . The noise and pollution is unbelievable I've rung the police on many occasion to report it and on

two incidents the person taking the call couldn't believe the noise of the racers they said they'd never heard anything like it before. We have sat up many nights until well after 12.00 because the noise is so unbearable you simply can't sleep and in the summer you couldn't sleep with the windows open. We have lived at this property for over 18 years and loved it but over the last 12 months the racing has become unbearable and we have seriously discussed putting the house up for sale to get some peace.

Not only do we suffer with the racers which is totally extreme but we have motor bikes and juggernauts doing excess speeds in all the speed needs to be reduced to maximum 40 in built up residential areas and 50 miles on non residential areas perhaps then people living in the area would have some quality of life in a built up residential area.

I've also contacted the conservative member of parliament who I know is in discussions with police, councils etc but without notices enforcing these acceptable speeds with flashing signs and static signs life is going to carry on being unbearable. Not to mention the speeds they do are in excess of the law at present.

The problem isn't your average road user doing a reasonable speed it's drivers using the road a motorway or a fun track for their amusement but what about us residents don't we deserve some consideration?

Immediate action needs to be put in place with the speed limit before some horrendous accident occurs not to mention noise,pollution, and residents general mental welfare. At the moment life is a complete misery and without action to reduce speed and enforce fines it will continue .

Yours faithfully

Val Walker

Lynn Jackson (F):

Car Cruising

LJ Lynn Jackson
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Dear City of Wolverhampton

I support continuation of the injunction to ban car cruising by the West Midlands authorities. It is important to keep all of our roads and public spaces safe from speeding vehicles.

Lynn Jackson
Tel: 01902 757811
Mobile: 07758 193240
Email: lynn.jackson@talktalk.net

Gwen / Mick (F):

Car crusing

G gwenamick
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I have issues with racing in surrounding areas of Lye, West Midlands, we hear them racing across Pedmore Rd heading towards merry hill and surrounding areas, especially on weekends or evenings

Councillor Shaukat Ali (F):

Re: Black Country Car Cruising Injunction

CS Cllr. Shaukat Ali
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Mon 03/05/21 12:56

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Dear Sirs

I am writing in support of the Black Country authorities application for a new High Court injunction to ban car cruising across the Black County.

St Thomas's Ward which I represent suffers from scourge car cruising along the Duncan Edwards bypass. Car cruising not only puts lives at risk it also generates anti-social behaviour with cars speeding up and down the bypass late at night. Residents living on Wolverton Road, North Street, New Road and further afield often complain of loud noise late at night.

Car cruising has no place on our highways and it's important that this is tackled. The granting of the injunction will provide the essential tool to law enforcement agencies to clamp down on behaviour that puts at risk peoples lives. We want our roads to be safer for everyone.

Regards

Cllr Ali

Aishwarya Kainth (F):

Car cruising Injunction

AK Aishwarya Kainth
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Please go ahead and enforce, we live on a quiet road and hear people quad racing early hours in the morning, sometimes in the evening till late and speeding and revving their engine. Also screaming and shouting they have no consideration for pedestrians or the speed limit. Especially in summer months and since the covid outbreak.

Thank you
Miss Aishwarya Kainth

Anonymous (F):

Car cruising

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It should be banned and cars taken and blacked out plates

Gary Brown (F):

Car crusing

GB gary brown
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Hi
I would like to comment on the amount of cars coming into our area and beyond .
I live off Greenfield Lane Fordhouses WV10,and I watch and hear the cars on a weekend racing along Greenfield Lane at breakneck speeds in convoy coming from the main Stafford Road via junction 2 of the M54.
I have witnessed the dangerous driving previously around the M54 junction 1 island on numerous occasions and would like these comments added to the support to stop these so called cruises,before someone gets injured or fatalities occur.
If anyone knows Greenfield Lane there is a small railway bridge along the lane with a very uneven surface and to attack this bridge at the speeds some cars race through is suicidal,this is an accident waiting to happen .
They use this Lane as a cut through to get back to the Cannock road junction 1 of the m54,and presumably to avoid detection.
Kind regards
Gary

Sandra McShane (F):

Car cruising not welcomed in the Black Country

SM Sandra McShane
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They are dangerous and a nuisance, showing no regard for residents or other road users.

Please reinstate the injunction.

Sandra

Mel Price (F):

renewal of injunction

M Mel
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Hello

Please, please take this to the High Court, and get the Car cruising Injunction renewed.

You have my full support.

Sincerely,

J M Price

Robert Grierson (F):

Car noises and excessive speeding

RG Robert Grierson
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The beautiful town of Stamford
in Lincolnshire is now becoming an out of hand speed track...
Someone will be hurt...
Who do I contact please.
Sincerely
Robert Grierson

Michael Wevill (F):

Car cruising

MW michael wevill
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I wish to voice my support for the injunction being sought by West Midlands Councila including Wolverhampton where I live

It is necessary to provide the police with all available tools that they need to crack down on this antisocial and dangerous behaviour

This injunction should be used in association with existing legislation including those around window tinting, registration plate offences as well as speeding and dangerous driving.

Regards

Michael wevill

Trevor Woodfield (F):

Car cruising

TW Trevor Woodfield
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Renew and enforce the ban on car cruising. Car meets are OK, but racing and doughnuts are unacceptable.

Craig Wilson (F):

Brook Road race track

Craig Wilson
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Hi I'm a resident in . I have reported time and time again about the need of speed calming measures to be put into place on my road. It seems that nearly all the nearby roads have speed humps and other ways to slow down these thoughtless idiots using the road as a race track. There have been a number of accidents recently where a vehicle has been hit parked outside on the street and the perpetrators have driven off.
Brook Road is a long open stretch with a bend approaching Pound Road. This seems to encourage people to drive at speed.
Also there is a school nearby, so obviously lots of children are crossing the road at times.
I think its only a matter of time before a serious collision will occur.

Regards

Craig

Sue Earl (F):

Car cruising A456

Sue Earl
To Litigation

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Fri 30/04/21 12:50

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I live in . My terminally ill husband and myself have had to endure the noise and disturbance of the racers over the years, but during this last lockdown with the roads clear, it has been unbearable.
The police do what they can, but by the time they respond the intelligence system has put out the warning and they move on to another area.
We really hope the injunction will be passed by parliament to assist the police In ridding us of this scourge.

Anonymous (F):

From:
Sent: 30 April 2021 11:18
To: Tracey Christie <Tracey.Christie@wolverhampton.gov.uk>
Subject: Car cruising, halesowen by. Pass...

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Noise can be horrendous... For residents nearest to by. Pass? Must be an absolute nightmare!!!!!.. We are situated, maybe 1/4 mile away.. !!!!!!!!

Keith Bracey (F):

Car Cruising is anti social and should be banned

KB Keith Bracey
To Litigation

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Dear Black Country Councils

Car cruising is dangerous and anti social especially late at night when the noise keeps people awake.

Racing cars on our roads should be banned as it's too dangerous and puts other road users in peril and takes up valuable Police and emergency services time.

Please ban car cruising from our roads to keep us all safe.

Yours

Keith Bracey
Sandwell resident

Michael Clarke (F):

car cruising

MC Michael Clarke
To Litigation

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Dear Sir/Madam

I haven't a clue what car cruising is and I have to my knowledge never witnessed this activity. Is it something to do with driving around the West Park looking for women?

What I am aware of, living in Henwood Road, are the number of motor cyclists who seem to think that they are at Donnington Park regularly doing 70 miles per hour, seemingly with impunity. Why can't we have a permanent speed camera at the bend in the road before someone is killed.

M Clarke

Paul Hulme (F):

Car cruising

PH Paul Hulme
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Would you say that speeding down my street at speeds up to 80mph is classed as car cruising because where I live in Deansfield Road WVI It happens on a regular basis from souped up , loud and noisy cars in both directions up hill and down hill .....speed bumps required desperately

Bob Henderson (F):

Car Cruising - New Injunction

BH Bob Henderson
To Litigation

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Mon 03/05/21 14:36

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Dear Sir,

We live in , a small close in Bilston, surrounded by dual carriageways (The Keyway, Black Country Route etc).

Sunday nights are the worst - sometimes we can lie in bed listening to the roar and screech of cars racing each other up and down the the roads. This is usually followed by the sirens of police vehicles playing their nightly game of catch. Pursuits and road races can also extend to the residential roads in the area - Lunt Road is infamous for bikers pulling wheelies at speed. I was recently overtaken, whilst driving up Moseley Rd during the daytime, by a biker pulling a wheelie down the middle of the road - in the face of oncoming traffic - doing, at least, 70MPH.
And quad bikes - the noise alone is enough to wake the dead without looking at the standard of driving.

I am aware that an injunction, on its own, is not enough to stop this behaviour but it does give the police the powers to take action to curb these antisocial and dangerous activities that are a blight on our community.

Quite frankly, I am surprised that any justification should be required - surely it must be self evident - but, seeing as justification is required, then please use my comments as you see necessary.

Bob Henderson

Stephen Potter (F):

Banning of Car Cruising

SP Stephen Potter
To Litigation

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I write to support the application to ban Car Cruising on public roads within the Black Country. I write as a parent and grandparent who has witnessed such frightening behaviour on the nearby Newton Road, Great Barr, West Bromwich on numerous occasions. Such dangerous and antisocial behaviour has no place on public roads. It should be on private property only. The starting penalty for those caught should be permanent seizure of assets, combined with fines and compulsory road safety education. Suspension of driving licence should also be considered.
Stephen Potter

Linda Parsons (F):

Car cruising

MC Message Center
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I support a full on ban on car/motor broke/quad bike cruising.
The field between Dudhill Rd and Cornfield Rd, B65 8EE is often disrupted with these events. Cars (4 wheel drive, large vehicles) being after dark, bikes and quads weave in and out of children whilst the children are playing peacefully and quiet.
All vehicles are destroying the grass.

Linda Parsons

Neil and Ann Malcolm (F):

New injunction on car cruising

NM Neil Malcolm
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We understand that Wolverhampton Council is intending to apply for a new injunction against car cruising in the city. Along with several of our neighbours in , we would strongly support such a move.

Car cruising is a particular nuisance in wide suburban streets such as ours, where vehicles are frequently speeding at 50 mph and more, with engines roaring. There are a number of care homes and nursing homes nearby. These events must be terrifying to the residents, some of whom must be even less able to understand the reason for the behaviour of the drivers than other residents. These daily provocations cannot be good for their health.

Richmond Road is also a popular walking route for families with small children making their way to Bantock Park and Compton Park. We very much hope that this initiative succeeds. It will certainly be popular.

Neil and Ann Malcolm

Jonny Browning (F):

Car cruising injunction

JB Jonny Browning
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I fully support the proposed High Court injunction to ban 'car cruising' in the Black Country. Car cruising causes noise blight for the whole community and creates dangerous situations due to reckless driver behaviour, putting the lives of other road users at risk.

Dave Hill (F):

Race Track on Wolverhampton/Birmingham road

DH Dave Hill
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I would just like it to be known that the stretch of road between Regent road and Lower City road is used as a race track after 10pm
Kind regards.

Jade Trueman (F):

Help with complaint

JT jade trueman
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Hi
I need to make a complaint as I live on cornfield road in sandwell and the speeding up and down in the road is awful. This road has a large park on and a school opposite abs lots of children walk and play here and the dangerous bend also abs the speed people drive at is awful.
Who abs here do I make this complaint please
Thank you

Jade Trueman

Mary Bracey (F):

Car cruising

MB Mary Bracey
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Cars in the Langley area of Sandwell race every night. Adapted exhausts bang like guns as the cars race around the streets. This starts around 5pm some evenings and is still going in the middle of the night. Many of these cruisers are known drug dealers, so both offences could potentially be dealt with. The route is around Dog Kennel Lane ,Londonderry Road, Queens Road. Sometimes up to the Wolverhampton Road.
It is dangerous driving, anti social behaviour and will reflect badly on the community when the Commonwealth games comes to the aquatic centre.
Concerned Sandwell resident

Marjorie Bamford (F):

Car cruising

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We have a number of idiots who race each other down Prouds Lane, Bilston. We also have two schools so children are at risk at school times.

It would be good if they were stopped.
Thanks

Marjorie Bamford.

Carol O'Donnell (F):

Car cruisin

CO Carol O'Donnell
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Hello,
I wanted to add my support to reinstate the ban on car cruising in The Black Country. Living near Manor Way in Halesowen, it has become impossible to sleep at night due to the noise of these cars revving for hours on end. People that have to get up and go to work don't have the luxury of catching up on their sleep the following day.
I lie in bed listening to the roaring engines and waiting for a massive crash. It is only a matter of time before a serious accident happens. I can only imagine the speed and recklessness of these drivers. It is not fair on law abiding people.
Please stop this stupidity.
Thanks.

Pete Monk (F):

Car cruising

PM Pete Monk
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Dear sir/madam
Please continue to end the scourge of this type of bullying and intimidating behaviour.
Thank you.
Sent from Pete Monk

Pete Grocutt (F):

Car cruising

PG Pete Grocutt
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Yep, ban it. Too many idiots already raving about.

Richard Platt (F):

(no subject)

RP richard platt
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Sun 02/05/21 14:01

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Car Cruising
Time is of the essence when emergency services are called to an incident. Any vehicle in the way of an emergency vehicle is a time consuming obstacle.
Car cruising is an irresponsible, thoughtless act that could cost lives and does nothing to reduce our carbon footprint.
Car cruising is a thoughtless, irresponsible act carried out by inconsiderate drivers who put vanity and unruliness before the safety of the general public.
Richard Platt
2/5/2021

Tina Wood (F):

Car crusing

TW Tina Wood
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I really hope you put another car injunction out..because we live in a block of flats where nearly every evening at very late hrs there are over 20 cars plus doing irratic speeds it's been ongoing for yrs now we need to put a closure on these idiots once and for all thank you

Roger Johnstone (F):

Car Cruising - Application for New Injunction

RJ Roger Johnstone
To Litigation

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I am in favour of the application for a new injunction against car cruising.

Roger Johnstone

Keith Reynolds (F):

(no subject)

KR Keith Reynolds
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we have exas raising up and down Dovedale road late at night and two where Ferraris and they were not just normal driving down the road thy where like bullets out of a gun and they aren't the only ones there because they have a hight performs car there have to let people now screeching tyes is a normal thing In Ettingshall racing thought the lights on red at Goldthorn Hill Car cruising is fine on privet land supermarkets etc on land fitting for its perpers and not on public rods it is too dangerous there are no safety measures can be put in place on main roads saying all that I strongly agree with the councils on this mater its been going on far too long adults and children are going to be KILLED.
Mr. Reynolds.

Susan Edgington (F):

Car cruising

SE Sue Edgington
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This must be stopped ! I completely agree with the police applying for this ban.
Mrs Susan Edgington

Innocentia Lewis (F):

Car cruising

IL Innocentia Lewis
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Innocent people who abide by the law get killed. A lot of children and pedestrians have been kill, it is a dangerous game to race on public road. I feel that it is right to ban car cruising. I have see car cruising past me by the roundabout in a 30 area. These people should get prosecuted because there is a reason why it is 30 or 40.

David Ryley (F):

Car Cruising

DR David Ryley
To Litigation

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I am very much in support of all the Councils application to the Courts for a further period banning the various elements detailed in the proposals.

I would also ask if the Councils were able to incorporate what may very likely be seen as a new element, to control the high revving of engines for extended periods, frequently during late nights and early mornings, in order to generate a much higher noise level which is apparently intended to draw attention to themselves and/or their vehicles but which also causes a nuisance and disturbance to many others.

Regards and many thanks
David Ryley

Carol Brown (F):

Car cruising

CB carol brown
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I would like to vote for a ban on car cruising as stated. I can hear them where i live and they keep me awake at night! Ban them!

Carol

John Smith (F):

Car cruising

JS John Smith
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Fri 30/04/21 16:41

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Hello
Following your invitation to comment on the introduction of the new rules we definitely need this renewed to stop the cruising.
John Smith

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Simon Hughes (A):

Proposed extension of ban on car cruising

SH Simon Hughes
To Litigation

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Fri 23/04/21 03:12

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Hi,

I hope you are well.

When making this decision please consider article 11 of the 1978 human rights act. The right to assemble.

As meeting to show off your pride and joy is not a crime under UK law it is my firm belief that a ban such as this is in direct contravention of this section of the law. By all means punish those who behave in an antisocial manner however this course of action assume guilt on the part of all members of the automotive enthusiast community.

Best regards

Simon Hughes

Josh Turner (A):

(no subject)

JT josh turner
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People that generally spend money on modifications to their car are hard working individuals that want to show off their hard work and skills. I know because I used to be and although I'm older still do spend money on cars all be it now classic cars. Maybe organised car meets with A. N. P. R cameras would be the way to go. Car cruising has been around since cars were first made most people do it right. please don't penalise people who work hard and love cars

Erin Kelly Huggins (A):

Car cruising

EK Erin Kelly Huggins
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To whom it may concern,

I believe this is a very out dated way of dealing with 'car cruising'

Surely the best thing to do would be to work with & provide a safe place for car enthusiasts to meet somewhere away from residential & main areas of the town's.

Aarondeep Gill (A):

Car cruising injunction

AG Aaron Gill
To Litigation
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Thu 22/04/21 18:17

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Dear Wolverhampton Council,

I do not support this injunction. We are a freedom loving nation and this injunction is an affront to that. Reckless drivers should be prosecuted with existing laws (ie speeding offences) - not an all out ban on car enthusiasts gathering.

Kind regards,

Aarondeep Gill

Tony Kirk (A):

Car cruising

KT kirk tony
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My comments.

I think it is bad that you are labelling all car meetings under the same banner. Yes there are nuisance groups operating that need controlling BUT there are also very legitimate groups operating in and around this area who have a code of practice, no speeding , annoying driving etc who just want to get together show their cars and have a nice controlled drive somewhere like to the coast.

Banning all groups would be totally unfair and you should concentrate on stopping the groups that encourage speed and racing not the genuine clubs who are lawful and controlled.

Tony Kirk

Lee Harris (A):

Car cruising Ban

LH Lee Harris
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Im writing after reading a article in Express & Star about car cruising. I would like to know why there is such a big issue regarding this as i think you go the wrong way about it. A couple of years ago i was wrongly accused of this. I had a letter saying i had to go to court. It wasnt until i emailed and phoned it was actually because i was cueing to go into a legal meet in Wolverhampton. I was told by member of Wolverhampton Council that they tried to get me convicted of this which is disgusting behaviour from yourselves.

I can't see the problem and why we are always in the wrong. Yes there a few that spoil it but thats with everything. For example people go out drinking get into fights but i dont see anyone banning them. For us thats exactly what it is. As i said i believe you going the wrong way about it. Yes you can go to a car meet and close it down but we just go to another location. Instead why not try and be more involved within the car community rather against it. It is wrong when me and few others convoy together doing no harm but constantly getting pulled saying you cant cruise or convoy. Im soon to point out well if three normal cars convoy its ok but three modified cars its not. We pay alot more tax than most too so i believe if we paying that much tax for shocking roads we have i think we can use them.

I hope you can take this note on board and work within the community and organisers rather than against. Its never going to stop meets happening so work with the organisers and prosecute the ones that spoil it.

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Andrew Bhatti (M):

Car cruising new injunction

AB Andrew Bhatti
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Hello team

More than happy to talk regarding my comments but see my statement below.

I believe the blanket ban of any form of "cruising" is open to misinterpretation by both the public and police.

Behaving in a reckless and dangerous way should be treated as a serious offence but not directly linked to the term. For example operating a firearm in a controlled, legal manner in a shooting school/range is no different to a driver operating a motor vehicle on the street. Both of which could be dangerous weapons when used without regard for law.

Are we stating that everyone who is deemed to be "cruising" is therefore going to behave without regard for the law. Unfortunately we are still seeing that a blanket ban is having impact on people's lives through illicit street racing for which there should be no place on our roads.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gl0dS00IDz8&t=46s
https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/8657835/second-driver-arrested-brothers-killed-wolverhampton/

I would therefore ask if "Street Racing" be used as a term to define the public endangerment caused rather than coining it under car cruising

Civil issues should be dealt with on a case by case basis including:

- obstructing highways, residential or business properties
- excessive noise
- littering
- verbal abuse, swearing and intimidation

And the police should be deemed as a point of escalation for those.

I do believe that you need to let people socialise with respect for others in such a way that it brings unity to an already divided Britain. Having scheduled events, working with clubs and online groups will stop pushing the bounds of legality and allow you to better police things when organised. However there should be no burnouts and no excessive noise for such events.

There will always be people who continue to push the boundary of law and it's unfortunate for others who would want to respect law.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Andrew Bhatti

I have been a car enthusiast for 16+ years joining previously organised car events, groups

Steve Bentick (M):

Street cruise

SB Steve Bentick
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Wed 28/04/21 07:30

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Hi I would like to add my name to support the police having stronger powers against street cruising in the Black Country area just on my observations in my local area of cars driving too fast on residential roads however I would also like to put that modifying cars and other vehicles are not a concern and I believe are a great hobby if it was arranged and advertised correctly in a safe area thank you
Steven Bentick

Paul Davenport (M):

Car Cruising

DP davenport paul
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Sat 01/05/21 08:15

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Dear Sir,
Please would you exclude motorcycles from any new car cruising injunction or lawmaking? The problems caused by car cruising do not apply to motorcycles. The proposed injunctions would prevent peaceful and harmless gatherings of motorcyclists - the great majority of whom are elderly men and women.
Yours faithfully,
Paul Davenport.

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5703_3953162394731692_3953582398023025	2021-04-22T15:16:52+00:00	Jordan Mace	Jordan Mace	Ridiculous ðŸ˜¯...
5703_3953162394731692_3953604624687469	2021-04-22T15:27:43+00:00	Nick Smith	Nick Smith	Florin Frunza boy racers is the known term in a group.
5703_3953162394731692_3953607191353879	2021-04-22T15:28:59+00:00	Amy Jane	Amy Jane	ðŸ–•ðŸ–•ðŸ–•ðŸ–• that's my answer
5703_3953162394731692_3953653518015913	2021-04-22T15:50:43+00:00	Mike Melville	Mike Melville	Dhani Morris so it's ok to race powerful cars on public roads then!
5703_3953162394731692_3953669511347647	2021-04-22T15:57:51+00:00	Mike Melville	Mike Melville	Jason Hughes scary really where you endorse racing cars on public roads though are not observant enough to notice the hearing is being held remotely
5703_3953162394731692_3953687608012504	2021-04-22T16:06:22+00:00	Jack Walker	Jack Walker	Mike Melville cruising isnt racing ðŸ˜¯,
5703_3953162394731692_3953692278012037	2021-04-22T16:08:20+00:00	Florin Frunza	Florin Frunza	Nick Smith Alright . Thank you.
5703_3953162394731692_3953776224670309	2021-04-22T16:48:20+00:00	Luke Smith	Luke Smith	Gary Nock that's racing not cruiseing
5703_3953162394731692_3953777654670166	2021-04-22T16:49:04+00:00	Luke Smith	Luke Smith	If you want a serious awnser car cruising isn't wrong racing is there is a difference ðŸ¤·
5703_3953162394731692_3953778574670074	2021-04-22T16:49:28+00:00	Luke Smith	Luke Smith	As soon as you go past the speed limit it's not a cruise anymore
5703_3953162394731692_3953772701337328	2021-04-22T16:46:25+00:00	Luke Smith	Luke Smith	You've modified your car you can't meet friends go ahead bill take your 86 year old non head Turing ass to Tesco ðŸ¤·
5703_3953162394731692_3953818201332778	2021-04-22T17:08:15+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Joy Adams The car cruising bad basically stops more than 1 vehicle driving together on a public road, more than 1 vehicle parked up (like meeting a friend) any music played that can be heard outside the vehicle static or driving (not exessive) Parking in a car park to show off prides and joys at a meet organised by people even if static, away from roads and away from residents. Basically tge police have a open check on how harsh they want to inforce somthing. They just put it down to car cruising. I was stopped at 12 at night taking a mate home, driving safe and within reason, no other cars on the road apart from a cop van with 3 police in it. I was slapped with a car cruising ban when they couldn't find anything else I done wrong, which In turn the council threatened to evict me from my tenancy if I was caught again. Great justice system ðŸ‘‘ Florin Frunza The car cruising ban basically stops more than 1 vehicle driving together on a public road, more than 1 vehicle parked up (like meeting a friend) any music played that can be heard outside the vehicle static or driving (not exessive) Parking in a car park to show off prides and joys at a meet organised by people even if static, away from roads and away from residents.
5703_3953162394731692_3953820781332520	2021-04-22T17:09:22+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Basically tge police have a open check on how harsh they want to inforce somthing. They just put it down to car cruising. I was stopped at 12 at night taking a mate home, driving safe and within reason, no other cars on the road apart from a cop van with 3 police in it. I was slapped with a car cruising ban when they couldn't find anything else I done wrong, which In turn the council threatened to evict me from my tenancy if I was caught again. Great justice system ðŸ‘‘
5703_3953162394731692_3953762241338374	2021-04-22T16:41:21+00:00	Joy Adams	Joy Adams	Jack Walker ... Jack can you please explain to me what it is ... I'm a bit of a fossil (OED) ... but I understand it probably means going faster than the speed limit .
5703_3953162394731692_3953748931339705	2021-04-22T16:35:21+00:00	Dhani Morris	Dhani Morris	Mike Melville no it's not ok to race cars on public roads but as Jack has kindly pointed out, cruising isn't racing lol
5703_3953162394731692_3953868161327782	2021-04-22T17:29:53+00:00	Mike Melville	Mike Melville	Dhani Morris so the council and police are telling lies about car cruising then as the following is an extract from their post. "if granted, would forbid people from participating in, attending, promoting, organising or publicising a car cruise (the act of drivers of cars, motorbikes or quadbikes meeting to race or show off in their vehicles) in the Black Country". I see nothing wrong with people meeting to show off the cars. However, you know as well as I do that many if these events end with some idiots racing & doing donuts on our public roads
5703_3953162394731692_3953874237993841	2021-04-22T17:32:43+00:00	Jackie Rohn	Jackie Rohn	Jon Gallant there's another 3 bugs around my street and when we happen be stuck in traffic together I think we all roll our eyes simultaneously when blue lights appear behind, ðŸ˜¯, like I'm going to work!!! So are these two, bugger off! ðŸ˜¯,
5703_3953162394731692_3953874011327197	2021-04-22T17:32:39+00:00	Toby Bradshaw	Toby Bradshaw	Jon Gallant our cars are probably better maintained than police cars ðŸ˜¯,
5703_3953162394731692_3953828564665075	2021-04-22T17:13:14+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Gary Nock Thats racing, not cruising. Speed limits and laws on dangerous driving are already in place. They wouldn't stop someone doing 100mph on the motorway and give them a cruising ban .....
5703_3953162394731692_3953828271331771	2021-04-22T17:13:05+00:00	Tom Poole	Tom Poole	Matthew Kingston dickheads in cars need attention. If they werent dickheads, theyd not get the attention.
5703_3953162394731692_3953831887998076	2021-04-22T17:14:40+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Tom Poole Agreed SOME people are. Does that mean we should remove driving licences from all above 60 year old's as they statistically cause more accidents than any other age group?
5703_3953162394731692_3953825944665337	2021-04-22T17:11:56+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Tom Poole Thats not car cruising and is actually reckless/ dangerous driving or breaking a speed limit. They are laws and are endorsable. Totally different. This ban is more of a "If we think you are doing somthing, but we can't legally prove anything and it wouldn't stand in court, we will hit you with a ban"
5703_3953162394731692_3953831591331439	2021-04-22T17:14:32+00:00	Florin Frunza	Florin Frunza	Matthew Kingston yeah!! that is definitely the biggest problem In the area right now. . .. .. City councils need to pull their heads out and actually see what are the real issues out there. Florin Frunza 100%. Its just unfortunate that most young people are targeted. This car cruising just gives police more of a blanket approach of giving a driver a continuance without having to provide any proof. If it happens twice in a 10 year period then you could loose your vehicle and loose your home without anything even needing evidence.
5703_3953162394731692_3953841747997090	2021-04-22T17:18:48+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	It's like hanging someone for murder, before a court case.
5703_3953162394731692_3953851671329431	2021-04-22T17:22:32+00:00	Gary Nock	Gary Nock	Luke Smith cruising quickly becomes racing. Been there and seen it.
5703_3953162394731692_3953860557995209	2021-04-22T17:26:16+00:00	Luke Smith	Luke Smith	Gary Nock But why does it back in the day used to have Marshalls at the front driving at the speed limit and if you passed them you were on your own Matthew Kingston Different subject.
5703_3953162394731692_3953857741328824	2021-04-22T17:25:17+00:00	Tom Poole	Tom Poole	Key thing is the idiots are policed and police have legal power to do so. The car loving kids, need an organised and safe event. Rather than a park up and abuse of local roads.
5703_3953162394731692_3953876011326997	2021-04-22T17:33:36+00:00	Jon Gallant	Jon Gallant	Toby Bradshaw the baguette don't count Tobes ðŸ˜¯,
5703_3953162394731692_3953882241326374	2021-04-22T17:36:34+00:00	Elizabeth Charley Farley	Elizabeth Charley Farley	Luke Smith cruising can very easily get out of hand with young men showing off their cars and how powerful they are.
5703_3953162394731692_3953884861326112	2021-04-22T17:37:56+00:00	Luke Smith	Luke Smith	Elizabeth Charley Farley I 100% agree but even still if it was organised correctly aka alongside police once a month in a location ðŸ¤·
5703_3953162394731692_3953879214660010	2021-04-22T17:35:07+00:00	Elizabeth Charley Farley	Elizabeth Charley Farley	Matthew Kingston well that's not true for a start! Young men are statistically most likely to cause accidents, injuries and deaths due to careless or dangerous driving. Residents don't want dozens of cars cruising around, revving their engines, doing handbrake turns and screeching their brakes especially at night. It's anti-social and should be banned. If you want to do that go somewhere that doesn't detrimentally affect people!
5703_3953162394731692_3953900401324558	2021-04-22T17:45:05+00:00	Joanne Rollason	Joanne Rollason	Jon Gallant I like those. I mostly see them during the daytime on a carpark somewhere scenic, and the blokes are all pretty sensible. I think it's the "boy racer" types that are speeding up and down the expressway at midnight racing each other it becomes a problem ðŸ˜¯ª
5703_3953162394731692_3953897391324859	2021-04-22T17:43:46+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Tom Poole Yeah I totally agree with that mate, if council's put together a "safe" area for people to use to meet up then that would definitely work. The way the policing is done at the moment doesn't target the issue really, and there's no solution given. Education is also key. Not a blanket approach where police are able to consequence people without having to support evidence. Laws are already in place for dangerous driving and exceeding speed limits that are enforceable in court with evidence provided Matthew Kingston then its down to the " car cruising" community to find a venue, organise marshalls, get insurance (good luck with that by the way) and stage it. Not the police at public expense. They have better things to do.The cost of a fatal accident has been costed at Â£2.2 million pounds.So by preventing one that's what it saves.
5703_3953162394731692_3953902977990967	2021-04-22T17:46:14+00:00	Gary Nock	Gary Nock	https://www.statista.com/statistics/322862/average-cost-of-road-accidents-and-casualties-in-great-britain-uk/#:~:text=Average%20cost%20of%20road%20accidents%20in%20Great%20Britain%202019%2C%20by%20severity&text=That%20year%2C%20on%20average%2C%20a,reaching%2026%2C840%20Great%20British%20pounds.
5703_3953162394731692_3953909924656939	2021-04-22T17:49:15+00:00	Luke Smith	Luke Smith	If anyone steps out of line they get pulled simple
5703_3953162394731692_3953909431323655	2021-04-22T17:48:59+00:00	Luke Smith	Luke Smith	Gary Nock Not saying it has to be a venue a carpark meet and cruse with the police in attendance
5703_3953162394731692_3953908117990453	2021-04-22T17:48:20+00:00	Florin Frunza	Florin Frunza	Matthew Kingston Let's hope this won't happen. Any person with some sort of brains it will not accept or agree with something like this.
5703_3953162394731692_3953907374657194	2021-04-22T17:47:57+00:00	Gary Nock	Gary Nock	Luke Smith tried that years ago. No venue would take it on insurance wise and neither would the police. If they condone it they become liable.
5703_3953162394731692_3953903281324270	2021-04-22T17:46:24+00:00	Tom Poole	Tom Poole	Matthew Kingston kids with nice cars wanna meet up and show them off. But they need to show their local communities some respect and they need to organise some events. It would do well. Better location than the local supermarket carpark would be wise.

				Elizabeth Charley Farley Maybe not an exact fact but elderly have a severely high rate of accidents. My point is not to point and accuse a certain age group driving certain cars, he'll the price of insurance most under 25's have black boxes fitted!!!
5703_3953162394731692_3953925164655415	2021-04-22T17:56:26+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Cars cruise around daily. More than 1 vehicle moving together is classed as car cruising without even needed proof they were together. My point is that this is the wrong approach to a small issue. May I also point out that speeding and dangerous driving are separately enforced by law. With evidence given. This is a blanket approach which affects all people. It's a way for police to give out consequences without supporting evidence that will never be seen in court.
5703_3953162394731692_3953930041321594	2021-04-22T17:59:00+00:00	Gary Nock	Gary Nock	I was pulled over once while taking a friend home 12 at night. Not a single other car on the road, no reckless driving. Fully abiding the law. Was pulled iterigated and slapped with a cruising ban. Threatened to be evicted and to have my car scrapped if ever seen again. Nothing else was given to me as there was NO evidence of me doing ANYTHING wrong. Have you tried it? I did. No takers. It's not the genuine car enthusiasts its the idiots who think they are Lewis Hamilton after one years driving experience.
5703_3953162394731692_3953928937988371	2021-04-22T17:58:31+00:00	David Michael Allsop	David Michael Allsop	Dhani Morris speaking of being a Karen... What makes it okay to drive like a dick? Groups have had the opportunity to police these events by and for themselves, and have failed. Now the police and residents and councils of the areas where they happen are stepping in. Check your privilege. ðŸ˜‰
5703_3953162394731692_3953926937988571	2021-04-22T17:57:27+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Florin Frunza Yeah exactly. Police have to do more policing to reduce any unlawful actions in any case with anything. Shame that doesn't happen Tom Poole Yeah definitely. It's been nice to see a few places do find raisers. Was a really good one at MSL performance a few years back, raised loads of money. Same as one at carding mill valley.
5703_3953162394731692_3953933281321270	2021-04-22T18:00:38+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	
5703_3953162394731692_3953578218023443	2021-04-22T15:15:08+00:00	Jason Hughes	Jason Hughes	Was so nice seeing people from all ages with some really nice cars. The council and police should team together and bring a solution for a problem
5703_3953162394731692_3953979894649942	2021-04-22T18:23:44+00:00	Adam Thomas	Adam Thomas	So when 4 or 5 ov you from the councils travel to the court are you not car cruising. Just saying Toby Bradshaw yeah you chat shit.
5703_3953162394731692_3953991244648807	2021-04-22T18:29:00+00:00	Toby Bradshaw	Toby Bradshaw	Adam Thomas ðŸ¤ªðŸ¤ªðŸ¤®
5703_3953162394731692_3953989321315666	2021-04-22T18:28:08+00:00	Toby Bradshaw	Toby Bradshaw	Adam Thomas clios better than it left the factory ðŸ‘€
5703_3953162394731692_3953990591315539	2021-04-22T18:28:41+00:00	Adam Thomas	Adam Thomas	Toby Bradshaw that's cause you're slowly turning it into a ph2
5703_3953162394731692_3954012714646660	2021-04-22T18:37:15+00:00	Amy Jane	Amy Jane	Filipe Vaz I've made a petition just waiting to see if they acceptðŸ™ƒ
5703_3953162394731692_3953715028009762	2021-04-22T16:19:17+00:00	Jack Newell	Jack Newell	They had highcourt injuction for 6 years as said in the statement, did car cruising still carry on? Yes Stop wasting your time go Catch some wrongens ðŸ¤£
5703_3953162394731692_3954020481312550	2021-04-22T18:39:41+00:00	Olly Dalloway	Olly Dalloway	Jack Newell been close a few times. Taxed mot'd and insurance with all mods so they couldn't do shit when they pulled me over. They did fuck all when it was nicked though. Wasting their money in the wrong places
5703_3953162394731692_3954014944646437	2021-04-22T18:37:53+00:00	Olly Dalloway	Olly Dalloway	Jack Newell this comment wins. Go and catch real criminals like the ones that robbed my car
5703_3953162394731692_3954017321312866	2021-04-22T18:38:45+00:00	Jack Newell	Jack Newell	Olly Dalloway did the police impound it for no legal reason?ðŸ¤£ they are the biggest criminalsðŸ¤£
5703_3953162394731692_3954037481310850	2021-04-22T18:47:45+00:00	Amy Jane	Amy Jane	Filipe Vaz I might just do it but we need to get enough people to do it they should give us somewhere to go that would get us off the streets. That's not places like santapod etc
5703_3953162394731692_3954030061311592	2021-04-22T18:44:07+00:00	Filipe Vaz	Filipe Vaz	Amy Jane petition no good, actually send a smart well written email to them that'll work better
5703_3953162394731692_3954001541314444	2021-04-22T18:33:05+00:00	Filipe Vaz	Filipe Vaz	so instead of commenting on here let's send some emails... Gary Nock too all those who think
5703_3953162394731692_3954207361293862	2021-04-22T20:09:35+00:00	John Edwards	John Edwards	It is ok and A bit of fun next someone gets killed I will take you to The post mortem and you watch the true results of a bit of fun have done it too many times. Any volunters
5703_3953162394731692_3954271114620820	2021-04-22T20:46:20+00:00	Vicki Lee	Vicki Lee	HAHAHAHAHAHAHA the police cant stop the cruising and racing, it happens every other night at the top of bilston town, they use the town itself and the roundabouts as their personal race tracks for nearly 2hrs before the police even get interested and it never stops, and they think a few notices are going to stop it? NOPE
5703_3953162394731692_3954274437953821	2021-04-22T20:47:56+00:00	Vicki Lee	Vicki Lee	I'll tell that to the next family who lost their loved ones coz of this then.....geez the village moron is loose again with his crap
5703_3953162394731692_3954370971277501	2021-04-22T21:38:52+00:00	Paul Bunch	Paul Bunch	Graham Comrie don't think they would be banned, that would be like a classic tour. Its clear at the top of this thread that the definition of cruise thst they sppear to be using for the legal bit is 'to race or show off'
5703_3953162394731692_3954444697936795	2021-04-22T22:19:17+00:00	Luke Smith	Luke Smith	What we as a community need is a space stop closing the racetracks or make a place for us to go and hang out safely get the police etc involved make it fun for them too as they are people at the end of the day and most traffic cops Ive met are car people too
5703_3953162394731692_3954476561266942	2021-04-22T22:38:16+00:00	Ollie Maddy	Ollie Maddy	What is the harm in people meeting off to show each other their pride and joys? It only becomes a problem when speed limits are broke and it becomes a "race"
5703_3953162394731692_3954876707893594	2021-04-23T02:36:12+00:00	Graham Ramsey	Graham Ramsey	Simon Hughes Which is why they will fail....again. John Edwards Thinking it's all OK and fun is one thing.
5703_3953162394731692_3955232911191307	2021-04-23T05:46:13+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Bringing out a law where public can be punished with absolutely no evidence is ridiculous. Face vehicles being crushed and loosing any council tenancy making them homeless.
5703_3953162394731692_3955241267857138	2021-04-23T05:51:28+00:00	Stephen Davies	Stephen Davies	Laws are in place and enforceable that deal with speeding, dangerous driving ect ect They need to put a regulation in the MOT OF THE DECIBELS to.
5703_3953162394731692_3955226811191917	2021-04-23T05:42:08+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Gary Nock Yes it's definitely wasted police time. To be honnest the police rarely do anything anyway. The community wouldn't be able to find a venue, no where would host one. When police and councils have anti social behaviour in towns, they build better green spaces, parks and community buildings. That's having a issue and trying a solution. Why couldn't this be the same if fatal accidents cost so much? For the fatal side of things when people are cruising (the rare few) the fatalities aren't actually that high, maybe 2 per year if that. More people die from the common flu per day than that, possibly per hour. Deaths are always a tragedy, and it normally takes 1 stupid driver. But so does drink driving accidents, yet they don't pull every driver just to breathalize them Shall we tarnish them all the same? Or police/ educate better?
5703_3953162394731692_3955356567845608	2021-04-23T06:55:40+00:00	Brett Price	Brett Price	James Morris I live just off Manor Way in Halesowen where these events happen late at night. It involves vehicles racing with speeds in excess of 100mph, and its been reported vehicles are displaying false number plates and individuals participating in other illegal activities. Can you please explain to me why this requires an injunction to deal with obvious lawless behaviour?
5703_3953162394731692_3955479281166670	2021-04-23T07:56:04+00:00	Akalanka Karunarathne	Akalanka Karunarathne	https://rtalerts.blogspot.com/2021/04/covid-19-ivermectins-politicisation-is.html
5703_3953162394731692_3953852834662648	2021-04-22T17:23:00+00:00	Jon Gallant	Jon Gallant	Whilst I agree that car 'cruises' can be an issue (hate that term car cruising) it's usually one or two twats who think it's big of them to drive antisocially, have loud music and race along the roads but it's not everyone with a modded car Myself and my friends who have modded VW's take a lot of care and pride in our cars and you'll find most VW meets to be chilled out affair with people chatting and looking at each others cars and any fuckwittery is generally frowned about What I'm trying to say is, don't tar all modded car owners as twats, some of us have better maintained vehicles than the general public!
5703_3953162394731692_3955759697805295	2021-04-23T10:24:29+00:00	Cody Saunders	Cody Saunders	Got nothing better to do. Canâ€™t believe I pay tax towards this shit itâ€™s there cars let them do as they please
5703_3953162394731692_3955831127798152	2021-04-23T10:59:59+00:00	Gloria Knight	Gloria Knight	Elizabeth Charley Farley you are right , they are just racing each other, anywhere and any time, day and night, we hear them all the time, with so many people getting killed themselves, and putting others lives at risk, how can anyone try to justify the behaviour of these idiots it has to stop somewhere, or our roads will no longer be safe for anyone
5703_3953162394731692_3953642364683695	2021-04-22T15:45:23+00:00	Gary Nock	Gary Nock	When you have to pick up someones brains off the road and put them into a plastic bag, and tell their parents / partner because they have been racing at 100mph plus at a " car cruise" then you realise how dangerous it is.
5703_3953162394731692_3955842047797060	2021-04-23T11:05:38+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Gloria Knight But isn't that dangerous driving and exceeding the speed limit? Which is already enforceable by law? Have you ever conveyed with a family or friend somewhere? Holiday? Shops? Well that's car cruising..... different kettle of fish
5703_3953162394731692_3955849981129600	2021-04-23T11:09:50+00:00	Gloria Knight	Gloria Knight	Matthew Kingston it must be hard to differentiate between car cruisers and mad boy racers, so the police have to start somewhere, and this nuisance will go on for ever, Gloria Knight Yeah I understand that, but its the same places over and over again. Why don't they turn up In numbers and actually prosecute the people actually causing a nuisance or breaking the law.
5703_3953162394731692_3955855197795745	2021-04-23T11:12:28+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	This "ban" allows police to stop people for any reason, and impose sanctions on them requiring no evidence. We have courts and a justice system for a reason. A right for fare judgment
5703_3953162394731692_3956044817776783	2021-04-23T12:41:08+00:00	Jack Newell	Jack Newell	West Midlands Police this needs answering tbh
5703_3953162394731692_3954059954641936	2021-04-22T18:57:52+00:00	Jack Newell	Jack Newell	What if we are Convoying to a legitimate meet/Event?
5703_3953162394731692_3956012444446687	2021-04-23T12:26:23+00:00	Marilyn Chaffey	Marilyn Chaffey	Andrew Woey I think you have misunderstood the situation.These people aren't standing around looking at each others cars and showing appreciation.They are speeding down a dual carriageway.Accelerating at high speeds during the night.This is very noisy and disturbing people's sleep.Let alone a danger to anyone else on the road. Ignorant comments.
5703_3953162394731692_3953617008019564	2021-04-22T15:33:23+00:00	Tom Poole	Tom Poole	The fools in cars problem does need attention. Especially when they are putting other folks at risk. Which they do.
5703_3953162394731692_3956210041093594	2021-04-23T13:49:31+00:00	Bryan Priest	Bryan Priest	Give them a venue to do it at
5703_3953162394731692_3953597658021499	2021-04-22T15:24:16+00:00	Florin Frunza	Florin Frunza	Can someone explain what car cruising is?

				Faye Towell so your solution is to ban all law abiding car enthusiasts gathering to share their hobby. Which is what this ban is intended to do. Therefore breaching both section 6 and 11 of the human rights act.
5703_3953162394731692_3956506431063955	2021-04-23T15:47:35+00:00	Simon Hughes	Simon Hughes	Seems a little draconian does it not?
				Should we ban bars and clubs because some bad eggs start fights?
5703_3953162394731692_3956462257735039	2021-04-23T15:28:49+00:00	Simon Wesley Charlton	Simon Wesley Charlton	Dean Clarke didn't Phil Aston organise a huge modified car meet this Sunday at Dudley Tesco's for 7pm?
5703_3953162394731692_3956452237736041	2021-04-23T15:24:49+00:00	Chris Hulse	Chris Hulse	Never see any police around.....
				Faye Towell only its no more a public safety concern than people going out clubbing. Most car enthusiasts are law abiding citizens. And its not a national security risk.
5703_3953162394731692_3956485531066045	2021-04-23T15:38:39+00:00	Simon Hughes	Simon Hughes	
				In fact the whole premise is based on a presumption of guilt which is in breach of article 6 of the human rights act. Article 6 upholds the concept of being innocent until proven guilty.
5703_3953162394731692_3956483867732878	2021-04-23T15:37:51+00:00	Pau DM	Pau DM	Can you stop calling it car cruising?
5703_3953162394731692_3956479104400021	2021-04-23T15:35:46+00:00	Faye Towell	Faye Towell	
5703_3953162394731692_3956478724400059	2021-04-23T15:35:36+00:00	Faye Towell	Faye Towell	It isn't. They are allowed to stop you meeting etc if it is necessary for national security or public safety. This comes under the latter.
5703_3953162394731692_3956493271065271	2021-04-23T15:41:58+00:00	Faye Towell	Faye Towell	Simon Hughes I don't think the law abiding one's are the issue. It's the ones who are racing.
5703_3953162394731692_3956667224381209	2021-04-23T16:57:17+00:00	Matt Hill	Matt Hill	If the ones causing the nuisance are already breaking the law then what good is a high court injunction to do?
5703_3953162394731692_3956780134369918	2021-04-23T17:48:44+00:00	Janet Krzesinska	Janet Krzesinska	They need to look up the meaning of the word cruising. As they will have to arrest every law abiding driver who sticks to the speed limit or below and stays at a steady pace and ignore all the idiots who are speeding and weaving in and out of the traffic. Dictionary definition of Cruise (of a motor vehicle or aircraft) travel smoothly at a moderate or economical speed.
5703_3953162394731692_3956854011029197	2021-04-23T18:22:33+00:00	Robin Hughes-Ally	Robin Hughes-Ally	
5703_3953162394731692_3956941071020491	2021-04-23T19:06:25+00:00	Marilyn Chaffey	Marilyn Chaffey	I was under the impression this bann is for the Black Country ie Manor Way in particular.As I live very near this road, it is of interest to me as we do hear these cars at night.
5703_3953162394731692_3956930184354913	2021-04-23T19:00:58+00:00	Andrew Woey	Andrew Woey	Marilyn Chaffey Hi Marilyn. I have not misunderstood the situation. The cruise ban is a 24 hour ban. It does not distinguish between day or night. You can't put every one that drives a car under the same banner, as that could even include yourself. If they are racing down a residential street then yes the police should be involved, but this should not be a blanket ban for every one. I ride my motorcycle home from work late at night and in the early hours and have not had problems from any one that might be identified under the cruise banner. Yes some driving quickly but they have slowed near me and been well away from built up areas.
5703_3953162394731692_3957026314345300	2021-04-23T19:50:31+00:00	Andrew Woey	Andrew Woey	Marilyn Chaffey Yes. I travel along there every night/early hours. I've never had a problem. Blanket ban is not good. Just good for lazy police. Forget about a couple of noisy vehicles and worry about the burglaries in your area or vehicle thefts. This is more prominent than a few noisy cars. Police will just give a crime number if you have a car stolen, but they are happy to sit on the side of the road for many hours to catch someone with a noisy exhaust and a few mph over the limit. Perhaps if the police spent more time in residential areas, then they might prevent more serious offenses and maybe catch a idiot racing around there.
5703_3953162394731692_3957199394327992	2021-04-23T21:20:49+00:00	Jack Locke	Jack Locke	Lol what a joke
5703_3953162394731692_3957206447660620	2021-04-23T21:24:02+00:00	Jack Locke	Jack Locke	Drive to conditions of the road and what's ahead
5703_3953162394731692_3957205644327367	2021-04-23T21:23:35+00:00	Jack Locke	Jack Locke	Marilyn Chaffey honestly dead of night no one on the road same with motorways nothing wrong with doing 100 tbh. People just don't understand car dynamics. I have fun on the roads but know when to not be a idiot and put others at risk
5703_3953162394731692_3957277727653492	2021-04-23T21:51:31+00:00	Marilyn Chaffey	Marilyn Chaffey	Not everyone knows when not to be an idiot as you call it.But I'm not a car enthusiasts.A vehicle is just to get me from A to B.So I will leave you gentleman to it.
5703_3953162394731692_3958438917537373	2021-04-24T08:16:01+00:00	Liam James Beresford	Liam James Beresford	Got no issues with stopping street racing thatâ€™s fair enough, thereâ€™s regularly available track days out there. However this has effected many Locally based car clubs because they simply canâ€™t meet up. This is a hobby and passion for many people. The whole car community shouldnâ€™t be punished because of a few people that 9/10 arenâ€™t anything to do with the car community anyway. Anyone can drive a car fast. Instead the police should work with the car community as they do in other areas. Stratford, Shrewsbury, Telford, Kidderminster for example their policing teams work along side car clubs to ensure meet ups are safe and well organised. Passing with no issues and both parties leaving with more respect for each other. All this is going to do in the long run is put pressure on local areas where this injunction doesnâ€™t cover and itâ€™s already been noticed, with attendances going from 20 or so people to well over a 100.
5703_3953162394731692_3958230177558247	2021-04-24T06:28:25+00:00	Dave Timmins	Dave Timmins	Andrew Woey it's the terminology that's used, car cruising is not anti social. Street racing is and always has been illegal.
5703_3953162394731692_3958337350880863	2021-04-24T07:20:31+00:00	Xander Greenwood	Xander Greenwood	Paul Bunch Paul those people are absolutely classed as cruising. Police have the power to stop anyone travelling in a convoy of two or more cars. If you're travelling with your friends to an event, or even to the shops, and you both happen to have classic/modified cars and pull up to park, the police have the power to issue fines without any evidence.
5703_3953162394731692_3953553601359238	2021-04-22T15:03:01+00:00	Dhani Morris	Dhani Morris	Too many Karen's knocking about in this snowflake generation... you should remove the paedo's and murderers from the streets before spending tax payers money on banning car cruising. #toomuchlikehardwork
5703_3953162394731692_3958319890882609	2021-04-24T07:11:53+00:00	Xander Greenwood	Xander Greenwood	Ooh fantastic, another police money making scheme. If the issue is people driving dangerously, then target them. Actually make arrests for dangerous driving, and don't ruin the reputation of people who just want to have nice cars and share them with the world. The police will not work alongside enthusiasts because it looks way better on their annual review if they've racked up loads of income for their department through fines.
5703_3953162394731692_3954302824617649	2021-04-22T21:02:34+00:00	Graham Comrie	Graham Comrie	Hmmmm, if 10-20 vintage 40's/50s classic and muscle cars drove in a cruise at sensible speeds, would that be banned, pick on the idiots, not the car enthusiasts.
5703_3953162394731692_3958805237500741	2021-04-24T10:44:40+00:00	Andrew Woey	Andrew Woey	Dave Timmins That is correct.
5703_3953162394731692_3955843474463584	2021-04-23T11:06:26+00:00	Andrew Woey	Andrew Woey	Nothing wrong with car cruises. Like minded people getting together and enjoying life. Concentrate you efforts on vehicle thefts, burglars and muggers. This is becoming a unwanted police state.
5703_3953162394731692_3958864240828174	2021-04-24T11:03:54+00:00	Tracy Wilkes	Tracy Wilkes	I think youâ€™ll find theyâ€™re on about the idiots that race up and the roads making as much noise as possible frightening elderly and children with no consideration for others, giving genuine car lovers a bad reputation
5703_3953162394731692_3958923060822292	2021-04-24T11:33:51+00:00	Leo Lennard	Leo Lennard	Glad you lot have your priorities right ðŸ˜‚,
5703_3953162394731692_3961844907196774	2021-04-25T11:44:58+00:00	Louie Barrett	Louie Barrett	For everyone moaning what impact do these â€¯loud exhaustsâ€™ have on your lives? Just turn your tele up when watching your soaps and get a fucking grip you moaning old fuckers
				As usual the 99% suffer over a few idiots who do things that are already illegal and could be done for anyway.
5703_3953162394731692_3960175387363726	2021-04-24T20:51:08+00:00	Lewis Taylor	Lewis Taylor	
				Don't punish genuine car enthusiasts, just throw the book at those who break the law. Very simple
5703_3953162394731692_3961682933879638	2021-04-25T10:19:18+00:00	Gary Nock	Gary Nock	Simon Hughes I think you will find that there wasn't a Yuman Rights Act in 1978 and assemblys prohibited by law (like an injunction) are exempted under the Act as per the extract shown.
				Gary Nock my point being the injunction its self is the breach of the human rights act. It should never have been passed in the first place.
5703_3953162394731692_3961706033877328	2021-04-25T10:32:17+00:00	Simon Hughes	Simon Hughes	
				Given the historic behaviour of Manchester United fans in the 90s and 80s shall we ban all crowds at matches because of a small number of hooligans?
5703_3953162394731692_3954821864565745	2021-04-23T02:03:54+00:00	Simon Hughes	Simon Hughes	You do know this injunction is a direct contravention of article 11 of the 1978 human rights act right?
				Not comparing apples with apples are we? Uninsured Car Cruising Events on public roads / car parks, and football matches in purpose built venues are not the same.
				The legal assumptions and interpretation of the Human Rights Act 1998, (not 1978) and understanding of the injunction process in your previous post appear somewhat flawed.
5703_3953162394731692_3961756113872320	2021-04-25T10:57:29+00:00	Gary Nock	Gary Nock	"Court injunctions are a powerful tool in litigation. A court injunction order can force, prevent, or halt actions. Therefore, the courts have adopted a strict test. If the criteria are not met the application will not succeed"
				https://www.gannons.co.uk/commercial-litigation/injunctions/
				So it's previously been through police force legal departments, and High Court Judges. And been granted in the past.
				Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall councils have applied for a new High Court injunction to ban "car cruising" in the Black Country.
				The four councils, working with West Midlands Police, are returning to the High Court on Thursday 13 May to seek the injunction which, if granted, would forbid people from participating in, attending, promoting, organising or publicising a car cruise (the act of drivers of cars, motorbikes or quadbikes meeting to race or show off in their vehicles) in the Black Country.
5703_187662224615080_3953162394731692	2021-04-22T12:01:55+00:00	Wolverhampton Today	Wolverhampton Today	The proposed injunction would replace one which expired in February. It had been in force for six years and had helped dramatically reduce instances of car cruising across the region.
				The hearing will take place remotely because of coronavirus restrictions. People are invited to submit comments and observations regarding car cruising and the application for a new injunction by emailing litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk by 4pm on Tuesday 4 May, 2021. Comments received will be presented as evidence to the High Court.
				Please click http://orlo.uk/9aYtR to read more. For further details of the application, including full terms of the proposed injunction and evidence in support of the application, please visit www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/carcruisinginjunction.

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5700_1385202226004693001	2021-04-22T12:02:01+00:00	Wolves Council	WolvesCouncil	Car cruising: @WolvesCouncil, @dudleymbc, @sandwellcouncil, @WalsallCouncil & @WMPolice have applied for a new High Court injunction to ban "car cruising" in the Black Country. Full story: https://t.co/2IBcW6miL9. More info: https://t.co/YCfHSOr9FH (1/3) https://t.co/BIFkcYlWRd
5700_1385202355801661441	2021-04-22T12:02:32+00:00	Wolves Council	WolvesCouncil	If granted, the car cruising injunction would forbid people from participating in, attending, promoting, organising or publicising a car cruise (the act of drivers of cars, motorbikes or quadbikes meeting to race or show off in their vehicles) in the Black Country (2/3)
5700_1385202406070308865	2021-04-22T12:02:44+00:00	Wolves Council	WolvesCouncil	The case will be heard by the High Court on 13 May. To submit comments and observations regarding car cruising and the application for a new injunction, please email litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk by 4pm on Tuesday 4 May, 2021. Comments will be presented to the High Court. (3/3)
5700_1385255555879612416	2021-04-22T15:33:55+00:00	Gaz	gazvilla2010	@WolvesCouncil Itâ€™s a shame and waste of time that this has to be applied for. Surely it should just be illegal and anyone speeding should face strong punishment.

ID	Timestamp	Author Name	Handle	Message Content
5703_3972834382764493_3977575928957005	2021-04-30T22:51:24+00:00	Ni FaolÃ¡in Andriana	Ni FaolÃ¡in Andriana	Oldbury rd blackheath Meeting to view others cars...fine
5703_3972834382764493_3972904349424163	2021-04-29T08:44:26+00:00	Tracy Wilkes	Tracy Wilkes	Racing round estates at high speeds acting irresponsibly NOT FINE !!
5703_3972834382764493_3975445635836701	2021-04-30T05:29:19+00:00	Sue Tom Hall	Sue Tom Hall	I live in Harrison Road off Brettel Lane DY8, and they drive up and down at extremely high speeds! Residents in our road are mainly old people and the danger is extremely high. We have had one car written off because of people racing down our road, we desperately need some sort of action, maybe speed bumps or at least penalty notices or cameras, or someone is most definitely going to get killed!
5703_3972834382764493_3978189892228942	2021-05-01T05:01:28+00:00	Laura Pullen	Laura Pullen	So are controlled meets allowed? We had many of them down south. Police happy to attend, i agree banning the racing about for sure but showing off a car in a controlled car park literally isnt an issue?
5703_3972834382764493_3972927162755215	2021-04-29T08:57:31+00:00	Wayne Brown	Wayne Brown	Mick O'Mahoney there is places. Called race tracks. Not public streets
5703_3972834382764493_3972940489420549	2021-04-29T09:04:28+00:00	Reece Sewell	Reece Sewell	Cruising is fine racing is the issue
5703_3972834382764493_3973098676071397	2021-04-29T10:30:38+00:00	Keith Bond	Keith Bond	Wayne Brown then you donâ€™t understand what cruising is
5703_3972834382764493_3973217276059537	2021-04-29T11:30:58+00:00	Zeus Maximus	Zeus Maximus	The definition of cruising.
5703_3972834382764493_3973380422709889	2021-04-29T12:49:58+00:00	Andy Finch	Andy Finch	It's not just kids....I've seen 40yera old blokes taking part !
5703_3972834382764493_3974184825962782	2021-04-29T18:46:50+00:00	David Mattey	David Mattey	Get it every night on the Upper High Street in Cradley Heath. Do we see the police about? Do we heck! Just ban every activity that doesn't involve paying tax to this evolving oppressive machine that is fast destroying society. Judges and doo-gooders have been allowed to much control.
5703_3972834382764493_3974605805920684	2021-04-29T22:23:42+00:00	John Kennedy	John Kennedy	I feel for the next generation
5703_3972834382764493_3972919349422663	2021-04-29T08:52:54+00:00	Mick O'Mahoney	Mick O'Mahoney	Instead of banning everything why not find a way for these kids to do their thing ?
				People have until 4pm on Tuesday (4 May) to submit comments and observations regarding an application for a new High Court injunction to ban car cruising in the Black Country. To do so, please email litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk. Comments received will be presented as evidence to the court. Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall councils, working in partnership with West Midlands Police, are returning to the High Court on 13 May to seek a new injunction banning car cruising - defined as the act of drivers of cars, motorbikes or quadbikes meeting to race or show off in their vehicles - in the region. If granted, it will forbid people from participating in, attending, promoting, organising or publicising a car cruise event. Anyone ignoring the injunction may be arrested, face penalties such as up to two years' imprisonment or an unlimited fine, or have their assets seized.
5703_187662224615080_3972834382764493	2021-04-29T08:06:04+00:00	Wolverhampton Today	Wolverhampton Today	Please click http://orlo.uk/NXT9R to read the full story. For more information about the application, including details of full terms of the proposed injunction and evidence in support of the application, please visit www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/carcruisinginjunction.
5703_3972834382764493_3978473302200601	2021-05-01T08:07:22+00:00	Chris Hulse	Chris Hulse	Most cars are speeding around today, hardly anyone sticks to the speed limit.

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5700_1387679590928224261	2021-04-29T08:06:10+00:00	Wolves Council	WolvesCouncil	People have until 4pm on Tues 4 May to submit comments about @WolvesCouncil @dudleymbc @sandwellcouncil @WalsallCouncil @WMPolice application for High Court injunction to ban #CarCruising in Black Country. Email litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk. Full story: https://t.co/3r9NqFcb8y https://t.co/pXdj3fq2nV
5700_1387713080277311489	2021-04-29T10:19:15+00:00	Shamir Ahmed Ali âžį	MuslimShamir	@WolvesCouncil @dudleymbc @sandwellcouncil @WalsallCouncil @WMPolice Hello
5700_1387717079881723906	2021-04-29T10:35:09+00:00	ðŸ‡³ðŸ‡¬ ðŸ danny is not BAME ðŸ'œðŸ‡¨ðŸ‡²	dannydarkspace_	@WolvesCouncil @dudleymbc @sandwellcouncil @WalsallCouncil @WMPolice There's a lot of penises in that hashtag
5700_1387727008029872131	2021-04-29T11:14:36+00:00	Mattfrontlineworker	Mattfrontlinew1	@WolvesCouncil @WMPolice @dudleymbc @sandwellcouncil @WalsallCouncil About time it was band thats good news
5700_1387792947056414721	2021-04-29T15:36:37+00:00	David Beckett	ddjdaveb	@WolvesCouncil @Walsallpolice @dudleymbc @sandwellcouncil @WalsallCouncil @WMPolice The definition of crusing is driving for pleasure. You don't have the power to stop that. You have tried to redefine it. But every sign in the black country is wrong. And your calling racing the wrong thing

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22867_17917925677646966	2021-04-29T12:45:48+00:00	splash3d.1	splash3d.1	Free my guy just doing something he loves donâ€™t think he will want to hurt anyone
22867_17896761272000071	2021-04-29T08:06:18+00:00	wolverhampton_today	wolverhampton_today	People have until 4pm on Tuesday 4 May to submit comments & observations about application for High Court injunction to ban #CarCruising in Black Country. Please email litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk. Comments received will be presented as evidence. Link to full story is in our bio.
22867_17871261191488048	2021-04-29T16:46:39+00:00	1shyflex	1shyflex	Give the people somewhere to go then....because this is a Silly way of wasting tax money . Find a way to invest into a safe spot.. Everyone loves to watch a good race safely, and it brings in revenue if structured correctly .

C. SECTION C - Witness Statements on Behalf of West Midlands Police

i) Statement of: I Green
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO:

B E T W E E N:

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimants

and

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT IAN GREEN

I, *Ian Green* of West Midlands Police, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Chief Superintendent Ian Green and I am employed by West Midlands Police. I am the Force Strategic Lead for Anti-Social Behaviour and illegal street racing and car cruising, which has been a significant force issue for the past few years.

2. I have been asked to provide a statement in relation to the issues of illegal street racing and car cruising across the Black Country both prior to the injunction lapsing and since it has lapsed.

3. I have also been leading on the West Midlands Police's response to policing the pandemic and the illegal street racing and gathering has been a considerable threat to the UK's fight against Covid-19.

4. In making this statement I have had sight of my Officer PC Campbell's statement so will not repeat the content of his statement.

5. In relation to illegal street racing I have been seeking to tackle this for the past 2 years through a number of approaches including targeting the drivers, passengers and crowds through numerous high profile policing operations where large numbers have been breached and or communicated with around the restrictions of the injunctions. This has been a proportionate, escalating response ranging from warning letters, contact with insurance companies through to summons and arrests.

6. Illegal street racing is generating one of the largest Anti-Social issues across our region and wider due to the large numbers of participants and their desire to race and gather despite legal powers being in place. This issue over the last 2 years had seen a 30% reduction following the proactive warning letters and operations prior to Covid restrictions coming into place.

7. Since Covid Lockdowns we have seen a commitment by the racers and crowds to gather and continue to race and they have even encouraged this during the pandemic claiming the roads would be quieter, clearly showing that they understand the risk to other road users from their behaviour.

8. A key moment has been the removal of the Black Country injunction from the 1st February where we have seen a marked increase in both the numbers gathering and racing and the frequency across the whole of the Black Country, Birmingham and Solihull.

9. The impact has been significant not only on the pandemic with vehicles mixing households and crowds gathering but more importantly to the ever growing affected residents. There are huge numbers of the public who are reaching the end of their tether and are emailing and complaining around the health and mental impact of the noise and danger caused by those intent on racing illegally and dangerously. A quote from one family is below;

"The impact on the mental health of the family has been significant. My husband already suffers with anxiety and depression, he is having to take additional medication that he would otherwise not need in order to get some sleep. Our daughter has a health condition and consequently is unable to work

full-time. She suffers from fatigue as well as many other symptoms, however she is trying to make the best of life as she can and is currently also studying as part of an apprenticeship. She is, however, struggling to be able to cope with getting up for work and study due to the lack of sleep this car cruising is continually causing. Others no doubt are suffering even more with their own mental health due to this ongoing anti-social behaviour, especially considering how long this has continued to go on for, we now fear that it has the potential to lead to serious consequences for some vulnerable people."

10. We have seen an increase in accidents associated with illegal street racing with sheer luck we are yet to see a fatality from either the group or an innocent member of the public caught up in the activity.

11. West Midlands Police are committed to policing this activity and the injunction is vital to support the work around both enforcing against the illegal street racers but also the crowds and spectators who we are seeking to divert prior to full breaches to try to educate people in the inherent dangers of this activity as borne out in areas such as Stevenage recently.

12. The impact across our communities is significant as is the demand placed on police and local authorities to this wreck less and dangerous behaviour.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed [signature] **Date** 9/4/21

Print name in full IAN GREEN

Statement filed on behalf of:Dudley MBC
Statement of: J Edwards
Statement No:
Dated :
Exhibits : ***"JJE1"***
Filed:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: A90BM228

BETWEEN:

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

APPLICANTS

- and -

PERSONS UNKNOWN

RESPONDENTS

WITNESS STATEMENT OF
PC 0544 JONATHAN EDWARDS

I, PC 0544 JONATHAN EDWARDS, of West Midlands Police, will say as follows:-

1. I am employed as a Police Constable with West Midlands Police. Since October 2018, my role has been as an ASB officer based in the Partnerships Team at Brierley Hill Police Station. One of my duties

2. On 22/11/2019, I conducted a site visits in the Dudley borough to check that the injunction signage was in place and all were still in a

clear readable condition. All the large metal signs on the main roads were in order with no fading or damage.

3. Operation Hercules, the police operation to monitor car cruising activities in the Dudley Borough is ongoing. The lead officer (Silver Commander) responsible for Operation Hercules is Chief Superintendent Ian Green .

4. On checking the Command and Control system for logs relating to vehicles and anti-social behaviour since the injunction lapsed at the end of January 2021, there appears to be a few 'hotspots' for these activities in the Dudley Borough and these are Manor Way, Halesowen, Mill Race Lane, Stourbridge, Stourbridge Ring Road and the car park at the rear of Showcase Cinema, Dudley.

5. Between 3rd February 2021 and 5th April 2021 are **196** logs which make reference to vehicles and include an element of anti-social behaviour, e.g. excess speed, racing, aggressive driving, or revving engines. The majority of the logs, 154 in total, relate to car cruise activities along Manor Way, Halesowen and include a reference to '*boy racers*'. Many of these logs relate to the same incident reported by numerous people. To assist the court I have provided a brief summary of the Oasis logs for the period 3rd February 2021 to 5th April 2021 below : -

Date	No. of logs	Location	Details
03.02.21	1 1 2	Tack Farm Rd, Wordsley Aston Road, Dudley Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Male racing car at rear of houses. Road rage, fighting and cars racing. Two reports of vehicles racing at speed
04.02.21	1	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Report of drag racing
05.02.21	1	Stourbridge Road, Dudley	Report of cars racing at high speed
06.02.21	3	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	3 reports of multiple vehicles racing. One report referred to approx.. 20 spectators watching the racing.
07.02.21	1	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Reports of cars racing at high speed, reported to be in excess of 100mph.
10.02.21	1	Asda, Cornbow, Halesowen	Report of 10 – 15 vehicles racing around car park. One male reported to have exposed himself to

			caller.
11.02.21	1 4	Duncan Edwards Way, Dudley Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Officers issued Sec 59 warning for excess speed 4 reports of vehicles racing. One log refers to vehicles driving in excess of 100mph, another makes mention of loud engines and lots of fireworks.
12.02.21	1 1	Bath Road, Stourbridge Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Report of 3 cars speeding and jumping red traffic lights. Report of boy racers. Starts with 3 cars and can be up to 10.
13.02.21	19	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Numerous reports of multiple vehicles racing along Manor Way at high speed, driving erratically, letting off fireworks and general noise.
14.02.21	9	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Numerous reports of multiple vehicles racing along Manor Way. Reported constant noise from loud exhausts, revving engines, wheel spinning and racing.
15.02.21	1	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Report that boy racers had started arriving at location

16.02.21	1	Stourbridge Train Station car park	Report of 2 cars racing and doing donuts plus 2 motorbikes and riders have no helmets.
18.02.21	1	Hagley Road, Halesowen **A456**	Report of ongoing issue of racing at midnight.
	1	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Report of boy racers in attendance on Manor Way, letting off fireworks.
20.02.21	1	Dobbins Oak Road, Wollescote	Report of off road bike racing on the highway
	1	Cochrane Road, Dudley	Report of off road bike racing on the highway.
	2	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Two reports of 40-50 boy racers meeting on the Shell Garage, Manor Way.
	1	Co-Op Supermarket, Dibdale Road, Dudley	Report of large group of people on the car park, racing cars and playing loud music.
21.02.21	1	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Reports of boy racers driving dangerously and driving in excess

			of 100mph
22.02.21	3	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Reports of multiple vehicles driving at speed
23.02.21	4 1	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456** Tesco Extra, Castle Gate Way, Dudley	Four reports of vehicles racing at speed, doing circuits along the dual carriageway. Report of youths in cars meeting, smoking drugs and causing a nuisance, racing up and down in the car park.
24.02.21	1	Russells Hall Road, Dudley	Report of two vehicles racing
26.02.21	1 1	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456** Sedgley Golf Course, Sandyfields Road, Sedgley	Report of boy racers Report of 3 vehicles observed driving over the golf course. Possible car cruising
27.02.21	1	Peel Street, Dudley	Report of 2 vehicle RTC involving vehicles engaging in racing
28.02.21	14	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Numerous reports of multiple vehicles racing at high speed

	1	Castle Hill, Dudley	Report of off road motorbike on nature reserve
01.03.21	1 1	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456** Windsor Grove, Wordsley	Report of vehicles racing along Manor Way Report of a large party with HGV racing up and down
05.03.21	1	Tesco Extra, Castle Gate Way, Dudley	Report of 7 – 10 cars and a white van racing around car park and beeping horns. Nearly ran over caller as she returned her trolley
06.03.21	1	Tesco Extra, Castle Gate Way, Dudley	Report of a number of vehicles racing around car park nearly knocking caller over.
07.03.21	10	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Numerous reports of street racing. One caller stated that it appeared to be organised street racing
08.03.21	1	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Report of car cruisers blocking road
10.03.21	1	Tesco Extra, Castle Gate Way, Dudley	Report of vehicles queuing up, revving engines, doing tricks and speeding around car park.
11.03.21	4	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Reports of a large amount of vehicles racing up and down at

			dangerous speeds and letting off fireworks.
11.03.21	1	Amenity space adj to Lawnswood Pub, Wordsley	Report of vehicles revving engines, racing and playing loud music.
12.02.21	1	Tesco Extra, Castle Gate Way, Dudley	Report of 20 cars racing in car park and occupants smoking weed.
13.03.21	1	Redhall Road, Lower Gornal	Report of vehicle with window smashed and bumper hanging off racing along Redhall Road.
14.03.21	4	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Reports of approx.. 30 boy racers on Shell petrol station and racing along Manor Way.
15.03.21	8	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Reports of multiple vehicles racing along carriageway at high speed.
	1	Tesco Extra, Castle Gate Way, Dudley	Report of approx.. 25 vehicles driving around the car park and a strong smell of cannabis.
17.03.21	19	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Numerous reports of lots of vehicles racing along the

			carriageway at high speed. One caller reported seeing a male on the central reservation taking photographs.
18.03.21	2	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Reports of street racing
19.03.21	1	Tesco Extra, Castle Gate Way, Dudley	Report of in excess of 30 vehicles racing around the car park and a strong smell of drugs.
20.03.21	2	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Reports of car cruising along Manor Way.
21.03.21	3	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Reports of around 20 cars travelling at high speeds and racing along carriageway.
24.03.21	1 2	Fountain Pub, Temple Street, Lower Gornal Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Report of large group of Europeans racing around a in a car Reports of boy racers on Manor Way driving at speed and setting off fireworks.
25.03.21	1	High Street, Lye	Report of noisy Mercedes cruising the area, parking on zig zags and driving at speed. Reference to boy racer

	1	Hillfields Road, Brierley Hill	Report of street race – vehicles racing between Hillfields Rd and Peters Hill School.
25.03.21	2	Tesco Extra, Castle Gate Way, Dudley	Reports of up to 30 vehicles racing around the car park and playing loud music.
	1	St Johns Road, Stourbridge	Report of boy racers racing around the ring road.
26.03.21	2	Tesco Extra, Castle Gate Way, Dudley	Reports of 40-50 boy racers on the car park plus spectators. Nearly hit callers 5 year old daughter.
	3	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Reports of vehicles doing laps of the area at speed and racing.
27.03.21	1	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Received email reporting boy racers on Manor Way
	1	Warwick Road, Netherton	Report of 5 scrambler motorbikes doing wheelies and racing on the road and on the grass outside the houses.
	1	Jcn of Cradley Rd	Call regarding vehicles racing

		and Halesowen Rd, Netherton	
27.03.21	1	Tesco Extra, Castle Gate Way, Dudley	Report of approx. 40 vehicles on the car park racing and playing loud music. Caller reported nearly being run over
28.03.21	6	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Several reports of street racing, up to 20 vehicles with loud exhausts racing along the carriageway.
29.03.21	2	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Reports of street racing at dangerous speeds along Manor Way and males congregating at the Shell Garage.
30.03.21	1	High Street, Stourbridge	Report of vehicles doing donuts and racing around the ring road at speed.
31.03.21	2	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Reports of street racing
	1	Mill Race Lane, Stourbridge	Report of cars racing
02.04.21	1	Stourbridge Bus Station	Report of youths racing around the bus station on mopeds.
03.04.21	1	High Street, Lye	Car speeding up and down and

03.04.21	2	Tesco Extra, Castle Gate Way, Dudley	parking on pedestrian crossing Reports of up to 25 boy racers on the car park, one of whom was reported to have driven into a concrete pillar.
04.04.21	16	Manor Way, Halesowen **A456**	Numerous reports of high powered cars street racing on Manor Way. Report of up to 50 vehicles meeting at the Shell petrol station.
05.04.21	1	Mill Race Lane, Stourbridge	Report of 10 vehicles engaging in street racing.

7. In January 2021, following numerous reports of car cruise activities in the Mill Race Lane area of Stourbridge, police response teams targeted the area, stopped drivers suspected of being involved and issued warnings if appropriate. On 31st January 2021 around 6.00pm, a driver, who had previously been issued with a warning, was observed wheel spinning on a car park in Mill Race Lane. His vehicle was subsequently seized and impounded. A newspaper article from the Stourbridge News dated 11th February 2021 relating to this operation is attached hereto and marked **"JJE1".**

8. On 21st February 2021 and 3rd April 2021, Officers from West Midlands Police carried out dedicated Operation Hercules Patrols at Mill Race Lane, Stourbridge and Manor Way Halesowen in response to multiple complaints of street racing in these areas. No street racing activities were observed during these patrols.

9. The injunction is required to protect law abiding members of the public and businesses who have suffered for many years from the negative impact of car cruising. I believe it is vital that strong action is taken to prevent car cruises taking place and to deter those who are considering taking part in this activity. Since the injunction lapsed at the end of January 2021, reports of car cruise activities in the Dudley borough have increased and I believe they will continue to do so unless the order is renewed.

9. For the above reasons I fully support the extension of this Injunction within Dudley and the Black Country.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed PC 0544. **Date** 13/01/21.

Print name in full JONATHAN EDWARDS

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Statement of: JJ Edwards
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The following document is referred to in the Statement of PC Jon Edwards as **"JJE1"**

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"JJE1"

Boy racers targeted in crackdown

POLICE say they have stepped up efforts to try to crackdown on 'boy racers' who have been meeting on car parks off Mill Race Lane in Stourbridge.

Residents whose homes back onto the area have long complained about the problem which they say has kept them awake at night.

Police, however, have been making moves to tackle the problem and say neighbourhood officers, supported by response teams, have been targeting drivers in the area and have issued numerous warnings over the past month.

On January 31, just after 6pm, a vehicle was stopped by officers after it was spotted wheel-spinning on a car park off Mill Race Lane.

Stourbridge PCSO Neal Hunt said the driver had been given a warning in December for driving in an anti-social manner so the vehicle was seized and impounded and he added: "We will continue to take positive action when needed."

Police are urging residents to notify them on 101 if they have any issues with drivers congregating in their area.

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i) Statement of: M Campbell
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits: MRC1

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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CLAIM NO: F90BM019

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF PC MARK CAMPBELL

I, PC 6018 Mark Campbell of West Midlands Police WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Police Constable 6018 Mark Campbell and I am employed by West Midlands Police. I am the West Midlands Police single point of contact (SPOC) in regards to car cruising/street racing issues within the West Midlands area; I have held this position for approximately 2 years.

2. I have been asked to provide a statement in relation to the increased street racing/car cruising activity within the Black Country area since the Car cruising injunction lapsed on February 1st 2021.

3. I was made aware on Monday 1st of February a decision was made not to renew the previous injunction due to an on-going appeal in the High Court. This information was then reported on various Midlands News outlets, including Birmingham Live. The head line read "Boy racers plan to "hit Black Country streets" as car cruising injunction lapses." I have copied some of the quotes within this news article, which read as follows,

But car enthusiast said it was 'about time' the 'unfair' injunction couldn't be used against them.

"There is going to be a lot more activity at night," the 28-year-old told BlackCountryLive.

"The police won't be able to touch us now - so we're going to make the most of it"

"There has been a lot of talk online and through private groups following the announcement that the order will run out." He added: "We can finally go out without being hit by some unfair restrictions - I know lots of people will be doing the same thing."

4. I was fully aware of the ramifications of this news and how it would be interpreted by the various street racing organisers. Within minutes of the release of the lapsing of the Black Country injunction, street racing organising groups within the Instagram social media platform, posted messages such as " The black county is going to get smashed now" and "Free to race, the Police can't do shit now".

5, I was also aware that after Policing a number of the street racing meets, directly after the lapse of the Injunction, the majority of racers truly believed that the Section 222 High Court Car cruising injunction had been throughout the whole of the West Midlands area, including the Birmingham & Solihull Section 222 injunctions, hence this has had a knock on effect throughout the West Midlands Police force area. Since the lapse of the Black Country Sec 222 Injunction I have seen a large increase of street racing/Anti-social use of vehicles reported to the Police. I have produced the below chart detailing the calls to service from members of the public in the four Black Country local authority areas.

The chart shows call to service on January 2021 before the lapsing of the injunction and the two months since. The main areas of concern are Dudley and Sandwell. The worst hit area is Sandwell, in January the calls to Police jumped from 44 to 137 in February, an increase of 93 calls from the previous month. This is a clear indicator of the increased activities of the street racers.

		Dudley Calls to service	Sandwell Calls to service	Walsall Calls to service	Wolverhampton Calls to service
2021	January	36	44	26	14
	February	89	137	12	21
	March(to 19th)	60	47	22	16

West Midlands Police are continuing to Police the street racing activities, but I feel that the renewal of Black Countries Sec 222 High Court injunction is imperative to curb the increased activities of Car cruising/ street racing with the Black Country Local authority area. I feel it is only a matter of time before West Midlands Police are investigating a multiple serious or fatal road traffic collision involving street racing and the renewal of the injunction can only help to reduce this risk.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed [signature] **Date** 25.3.21

Print name in full MARK CAMPBELL

D. SECTION D - Witness Statements on behalf of Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

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Statement of: S Haywood
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WITNESS STATEMENT OF SUE HAYWOOD

IN SUPPORT OF EXTENSION OF CAR CRUISING INJUNCTION Hearing 13th May 2021

I, SUE HAYWOOD, Head of Community Safety, will say as follows:-

1. I am employed by Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council as Head of Community Safety. I have held this position for 9 years. As the Borough's strategic lead for community safety part of my role is to ensure that Dudley is a safe place to live, work and visit and to work collaboratively across the West Midlands region in respect of community safety issues.

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2. I understand that the car cruising injunction lapsed on 1st February 2021 following the hearing before HHJ Kelly. The following is a statement outlining what I consider to be the main potential risks to Dudley if a fresh injunction is not granted by the court.

3. I was involved with supporting the preparation of proceedings in relation to the injunction application that was made to the High Court in 2014 which saw the four Black Country Councils (Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton) seeking an injunction to prevent "car cruising" across the four local authority areas. The injunction was granted by His Honour Judge Owen QC, sitting as a High Court Judge, on 1st December 2014 and came into force on 2nd February 2015. This was extended in January 2018 and continued, with annual court reviews, until February 2021. I have remained involved with this injunction throughout its life.

4. I am firmly of the view that, whilst car cruising activities appear to have reduced as a result of this injunction, and related committal actions, the problem has not disappeared. In fact it does appear to have spread to new areas within the borough recently. There are currently seven areas with the borough of Dudley, where car cruising has continued to take place. These are; Flood Street carpark, Tesco (Burnt Tree Island, Castle Gate, Dudley) car park, Stourbridge ring road and Birmingham new road, Priory Road in Dudley, the Castlegate Cinema car park,

Tesco carpark has now been closed temporarily and that this has served to deter car cruising activities at this location, although we have received some very recent police reports (April 2021) that gatherings of racers has started again at this location.. I understood that, from recent discussions with the management team at this Tesco store, that once the car park re-opens (and I am not aware that this is imminent), the problem is likely to return. For example in excess of fifty vehicles gathered here on successive weekends on 9th and 16th February 2020, and as the breaches of the injunction were considered to be relatively minor (noise, littering, gathering in groups), we invited these individuals on a Driver Safety Course, run by the Fire Service, and four such courses took place in November 2020. I can confirm that the legal team in Dudley Council intend to meet with the police and Tesco in the coming months to review what further steps can be taken to eradicate this problem. I understand from police that there have not been any reported incidents at Flood Street car park, Priory Road or Showcase Cinema for several months.

5. I would also make the point that car cruising seems now to be occurring along the main A456 near Manor Way, Halesowen. This is a fast, straight dual carriage way, close to Birmingham and the M5 motorway. I have been made aware that up to 50 vehicles can gather here by the adjacent Shell Petrol station, and then to drive at high speed along the carriageway, often racing each other. Besides being extremely dangerous, this is having a very detrimental effect on the

lives of local residents and businesses. I am aware that one of the residents of Manor Way has provided a statement setting out the nature of the problem, how it appears to have worsened during this period of "lockdown", and subsequent to the lapse of the injunction in early February 2021. I am aware that she is frightened of some of the participants following an altercation between another resident and a group of racers. I am also aware that many of the residents of a nearby residential home for the elderly are affected by this behaviour, with the residents being disturbed in particular by the noise of revving engines at night. Some of them find this frightening.

6. I am aware that the residents of Manor Way have now formed a resident's association and are in ongoing discussions with local Dudley MBC elected members, the local police and the MP for the area, James Morris. Having attended a meeting of the group, chaired by Mr Morris MP, on 9th April, I can confirm that the residents are extremely concerned at the frequency of gatherings of racers (2/3 times per week, especially at weekends), and the numbers of vehicles involved (up to 50). They seemed to be attracted by the fast, straight stretch of road, easy proximity to the motorway and Birmingham, and the perceived lack of consequences following the lapse of the earlier injunction in February. Mr Morris MP expressed real concern at this behaviour and has offered to lend his support in whatever way is most useful. It was clear from this meeting that the local police are working hard to address the problem in the interim through use of aerial drones

to gather information, writing to participants and/or their insurers, use of Covid-19 regulations that prohibited social gathering, setting up a "Speedwatch" scheme involving local residents, impounding vehicles and the possible installation of extra cameras on the forecourt of the Shell station. However it was strongly felt at this meeting that such measures would better supplement the injunction rather than operate in its stead.

7. I have also been made aware that some residents of Manor Way have also reported that these activities now attract spectators. A resident ("AS") has emailed my colleague, Deana Bradley, to confirm this and provided photographic evidence. This is exhibited to my statement and marked "**SH1**".

8. I have also received supporting emails from another resident of Manor Way "DP", and "RP", and these are exhibited to this statement and marked "**SH2**" and "**SH3**".

9. I am aware that the residents of Manor Way have formed a petition in support of this injunction and this is exhibited to this statement and marked "**SH4**".

10. I can confirm that the local MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis, James Morris, has also been contacted by his constituents regarding this issue and is keen to support this cause in whatever way he can.

Mr Morris has written to us in support of this injunction and a copy of his email is exhibited to this statement and marked **"SH5 "**

11. I am also aware of some recent car cruising activity around the ring road in Stourbridge. This road is attractive to street racers as there are three lanes, it is difficult for traffic police to pull drivers over, and there is a meeting point near the McDonalds and KFC restaurants on Mill Race Lane (just off the Ring Road) I understand the police continue to monitor these locations under the auspices of Operation Hercules and I can confirm that legal representatives of DMBC, and the police, have met with business owners in Mill Race Lane to discuss these problems. These businesses were concerned at the numbers of young people gathering in cars in the small car park off Mill Race Lane, playing loud music, revving engines etc. However none of the businesses complained of being affected directly as these activities tend to occur at night after these businesses close for the evening. However I have more recently become aware that some residents in Amblecote (and who live near the car park) are being affected by the late night noise generated by these vehicles.

12. During 2019 I became aware of a growing problem along Ednam Road in Dudley town centre, towards the Priory. This was brought to the attention of local police by Dudley College, whose campus is located is Ednam Road. Groups of youths, probably students at the college, were seen driving at speed along this road, and causing a danger to local

people. I understand from the College that following warning letters and attendance at a Driver Safety Course in November 2019, this is currently no longer a problem.

13. I also understand that PC Jon Edwards has recently carried out a review of signage, most signs are still in place although some have become damaged or fallen. These signs are in the process of being replaced, additional signage has been purchased to be deployed to "new locations".

14. I continue to support this Black Country Injunction because, if we do not have this in place in Dudley, groups of car cruisers may visit Dudley as a result of being displaced from other areas. Whilst it is the case that we prefer to have a range of remedies available to us (eg warning letters, writing to insurers, providing driver safety courses), we also wish to have the continuing benefit of this injunction, both to protect us from the problem of displacement from other areas, and because we may wish to seek to use the injunction (by way of committal proceedings) against certain individuals for more serious breaches, or where these individuals are found to repeat their bad behaviour despite earlier warnings etc.

15. I am pleased to report that since the much publicised Black Country Car Cruising Injunction came into force on 2nd February, 2015 car cruising has reduced. However, sadly car cruising has not ceased and car cruising still causes harassment, harm and distress in Dudley as

well as in other Boroughs within the Black Country. It is also clear to me that, since the injunction lapsed in February 2021, car cruising has increased again, in the areas mentioned above.

16. The injunction is in place to protect law abiding members of the public and businesses who have suffered for many years from the negative impact of car cruising. I believe it is vital that strong action is taken to prevent car cruises taking place and to deter those who are considering taking part in this activity. This deterrent element is particularly important in light of the fact that, since April 2016, three young people have died in road traffic accidents, all within the borough of Dudley. I understand that activities prohibited by car cruising may have been a factor in at least one of these fatalities, namely the death of Ellie Underhill, aged 19 in December 2016, following a car cruising incident in the car park of Tesco Castlegate, Dudley. Three members of the group have received custodial sentences having been found guilty of causing death by dangerous driving.

17. The activity of car cruising is noisy, dangerous and illegal, obstructing highways and the premises bordering them, damaging property and puts spectators or other road users at risk of injury or worse. The noise of revving engines, car horns, racing cars and spectators, frequently disturbs local residents who are trying to sleep as well as those conducting commercial business.

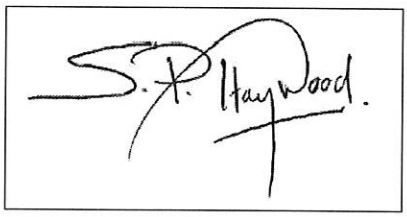
18. Large numbers of spectators can gather to watch the car cruising and often children are present amongst these spectator groups. Rowdy behaviour, shouting, foul language, criminal damage and littering are often a by product of the car cruises. I am particularly concerned that spectators may now be attracted to some of these events eg in Manor Way. This was not such an issue in Dudley previously.

19. For the above reasons I fully support this Injunction within Dudley and the Black Country, and believe it to be necessary to curb this behaviour.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed  **Date** 13/4/21

Print name in full SUE HAYWOOD

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The following document is referred to in the Statement of Sue Haywood as **"SH1"**

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"SH1"

From: e-mail arthursmith <arthursmith@blueyonder.co.uk>
Sent: 22 February 2021 08:36
To: Deanna Bradley (Law and Governance) <Deanna.Bradley@dudley.gov.uk>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Re: Car Cruise Injunction Review

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Good Morning Mrs Bradley

I hope you are staying safe.

I trust you are still working on your mission to extend the car crusie injunction, due to expire soon.

I thought you might like me to let you know that the cruising continues. Last night at 12.30 and the weekend 13th/14th about the same time. No spectators on these ocassions.

Normally it is necessary to telephone the police to have some action, but for these last two events they were on the scene within minutes rather than 15 mins or so and before I had time to telephone!.

They are either now patrolling or acting on prior intellegence probably under operation Hercules.

If your judge needs persuading perhaps he or she might wish to understand that this is an ongoing problem with which the police are involved and they should have all the help that the law provides.

Best Wishes

Arthur Smith

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"SH1"

Julian Boyle (Law and Governance)

From: Deanna Bradley (Law and Governance)
Sent: 25 January 2021 08:03
To: Julian Boyle (Law and Governance)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Car cruising on A456
Attachments: Photos sent in by Mrs Smith 25-01-21.docx

Hi Julian

I have received these photographs from Mrs Smith showing spectators standing on the central reservation of Manor Way watching cars racing. I have copied them to a Word document and turned them the right way up so they are easier to see.

Dee

From: Jill Smith
Sent: 22 January 2021 15:22
To: Deanna Bradley (Law and Governance)
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Car cruising on A456

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Herewith photos of spectators to car cruising

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The following document is referred to in the Statement of Sue Haywood as **"SH2"**

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"SH2"

Julian Boyle (Law and Governance)

From: David Palmer <davidpalmer.arm@gmail.com>
Sent: 12 April 2021 23:43
To: Julian Boyle (Law and Governance)
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Car Cruising injunction

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Dear Mr Boyle,

I would like to take this opporunity to express my feelings regarding the explosion of car crusing in the Halesowen area, since the injunction expired.
Car racing has always been on the A456 for as long as i have lived in the area, but since the injuction expred in February, the change has been immense and damaging.
I have lost count of the hours of sleep i have lost due to being woken up by the nightly racing, going on to 3 am on some nights. The lack of sleep has effected every member of the household, and is causing strain and making an already strained situation due to covid, much, much worse.
It is imperative this injunction is re-instated as soon as possible for the sanity of all the residents that live along the A456 and for the lives of the stupid drivers that think it is perfectly normal and legal to drive on a 50mph road, in exess of 130mph.

yours sincerely,

David Palmer

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Statement filed on behalf of:Dudley MBC
Statement of: S Haywood
Statement No: 1
Dated :
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: A90BM228

BETWEEN:

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APPLICANTS

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RESPONDENTS

EXHIBIT NOTICE

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"SH3"

Julian Boyle (Law and Governance)

From: Rachel Palmer <racheldpalmer@icloud.com>
Sent: 13 April 2021 09:26
To: Julian Boyle (Law and Governance)
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Car cruising injunction

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the council. Do not click links or open attachments unless you are sure the content is safe.

Hi Julian

We really need support to get the injunction in place in Halesowen and larger West Midlands to get some quiet again from the car cruising that we have to put up with since Covid-19 started and now got massively worse since the injunction stopped.

We used to just get issues with racing once a month in the summer when Covid started the roads were quiet so the car cruising had free roads to race all evening and all night.
We literally have it every night now and if I explain that even with all my double glazed doors shut and tv on I can still here them over that to the point I have to turn my tv up as so loud and I live 200 yards away from manor Way but through trees and houses in between.
When I try to go to sleep I can't because Of the noise of cars and exhausts, we can have 50/60 a night often.

I ended up starting the attached petition to get some idea how many people affected and to try to get some support from local councillors and James Morris.

This happened as similar to me their life is affected too and it's having such a negative impact on my mental health ! We were already stuck in out houses on lockdown but forced to listen to the noise and have no choice. We need your help

Here is the petition I started with over 800 signatures now.

https://www.change.org/p/james-morris-mp-stopping-car-cruising-on-the-a456-halesowen?fbclid=IwAR0MnjAx8_x1zcsoK4B-IExKDtXB8xAaoDe0AW6xsW1BD2U2TDtFFf0i6YM

Regards Rachel Palmer

Sent from my iPhone

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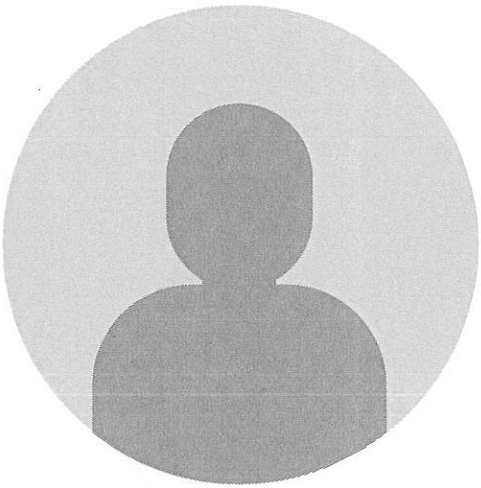
Petition details Comments Updates

Stopping car cruising on the A456 Halesowen

844 have signed. Let's get to 1,000!



Rachel P started this petition to James Morris MP and 3 others

Car Cruising on the A456 Manor Way was always a Summer problem, but now it's a winter too, and we are hearing cars and motorbikes racing till 2am in the morning every weekend.

It's now affecting my sleep as it's that loud and I don't actually live on the bypass.

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The neighbourhood are phoning the police every weekend and it's making life in Halesowen miserable because there are not any cameras or speed control in place.
Can the councillors and MP please support some traffic control to get this under control.

Start a petition of your own

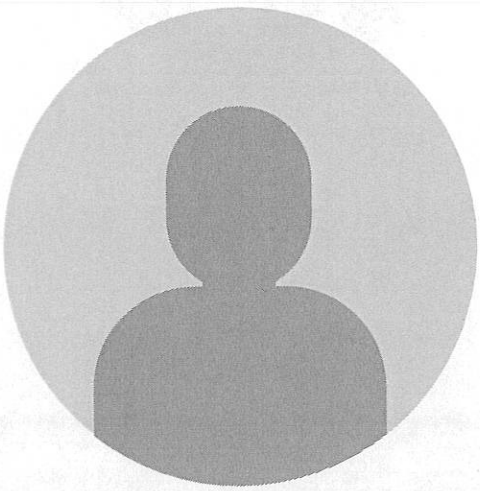
Start a petition of your own

This petition starter stood up and took action. Will you do the same?
Start a petition

Updates

1 month ago
750 supporters
3 months ago
Rachel P started this petition

Reasons for signing



'SH4'

Daniel Carter·3 months ago

I live near Manor Way

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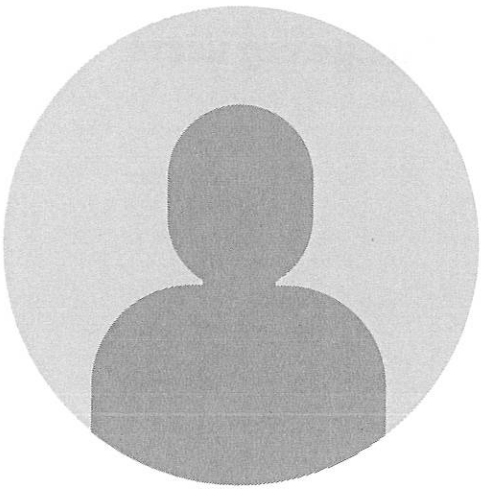
Report



Lorraine Newman·1 month ago

They are racing from Halesowen to Hagley and Stourbridge. I don't live that close to the roads and yet I can hear it quite clearly

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Report

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

James Morris MP

Halesowen and Rowley Regis

Julian Boyle
Solicitor
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
5 Ednam Road
Dudley
DY1 1HL

Our Ref: JA16852

13th April 2021

Dear Julian,

I am writing in regards to the problems being experienced by residents with car cruising on the A456 in Halesowen.

Between 2015 and December 2020, I received correspondence from five constituents, who had been in touch with me citing concerns in relation to vehicles travelling at excess speeds, and the safety of pedestrians crossing the A456 in Halesowen. However, since December 2020, I have been contacted by thirty-three constituents who have raised concerns about the particular problem of car-cruising on the A456, from Manor Way to the other end of the road in Hayley Green. Since February 2021, I have held five Teams meetings with a small group of these residents, police officers and representatives from the Local Authority, to gauge the impact that this is having on the lives of these residents and get an update on what action is being taken locally to alleviate the problem.

In January 2021, residents created a petition on change.org to request that greater action is taken to alleviate the problems being experienced with car cruising on the A456. I have publicised the petition on my Facebook page encouraging residents to sign it. I have also written to 1055 households on 27 different roads affected by car cruising at this location urging them to sign the petition and advising them to continue to report any incidents to the Police as and when they occur. I understand that at the time of writing the petition has 844 signatories, which demonstrates the strength of feeling on this issue.

I know that car cruising along this stretch of road has had a detrimental impact on the lives of affected residents. I am aware from my initial meeting with eight residents on this subject that incidents of car cruising have proliferated and are frequently occurring during daylight hours as well as at night.

The residents attending the online meetings advised that they are experiencing problems with noise pollution caused by the heavily modified vehicles and fireworks being let off to give an all-clear signal, and as a result their sleep is being interrupted by car cruising too. I have also received written correspondence from 25 constituents who claim that car cruising is causing noise nuisance, and 12 of whom have claimed that either themselves or their children have experienced sleep deprivation due to incidents of car cruising occurring late at night or in the early hours of the morning. One such resident explained that a lack of sleep caused by the loud noises emitted from the vehicles involved has worsened his underlying mental health condition and consequently his GP has increased his medication. The same resident explained that his daughter has a health condition that causes chronic fatigue, and incidents of car cruising have disturbed her sleep and exacerbated her condition.

I am aware that three constituents who have been in regular correspondence with me have been subjected to threats and intimidating behaviour from car cruisers, while they were gathering photos

and video evidence of car cruising to report it to the Police. During one such incident in March 2021, the Police had to intervene due to the verbal threats made against one resident, which caused her considerable upset and distress.

Yours sincerely,

James Morris MP

Constituency Office: 0121 550 6777 Parliamentary Office: 020 7219 8715
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Statement of: Pat Bradley
Statement No: 1
Dated:
Filed:

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APPLICANTS

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

RESPONDENTS

WITNESS STATEMENT OF PAT BRADLEY IN SUPPORT OF RENEWAL OF CAR CRUISING INJUNCTION

I, PAT BRADLEY, of 69 Robin Hood Road, Quarry Bank Brierley Hill West Midlands DY5 1BB, will say as follows:-

1. I am Pat Bradley of the address stated above. I have lived at this address for 37 years.

2. I make this statement to inform the Court of issues of anti-social behaviour caused by street racing at the Industrial Estate, off Hurst Lane, opposite the Merry Hill Shopping Centre in Brierley Hill and along the Pedmore Road (A4036), between the industrial estate and Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

3. Robin Hood Road, where I live, overlooks the Industrial Estate opposite the Merry Hill Centre. A few years ago, I was aware that racing cars was a big problem around the Merry Hill area, but this improved when the barriers were installed around the Centre. However, during for the past year or so I have regularly been disturbed in the evening by the sound of cars racing around the streets around the Industrial Estate and along the A4036 dual carriageway past the Merry Hill Centre and heading out towards Lye, Stourbridge. It sounds like several cars racing, revving engines and screeching tyres. It sounded to me like they were either doing donuts or u-turning at speed around the traffic lights in the area.

4. I have not noticed any pattern to the days that this nuisance occurs, but it is usually worse at the weekends. Although, since lockdown twelve months ago, this terrible nuisance behaviour has been less frequent but is still happening. I am not sure what time the car noise starts as I would not hear it until I turn my television off and go to bed around 10.00pm to10.30pm. The noise often continues for over an hour, until I eventually manage to fall asleep, so I do not know how long it continues for.

5. I am an advanced motorist, and I am able to tell from the sound of the engines that these vehicles are been driven way over the speed limit. I very sadly lost a sister-in-law and three-year-old nephew leaving me as a guardian for her surviving daughter as the result of a vehicle related accident caused by excess speed, so I am very aware of the tragic consequences that can result because of this type of activity.

6. The noise from this street racing nuisance is distressing to me as the loud engines/exhausts make it hard to relax or sleep. Particularly, as I suffer from cancer and receiving medical treatment, I have difficulty remembering the exact times and dates of incidents. I am also very worried that there could be a crash and more seriously someone could be injured or die due to the dangerous and high-speed driving.

7. I can confirm that I whole heatedly support the Council in its continued efforts to prohibit car cruising. I believe that if the Court Order is not renewed these activities will become an even more regular occurrence, particularly as lockdown restrictions are being eased and could ultimately result in someone being seriously injured or killed. It is also necessary so that my family and other residents in the locality can live a normal life and not have to suffer from this nuisance.

8. For the above reasons I fully support the renewal of this Injunction within Dudley and the Black Country.

9. I believe the facts stated in this statement to be true. I understand that proceedings for contempt may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed ..... *Date* .....

Print Name in Full : ....PATRICIA ANN BRADLEY.....

Signature .....

Pat Bradley

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7. I can confirm that I whole heatedly support the Council in its continued efforts to prohibit car cruising. I believe that if the Court Order is not renewed these activities will become an even more regular occurrence, particularly as lockdown restrictions are being eased and could ultimately result in someone being seriously injured or killed. It is also necessary so that my family and other residents in the locality can live a normal life and not have to suffer from this nuisance.

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Name of Claimant: Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed ..... *Date* .....

Print Name in Full : ....PATRICIA ANN BRADLEY.....

Signature 11/4/2021

Pat Bradley

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Statement of: Faye Willetts
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RESPONDENTS

WITNESS STATEMENT OF FAYE WILLETTS

IN SUPPORT OF RENEWAL OF CAR CRUISING INJUNCTION

I, FAYE WILLETTS, of 18 Raddens Road, Halesowen, B62 0AR, will say as follows:-

1. I am Faye Willetts of the address stated above. I have lived at this address for 10 years along with my husband.

2. I am giving this statement regarding issues of anti-social behaviour caused by street racing along Manor Way (A456), Halesowen.

3. Manor Way, Halesowen, known as the A456, is a major route from Junction 3 of the M5 motorway towards Halesowen in the Dudley borough. Manor Way is a relatively straight dual carriageway with varying speed limits of between 70 and 40 mph.

4. My home is on one of the many housing estates close to Manor Way. Having lived here for many years, I am accustomed to a certain level of traffic noise from Manor Way. However, towards the latter part of Summer 2020 I noticed that the noise from Manor Way had increased considerably during weekend evenings, and in particular on a Sunday evening. It sounded like numerous individuals were engaging in road racing activities, revving engines and driving at very high speeds.

5. Although my view of Manor Way is restricted I am able to make out vehicle headlights and it is clear to me that individuals are using Manor Way as a race track, driving at very high speed and weaving in and out of other road users who are travelling at or below the legal speed limit. From the noise of the engines, I believe that the vehicles are racing along the dual carriageway between the island at J3 of the motorway and the Grange island approximately a mile further along Manor Way. These events appear to me to be organised as they occur so regularly and the vehicles generally arrive and leave together at the same time each week, between 8.30pm and 11pm.

6. Since the injunction lapsed at the end of January 2021, I have noticed that in addition to the weekend events, there have also been regular incidents whereby my husband and I are woken around 2am by the sound of vehicles racing along Manor Way. For example, during the week commencing 15th March 2021, we were woken by these activities on Monday, Wednesday and Sunday evening. On each occasion the racing has continued for around an hour and I believe that it stops only when the police turn up, having been called by my husband and other residents.

7. I am aware that numerous other residents living near to Manor Way have also experienced nuisance from the street racing activities. Last year we formed a resident's group to discuss the matter and report incidents to our local MP and police. I am aware that residents living on another road closer to Manor Way regularly experience nuisance from loud horns and fireworks but I have not personally heard these from my home. I am also aware that some residents have attempted to record the street racing and as a result have been threatened and abused by individuals involved. It has also been reported that the Shell Petrol Station on Manor Way is being used as a meeting point for these individuals and residents have reported seeing 'donuts' being performed on the forecourt. This is clearly concerning as if one of these stunts were to go wrong and the vehicle were to hit a petrol pump there could be a very serious risk of harm, not only to those involved but to innocent families using the petrol station.

8. The noise from this street racing is distressing to me as the loud engines/exhausts make it hard to relax or sleep. Many of the vehicles are modified as the sound of the engine revving is amplified and one vehicle backfires often which sounds like a gun going off. I am also concerned that there may be a crash due to the dangerous and high speed driving. This makes me on edge and anxious. Losing sleep on such a regular basis makes it hard to function at work and is extremely stressful. Due to the number of houses on the estates alongside Manor Way, I believe that these activities are potentially affecting up to 2000 people, particularly the more recent incidents occurring in the early hours of the morning when there is much less ambient noise and sound travels further.

9. I am also aware that racing is taking place on Lapal Lane South, which is a road off Manor Way leading up to the Woodgate Valley area – this is a winding single lane country road that passes through some residences but in particular a Residential Care Home. I understand the residents of the Care Home are being awoken on a regular basis because of this issue.

10. I can confirm that I am fully behind the renewing of the order prohibiting car cruising. I believe that if the order is not renewed these activities will become an even more regular occurrence and will ultimately result in someone being seriously injured or killed. It is also necessary so that

my family and other residents can live a normal life, not blighted by sleep deprivation and anxiety.

11. For the above reasons I fully support the renewal of this Injunction within Dudley and the Black Country.

12. I believe the facts stated in this statement to be true. I understand that proceedings for contempt may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed ..... *Date* 12/04/2021

Print Name in Full : MRS FAYE WILLETTS

Signature .....

Faye Willetts

A456 Manor Way, Halesowen.

As Councillors we are being inundated with telephone calls and correspondence from local residents regarding the ‘car cruising’ which is taking place on the A456 Manor Way, Halesowen.
This ‘car cruising’ has been taking place for several months and appears to be getting worse.
Several hundred homes along the A456 and the surrounding area are affected by this.
Our residents complain of the noise which makes it impossible for a lot of them to sleep.
Some have had to move out of their main bedroom into other rooms to get some modicum of respite.
The lack of sleep is causing fatigue and one resident stated that “the lack of sleep that this issue is causing has a psychological impact tantamount to sleep deprivation torture”.
The modification of the vehicles involved to make most noise is startling and extremely unnerving.
Some local residents are resorting to improving the sound proofing of their properties or going to the extreme and moving home.
There has also been several instances of intimidation to local residents.
One resident had his car chased onto the motorway by the drivers of these cars who then reversed back down the slip road and back onto Manor Way.
Another resident from Cloisters Drive was threatened with damage to his property and physical violence by pedestrian spotters when he enquired what was going on.
Residents are afraid to leave their homes on foot while the racing is going on due to the threat of intimidation and in their vehicles due to the danger to safety.
Apart from the above noise and intimidation nuisance to the local residents there is the road safety aspect.
The speeds the racers travel at and the way that they travel are a danger to themselves but more importantly a danger to other road users including the several cyclists who use this road.
They use the traffic lights as their starting grid and there have been reports that the racers have raced straight through the traffic lights when they are on red.
If the traffic order is reinstated then the police will have greater powers to act against the racers and we request that it is reinstalled.

Councillor Alan Taylor
Councillor David Vickers
Halesowen South Ward Councillors

E. SECTION E - Witness Statements on behalf of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

1) Claimant
2) P Sandhu
3) Second
4) PS1 –
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF PARDIP SANDHU

I, Pardip Sandhu of Sandwell Council, will say as follows: -

1. I am employed by Sandwell Council as a Town Lead Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, based in Oldbury however I primary responsibility for dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) cases in West Bromwich, and car cruising around the Borough of Sandwell.

2. As part of my duties I investigate and action complaints of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), interview witnesses, and victims of ASB, take action against perpetrators, prepare witness statements and attend court where needed as a professional witness.

3. This is my second statement in this matter.

4. I make this statement from my own personal knowledge, and from liaising with the local Policing Team and Sandwell Councils communications team.

5. I am aware that there was previously a car cruising injunction in place that covered areas in the Black Country including Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley and Sandwell. This Injunction was to prevent boy racer activity (car cruising).

6. I am aware that when the Injunction was originally applied for in 2014 Sandwell Council supported all the applicants in obtaining the order.

7. Sandwell Council publicised this injunction between October 2014 and December 2014 in various news paper articles including the express and star and Sandwell chronicle. A copy of these newspaper articles are here marked as **"PS2"** which I exhibit to my statement.

8. It was also published in the Sandwell Herald in March 2015. A copy of this article is here marked as **"PS3"** which I exhibit to my statement.

9. Sandwell Council also publicised this on social media including facebook, and twitter. A copy of these articles are here marked as **"PS4"** which I exhibit to my statement.

10. Car cruising is a major hot spot in Sandwell, I therefore fully support this application.

This is the end of my witness statement.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

'I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth."

Signed._____

Dated.24th March 2021

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3) Second
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EXHIBIT "PS2"

I verify that this exhibit is marked as "PS2" in my statement.

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Car cruisers face landmark court ban

Report by Jordan Harris
jordan.harris@expressandstar.co.uk

Car cruisers could be banned in the Black Country from next week as councils and police seek to gain a ground-breaking injunction.

Boy racers would be stopped from holding their meets across the region if the court case goes in the four councils' favour.

Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall councils, working in partnership with West Midlands Police, submitted an application to the High Court in Birmingham seeking to forbid people from participating in a 'car cruise' anywhere within the Black Country. They also want to stop the promoting, organising or publicising of such events within the area. An initial hearing at Birmingham High Court on September 30 was adjourned and will now take place on Monday.

The applicants hope to secure an injunction against 'persons unknown' – and anyone suspected of breaching it would be in contempt of court, for which an adult can face up to two years in prison and a fine.

Councillor Elias Mattu, Wolverhampton City Council's cabinet member for leisure and communities, said: "Car cruising has been a bone of contention for local residents and businesses for many years.

"The activities are not only wholly anti-social, but also illegal and dangerous, putting the safety of participants and spectators at risk; indeed, it's only a matter of time until more people are seriously injured or even killed. Black Country councils and the police have received numerous complaints about car cruising and we are determined to do all we can to put a stop to this menace."

Chief Inspector Kerry Blakeman, head of West Midlands Police's Traffic unit, said: "Securing this injunction would form the backbone of our on-going measures to target people using the road as a racetrack while ensuring the safety of others."

"As well as the obvious dangers of driving at speed on urban roads, car cruising generates a lot of late-night noise nuisance for people living near key routes."

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Court on February 24.

ROADS

Police win fight to outlaw car cruising

Car cruising has been outlawed in the Black Country following a successful High Court bid to rid it from the streets.

West Midlands Police, Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall councils applied for a court order banning boy racers and have been successful.

It means car cruising is now banned in all four boroughs and police have powers to arrest anyone caught doing so.

The order, which will be in place for three years, includes a ban on participating in car cruising anywhere in the Black Country; promoting the event via email, internet or by broadcasting; and speed racing, driving in convoys and performing stunts as part of car cruising.

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COUNCIL

The ground-breaking ceremony for the home

and construction firm Clugston's regional manager for the West Midlands, attended a special

Horse will be a purpose-built facility in the countryside in Catherine-de-Barnes near Solihull.

The new dogs home has been designed by Birmingham-based Associated Architects.

'Lawlessness' of car cruisers under fire

THE judge who granted the Black Country boy racers injunction said there appeared to be 'complete lawlessness' in the four boroughs over the issue.

Birmingham Civil Justice Centre heard last week how the injunction was sought because the police didn't have 'sufficient resources' to prosecute, making it difficult to bring car cruisers 'to book'.

A three-year order banning the practice was granted in an effort to eradicate it from the streets. The Black Country new joins Cannock District Council which sought a similar injunction in 2012.

Mr Joseph Grant QC, representing Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley and Sandwell councils said: "The councils have given great thought on how to manage this current issue.

"Police don't have the sufficient resources to bring everyone involved in car cruising to book."

It emerged in the hearing that there had been 71 accidents in the Black Country as a result of car cruising and that as recent as November 16 there has been problems with boy racing. The Black Country Route in Bilston and Moxley Birmingham New Road on the border of Wolverhampton and Dudley; Pond Street Car Park in Dudley and Mayterek Industrial Estate in Brownhills have all been hotspots for car cruisers.

More than 100 witness statements from residents across the area were submitted as part of the application. Many spoke of their concern about the anti-social impact on their lives with dangerous driving, loitering and loud music.

His Honour Judge Robert Owen QC said: "It appears to be complete lawlessness in these four boroughs where people can't be prosecuted. Something doesn't seem right."

Service due in memory of lost ones

TWO Sandwell funeral directors have joined up to host a memorial service for families and friends to remember their loved ones who they have lost over the past year.

Companies G Gibbs and George Webb, which are both based in West Bromwich, are holding the special service at St Francis Church, based in Freeman Road, Wednesbury.

The event takes place on Thursday, December 11, starting at 7.30pm.

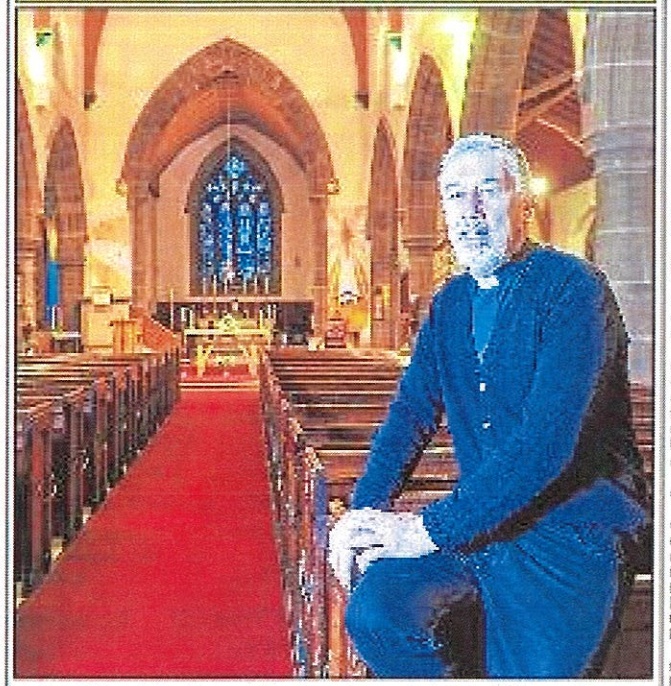
Anyone is welcome to attend and during the service the names of those who have passed away will be read out to the congregation.

Family and friends of those who have died will also be invited to light up a candle as part of the proceedings, in their memory.

Funeral director Scott Mills, said: "We have been serving the local community for many years and we think that the people of West Bromwich will find the service very comforting.

"Christmas can be a very difficult time for those who have lost someone close to them and this is one small way that we can help local families to remember their loved ones."

Curtain-up on £60k revamp



Parish Priest Father Leonard Cox shows the new look inside St Peter's Church

A CHURCH is gearing up for the festive season after a £60,000 transformation is complete. St Peter's Church, in Greets Green, West Bromwich, has revealed the revamp in the hope of encouraging a new generation of churchgoers.

A new altar, decorations and a kitchen area have been created thanks to generous donations and grants.

The former flooring has been replaced by new wooden boarding and red carpet has been installed leading up to the altar.

Father Leonard Cox, who has been in charge for three years says that the new flooring will help improve disabled access.

A Beavers and Cubs group have also been set up based at the church, in Whitehall Road, over the past 18 months.

Priest Father Leonard Cox, said he was pleased with the transformation and hoped it would help marry as traditions with the modern face of the church. People can see the changes on Sunday (from 10am with a mass for the second Sunday of Advent.

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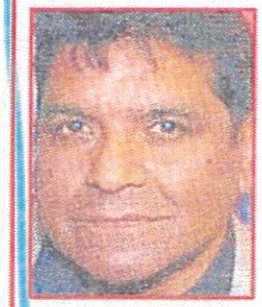
Vow to end car cruising trouble

As many as 250 cars have been taking part in car cruising meetings across the Black Country as councils and the police work to bring them to an end.

West Midlands Police and Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley and Sandwell Councils are seeking a High Court injunction to stop the activity.



Elias Mattu

Hotspots include The Black Country Route in Bilston and Moxley, Birmingham New Road on the border of Wolverhampton and Dudley and Maybrook Industrial Estate, Brownhills.

The order would involve anyone suspected of breaching the ban being in contempt of court, for which an adult can face up to two years in jail and a fine. Police would keep powers to convict people of offences such as driving without insurance, driving an unroadworthy vehicle or driving without due care and attention.

Wolverhampton City Council say the events have been attracting hundreds of cars and spectators.

The city council's leisure leader Councillor Elias Mattu, said: "Our application doesn't just seek to prevent acts of dangerous driving, it also looks to tackle some of the wider problems caused by car cruising, from criminal behaviour such as drug taking and littering and the burden on police resources and the emergency services in the event of accidents, to personal costs to residents and businesses like fear, harassment and intimidation."

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Inside Sandwell's busy CCTV control room

Car cruising ban

We've teamed up with other Black Country councils and West Midlands Police to win a ground-breaking injunction order to tackle 'car cruising'.

The order bans people from car cruising anywhere in Sandwell, Dudley, Walsall or Wolverhampton, or promoting, organising or publicising any car cruising event in the area.

Car cruising is when drivers meet on the public highway on either an organised or impromptu basis to race or show off in their cars. It is noisy, dangerous and illegal.

Gatherings have attracted up to 250 vehicles and spectators. Councils and Police have received hundreds of complaints.

The order bans activities typically associated with car cruising, including:

- speeding;
- racing and driving in convoy;
- performing stunts;
- sounding horns or playing music, causing a significant public nuisance;
- using foul or abusive language and threatening, intimidating behaviour; and
- causing an obstruction on a public highway.

Call police on 101 to report car cruising. Anyone breaching the order faces court action, prison and a fine.

Visit www.sandwell.gov.uk/carcruising to read more.

CAR CRUISING
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IN THE BLACK COUNTRY

Sandwell Dudley Walsall Council Wolverhampton

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15 October 2014 at 15:05 ·

We're teaming up with the police and other local councils to stop boy racers on our streets.

Car cruising is noisy, dangerous and illegal, and at least four people have been killed doing this in the Black Country.

We want to stop people from car cruising anywhere in Sandwell and the whole of the Black Country - and to make promoting, organising or publicising these events illegal.

An application has been made to the High Court to ban car cruising and there's been an initial hearing. We're now waiting to hear what happens next.

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Councils and police team up to seek Black Country car cruise ban
West Midlands Police. Serving our communities and protecting them from harm.

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It's ok once 4 deaths have happened they mite do something

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Bonnie Bon Bon. "Cruisers" need a fxxxxxg good sorting! Whether that means "cruise

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4 deaths due to boy racers!! How many other deaths have there been not due to boy r
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Hayley Guest
Don't worry **Andrew Spud Iezzi** you're too old to be classed as a boy racer 😜
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About time something was done about it
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I bet more deaths are caused by mobile phones and poor vehicle maintenance and ba
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Mark, we wouldn't hold that information, you might want to try the police.
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Sorry I thought as you knew it was four deaths maybe you had done some sort of rese
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Chris Moon
C'mon Sandwell Mark running rings round u here! Step up! Should be able to answer
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Jane Taylor
How idiotic. How anyone can challenge something known to be dangerous, two rolling
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Ben Archer
Jason Lovefist Adams...your statement shows your problem...'Give us somewhere to

Car Cruisers are so professional and above board...then organise yourselves, form a

Just like sunday league football, cubs, scouts, anglers, geeks, Bands etc all have to! \
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Lisa Bennett
I was in a big concrete car park in brum the other weekend. Got back to my car later c
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Diane Higgs
bring back cradley speed way or stockcar racing and let them race sadly a lot of youn

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF PARDIP SANDHU

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF PARDIP SANDHU

I, Pardip Sandhu of Sandwell Council, will say as follows: -

1. I am employed by Sandwell Council as a Town Lead Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, based in Oldbury however I primary responsibility for dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) cases in West Bromwich, and car cruising around the Borough of Sandwell.

2. As part of my duties I investigate and action complaints of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), interview witnesses, and victims of ASB, take action against perpetrators, prepare witness statements and attend court where needed as a professional witness.

3. This is my third statement in this matter.

4. I make this statement from my own personal knowledge, and from liaising with the local Policing Team, Sandwell Councils communications team and also residents who have been impacted due to the car cruisers.

5. On 9th April 2021 I contacted Resident A who previously supported this injunction and advised that they no longer live in Sandwell anymore, however still supported this injunction due to safety concerns for other residents and also the noise nuisance.

6. I also contacted another resident who I will refer to as Resident B who stated that he still hears the car cruisers racing up and down and had safety concerns for the young children that play in the area. Resident B stated that he would fully support the injunction to help reduce the noise nuisance.

7. Resident C who was also contacted stated that they no longer lived in the area, however again fully supported the injunction due to safety concerns and high levels of noise nuisance.

8. Resident D also supported the injunction due to safety concerns. I also spoke with Resident E who stated that they were aware that there were regular meets on a Sunday evening at Kenrick Way, West Bromwich and didn't go out after 8pm on a Sunday evening. They further stated that they would fully support the injunction due to safety concerns and due to the noise nuisance.

9. The issues with car cruisers is having an impact throughout the borough of Sandwell and we continue to receive reports of noise nuisance and car cruisers in all of our 6 towns in Sandwell.

10. There has also been recent petitions and newspaper articles published highlighting the issues in Sandwell. A copy of these articles are here marked as **"PS5"** which I exhibit to my statement.

11. This injunction will therefore assist any preventative and enforcement actions to help reduce the crime and ASB reported. A copy of the reports received through Sandwell Council are here marked as "**PS6"** which I exhibit to my statement.

This is the end of my witness statement.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

'I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth."

Signed._____

Dated.9th April 2021

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Conservatives

Sign Our Petition To Stop Street Racing

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Thursday, 18 March, 2021

I am campaigning to get something done about illegal street racing in West Bromwich.

A High Court injunction against this activity has lapsed and won't be renewed until April at the earliest, so I have been engaging with West Bromwich Police to make sure they are doing what they can to combat this and they have been very forthcoming with information and assistance. They have operations in place every weekend, however, the car cruisers are smart and highly organised too. They have a complex system of spotters and escape routes, drones, removal trucks, and even legal advisors. The situation is serious, and it requires a serious response.

It is clear that the Police need support. That support should be provided by Sandwell Council, however, it is simply not forthcoming. They won't include me in their "task force" on car cruising, they have refused to close lanes on roads that are targeted for

street racing overnight and won't even consider things like average speed cameras for another 18 months! This simply isn't acceptable.

Sign my petition calling for Sandwell Council to step up, close lanes overnight on affected roads, install average speed cameras and expand CCTV networks in West Bromwich to keep illegal street racing out of our town. The more voices add their weight to our campaign, the harder it will be for Sandwell Council to ignore us.

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Street Racers Petition

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☐ **I call on Sandwell Council to do more to tackle street racers across our Borough.**

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Working with the West Midlands Police to clamp down on car cruising on Kenrick Way.

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We shouldn't be at all concerned or alarmed by yesterday's announcement by the MHRA (Medicines Regulator) about the AstraZeneca vaccine.

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Watch dangerous drivers at cruise 'floor it' as scores of people line street to watch on Trinity Way in West Bromwich

The video shows the car cruisers testing out their prized motors on public highways

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Dozens of people have been filmed lining a major busy dual carriageway as boy racers perform dangerous stunts in their souped-up cars.

Scores of onlookers can be seen watching on as the group of car cruisers can be seen tearing along Trinity Way, **West Bromwich**, despite the High Court injunction.

In the outrages clip – which can be watched above – a blue BMW M3 narrowly avoids ploughing into the back of another motorist by recklessly undertaking and continuing to accelerate.

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Other streets racers – who are in a Fiesta St, Audi RS6 and a tuned Vauxhall Corsa – can be seen breaking the driving at high speed in a bid to impress those at the roadside.

In another video, a BMW M5 is filmed pulling out the slip road onto the carriageway and forces cars in the overtaking lane to hit their brakes.

These videos are just a snippet of the underground subculture of car enthusiasts who are posting illegal street racing on TikTok and other social media platforms.

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Video stills capture Ford, BMW, Audi, Vauxhall and Seat drivers racing at speed down Trinity Way, West Brom during coronavirus lockdown.

A High Court injunction has been in place since 2015 and prevents street racing, convoys and other activities.

West Midlands Police carried out a large-scale pre-planned operation on the A38 – which 180 people being reported for breaching the car cruising injunction on Sunday, May 31.

PROMOTED STORIES

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WATCH: GROUP OF BOY RACERS SPEED ALONG A38 IN NIGHT-TIME CAR CRUISE

Four people were arrested, including a wanted person who was found in one of the cars, and three men drove the wrong way down a dual carriageway in a suspected stolen car after seeing police.

A spokesman for the force said they abandoned the car and made off onto the M6 but were all tracked by the force's helicopter and detained.

Four cars were seized for having no insurance, and police said that some drivers were even trying to insure their cars last night while waiting in the road block.

The illegal event was just one of the latest in a number of gatherings. Last Monday (May 25) police received numerous reports of up to 100 cars racing between the Fort and Star City.

Two cars involved in car cruising also collided on Wednesday, May 27, and caused significant damage to both vehicles.

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Video stills capture Ford, BMW, Audi, Vauxhall and Seat drivers racing at speed down Trinity Way, West Brom during coronavirus lockdown.

Chief Superintendent Ian Green, who lead the operation, said: "We're taking this action to get the message out that these illegal gatherings are completely unacceptable.

"Lives are being put at risk, residents are having to put up with intolerable noise, and our time is being taken away from helping and protecting the public elsewhere.

"This is not about targeting people who have a passion for cars, it's about targeting people who put themselves and other road users at risk, make people's lives a misery and are breaking the law."

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EXHIBIT "PS6"

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New incidents logged Q4 of 2020-21 under the category of vehicle nuisance	Description	Car Cruising?
63938	Nelson Hse - Noticed a Male in a BMW reg DUO8 BTF reverse into the front of a parked silver vehicle reg no DS64 BZW on the car park. PASSED FOR ACTION. AA.	No
63961	Email from resident to me as attached - Yesterday a kid on a motorbike was racing across the football pitches at Medley Gardens. It was a new bike and they took it into the garden of 95 Cophall Street. I emailed the police who can`t have spoken to the tenants as they were back on the park again today! How long before a lot more damage is done? I sometimes feel like I am banging my head against a brick wall! Mrs Adams.	No
64033	Cars are pulling up on the car park which has nothing to stop people pulling on there while the pub remains closed, cars always appear in 2's or 3's and park close together in the far corner way from street lights and leave a large amount of litter, reviving car engines and playing load music, we cant speak to these people as its always different cars and of course we fear for our staftey.	possibly

64054	Wednesbury Town Centre - On the 5th January 2021,there was a hit and run in lower High St involving a Dark Blue Astra and a Red Honda CBR at the junction of Russell St. Time states 18:50/18:55. RESOLVED- Incident recording saved on deployable desktop. AA.	No
64218	Regular incident of scrambler bikes racing in streets, along fields side of estate, on pavements and down gullies. No number plates on bikes.	yes
64238	I'm a resident of Charlemont with Grove Vale ward and over the past few years we have seen and heard off road motorbikes using certain pedestrian walkways. Like me the local residents have had enough of them riding along the public highway and on to fields causing havoc as well as damaging grassed areas. I know the link ways they use from Charlemont Farm, Ray Hall Lane and I would like something to be done to stop them. I have also emailed Sandwell Council to offer a solution in terms of "kissing gates" or barriers to stop them crossing from one section to another. This needs all parties to come together to find a solution to put an end this ASBO is causing to fed up residents. I would like to be part of any discussion to resolve this issue and are happy to show access routes and hot spot areas if required.	Yes

64328	Most evenings vehicles mount path have smashed wooden fencing down and drove over feild , vans pull up most sundays quad bikes and scrambler bikes , groups of people even choldren passengers on bikes with no helmets . Litter and rubish all round outskirts of field smashed glass on public foot path on field , my dogs keep cutting their paws , some one is goingbto get hurt !	yes
64502	Police COVID Log 1286 31st Jan 2020: Edelweiss Close Yew Tree, off road bikes reported in area, 4 x DTL?s issued, more ASB than covid, will email officers if they still have details of riders.	yes
65286	Almost every day for the last year (if not longer!) between the hours of at leat 9am and 11:30pm, the two main roads Monksfield Avenue and Longleat have experienced shockingly dangerous driving by "Boy racers/ Car cruisers" who are an absolute menace, nuisance and danger to local residents. My first issue is the painful revving / throttling / banging noises we have to experience throughout the day, almost on the hour; a complete lack of respect for all residents, especially those with children and the elderly. We should not have to put up with this nonsense first thing in the morning, not to mention last thing at night when people are trying to sleep! My second issue is the disgusting speed they feel they are entitled to drive at; this is purely hazardous. On many occasions, I have witnessed incidents whereby this kind of reckless driving occurs whilst Grove Vale school is in operation, and the road is already congested with parents and children. This has been an on-going issue for a long time, with many residents feeling mutually; and it's about time something is done about it.	yes
65337	Car parked outside my property at 01:00 hours with the engine running, general nuisance. Breaking anti- social & anti-covid rules	No

65386	I have just reported the bikes to 101 again via live chat. They've been here for the past 2 hours and if you're trying to work from home, you can forget it thanks to the noise. They're also doing wheelies and riding very dangerously.	Yes
65387	The bikers are back in the park, it's snow and slippy and they've fallen off the bikes in close proximity to the children playing there. Are we waiting for a serious accident to occur??	Yes
65388	Currently on hold to 101 - the bikes are in the park AGAIN. As mentioned many times before, they are here every single day. We haven't had a single break. Every day we are being terrorised in our own neighborhood. It cant be that hard to catch them given that they are here every day. Without fail. Including in the snow. It's now 9 days in a row. I'll message the log number as soon I get it from 101. Can someone please do something about this?!	yes
65390	Neighbiour at No 12, parking over dropped kerb as well as visitors.	No

65421	At 3.55 today the woman who rents 42 greenfield road her son was riding a motorcycle up and down the road dangerously pulling wheelies and not wearing a helmet there are also four other youths at the house not wearing masks and going in and out the house so breaking COVID rules let alone breaking the law riding an illegal motorcycle.	Yes
65423	Around 5-6pm for the last two Fridays, coinciding with lighter nights, one or more individuals has used the park as an off road motorcycle rally track, repeatedly riding a very noisy, and probably not road-legal motorbike around all areas of the park. Apart from the noise, there is likely to be damage to the park itself if this is allowed to continue. I have not been into the park to gather more evidence as I do not wish to confront or be confronted by the perpetrators.	Yes
65424	Young lads on a motorcycle	No
65535	Scrambler races around bottom field most days at various times this can vary from a few minutes to hours and can be heard in neighbouring streets and throughout peoples houses. Video attached this has also occurred overnight.	yes

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F. SECTION F - Witness Statements on behalf of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Claimant
Steven Gittins
First Witness Statement
Exhibits SJG1-SJG3
13th April 2021

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF STEVEN GITTINS

I, STEVEN JOHN GITTINS, Team Leader Community Protection, Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall, WS1 1TP ("the Council") WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. This statement relates to the Black Country boroughs' car cruising injunction initially granted from 1 February 2014 to 1 February 2018 and subsequently extended until it lapsed on 1 February 2021, and for which I have previously supplied evidence on behalf of Walsall Council.

2. There have to date been no committals for breaches of the above injunction in the Borough of Walsall.

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3. Whilst there are still some problems associated with car cruising related activity within the borough, reports to both the police and the council remain significantly reduced since the injunction came into effect.

4. To support this injunction application I have spoken to a number of community members who have previously supported the work to obtain the car cruising injunction or who have been directly impacted by the behaviour, and who reside in, or close to, hot spots for this type of activity. These include the Moxley/Darlaston areas, which are adjacent to or which are not far from the Black Country Route, and the Brickyard Road/Northgate areas of Aldridge.

5. A business owner whose premises are in Brickyard Lane, Aldridge confirmed that car cruising activity reduced dramatically following the injunction coming into force. He confirmed that other than a one off incident at the end of the first Coronavirus lockdown there has been no recent activity of which he is aware, and no other local businesses have contacted his family to report any issues or concerns. He has also not witnessed any of the litter or debris that usually is evident following car cruising activity. He was very concerned that if an injunction is not in place the dangerous activity will return.

6. Mr Roger Parsons, who resides in Aldridge, reported that prior to the injunction being in place he could regularly hear vehicles racing between two islands on Northgate, Aldridge. He had witnessed groups congregating, and on one occasion he was nearly hit by one of the speeding vehicles coming out of a junction and wheel spinning in front of him. Since the injunction has been in place he has felt much safer and not been aware of any issues, to the point where he had forgotten that the injunction was in place. He also expressed concern about the injunction no longer being in place and this activity commencing again. On 8 April 2018 Mr Parsons recorded his concerns in an email to me and I now produce this as exhibit SJG1.

7. A Walsall resident, who also owns a manufacturing company off Maybrook Road, Brownhills, not far from Brickyard Road, confirmed that she used to have a problem with vehicles congregating and wheel spinning on their car park. This has not been the case since the injunction has been in place. She

is very concerned that this dangerous activity could return now the injunction is not in place.

8. The Locality Manager who covers the Brownhills area confirms that since the injunction has been in place, and certainly in the last 18 months, there has been no car cruising activity reported at the multi-agency Safer Estates meetings for this area.

9. Councillor Paul Bott, a Ward Member for Darlaston South, which includes the Moxley area, reported that previously every weekend was a nightmare as a result of car cruising activity on the Black Country Route and surrounding areas. Furthermore, that due to the success of the injunction, he has received no complaints for two years. I now produce as exhibit SJG2 an email from Councillor Paul Bott on 7 April 2021 in which he confirms the points he made to me by phone.

10. Mr David Hudson, who resides in Moxley, confirmed that, prior to the injunction being in place, the noise from up to 30 vehicles racing along the Black Country Route was horrendous, was having a significant impact on his health and performance at work, and was destroying their lives. Following the injunction coming into force the car cruising activity died down and significantly reduced after word of its inception spread. More recently the noise from cars racing has started again, and he fears that without the injunction in place it is only a matter of time before the situation deteriorates to what it was before. I now produce as exhibit SJG3 an email from Mr Hudson on 9 April 2021 in which he outlines his views and concerns.

11. Both the local police team for the Darlaston/Moxley area and the Council's Locality Manager have confirmed that they have received no recent specific car cruising related complaints. They are, however, aware of some concerns about speeding vehicles in the Churchill Road, Western Avenue, Wilkes Avenue and Midland Road areas of Bentley. The same is true of Walsall Road, Darlaston. The Black Country Route also remains a location of significant concern.

12. In conclusion, although the number and frequency of car cruising related incidents in Walsall has considerably reduced, there are still areas of concern, particularly on and around the Black Country Route which runs between the Moxley, Darlaston and Willenhall areas. Brickyard Lane and the Aldridge Industrial Estate are also areas that have suffered significantly from this type of anti-social behaviour. More recently there have been reports of vehicles congregating on Pelsall High Street.

13. Although there are still some problems reported within Walsall, it remains the case that the injunction has had, and continues to have, a positive deterrent effect in Walsall on Car Cruising related activity and the anti-social behaviour associated with it. There is a real concern that if the injunction is not in place incidents of this dangerous activity will increase, and if Walsall were not included in any new Order, that activity would be displaced into the borough from its neighbouring authorities.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed | **Date** 13 April 2021

Print name in full STEVEN JOHN GITTINS

Claimant
Steven Gittins
First Witness Statement
Exhibits SGJ1-SJG3
13th April 2021

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO.

QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

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Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF STEVEN GITTINS

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Solicitor for the Council

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Name of witness: Steven John Gittins
No. of stat.: 1
Exhibits: SJG1
Dated: 13 April 2021

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Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF STEVEN JOHN GITTINS
SJG1

This is exhibit SG1 to the witness statement of Steven John Gittins.

Signed

Steven John Gittins

Dated this 13th day of April 2021

Chris Simmonds

From: Steve Gittins <Steve.Gittins@walsall.gov.uk>
Sent: 13 April 2021 16:47
To: Steve Gittins
Subject: FW: Information to support car cruising injunction. Mr Roger Parsons - Exhibit SJG1

From:
Sent: 08 April 2021 19:20
To: Steve Gittins < >
Subject: Re: Information to support car cruising injunction.

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Hello Steve
As requested please see my statement
Prior to the injunction that was put in place, on weekend's there was racing along Northgate between the 2 islands on that road which could be heard throughout the night. This was over a long period of time.
The incident which led to my making a complaint was in Brickyard Road a 1/4 mile from where I live , I was almost hit by a speeding car coming out of the junction and then wheel spinning in front of me. This bought my attention to 20 plus cars preparing to race each other. There was also a large group of youths in the street around a bonfire that they had lit on the grass verge. Since the injunction was put into place I have felt much safer and I have seen no groups of people massing together in their cars in readiness to race each other. So much so I would say I had forgotten the injunction was in place. On learning that this injunction is due to end imminently I am concerned that these incidents will start again especially as Aldridge police station is about to close and there is no longer any police presence in the area.

I hope this is enough information for you. Get in touch if you need any further information. Thanks for all your efforts regarding this situation

Regards
Roger

Sent from my iPhone

Filed by: Claimant
Name of witness: Steven John Gittins
No. of stat.: 1
Exhibits: SJG2
Dated: 13 April 2021

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Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF STEVEN JOHN GITTINS
SJG2

This is exhibit SJG2 to the witness statement of Steven John Gittins.

Signed

Steven John Gittins

Dated this 13th day of April 2021

Chris Simmonds

From: Steve Gittins <Steve.Gittins@walsall.gov.uk>
Sent: 13 April 2021 16:48
To: Steve Gittins
Subject: FW: Evidence to support a further car cruising injunction application. Councillor Paul Bott Exhibit SJG2

From: Councillor Bott P
Sent: 07 April 2021 18:09
To: Steve Gittins>
Subject: Re: Evidence to support a further car cruising injunction application.

Hi Steve
To whom it might concern. Every weekend was a nightmare on the black country route and the surrounding areas. PC Ian probert who was the local PC at the time asked myself and my wife Cllr Chris Bott to support the injunction which we did. This has been a success, their as been no complaints or problems over the past two years.

Councillor Paul Bott
Darlaston South Ward

Filed by: Claimant
Name of witness: Steven John Gittins
No. of stat.: 1
Exhibits: SJG3
Dated: 13 April 2021

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF STEVEN JOHN GITTINS
SJG3

This is exhibit SJG3 to the witness statement of Steven John Gittins.

Signed

Steven John Gittins

Dated this 13th day of April 2021

Chris Simmonds

From: Steve Gittins <Steve.Gittins@walsall.gov.uk>
Sent: 13 April 2021 16:49
To: Steve Gittins
Subject: FW: Information to support car cruising injunction. Mr David Hudson Exhibit SJG3

From: david hudson
Sent: 09 April 2021 09:23
To: Steve Gittins
Subject: Re: Information to support car cruising injunction.

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Hi Steve,

Information as requested.

Before the injunction was in place the noise levels were incredible as the black country road runs directly behind our house, at one point there could be up to 30 plus vehicles racing up and down from the hours of 8 pm to nearly 2 am or 3 am in the morning, the noise would keep me awake and the anger would build as every weekend and sometimes in the week approached, having to be in work at 4 am in the morning and lack of sleep really told on my work performance, I attended the Police neighbourhood watch to combat this nuisance which was destroying our lives and our health with the stress which other districts were also experiencing. When the injunction was in place things started to calm down but not instantly as the racers would continue to race up and down until the word finally spread and it stopped. The present situation is we hear the cars starting to race behind our house in Moxley once again, we fear without this injunction in place it will only be a matter of time before it will be at its worst as in previous years and will take a long time to reinstate, we feel strongly that the court has got this wrong again and need to evaluate this situation before it destroys peoples lives once again.

If I can be of any further assistance please get in touch
I hope this statement is satisfactory

Kind Regards

G. SECTION G - Relevant Witness Statements From Previous Application to Renew Injunction (Claim Numbers: A90BM228 and F90BM019)

i) Statement of: R Phillips
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimant
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: F90BM019

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF SERGEANT RICHARD PHILLIPS

I, Sergeant Richard Phillips, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Richard Phillips, a Police Sergeant with West Midlands Police with the lead role for policing the Black Country car cruising injunction.

2. Since the injunction commenced in February 2015 West Midlands Police have carried out a number of regional car cruise operations supporting the 3 injunctions that now exist across the Force area with further operations planned during 2020/2021 supported by Force resources in anticipation of the continuation of the injunction. Individual policing unit activity has been carried out albeit this significantly reduced post 28th November 2016 due to Force changes that took place resulting in a reduction in our proactive capability.

3. The Force is now utilising new technologies in order to assist with deterrence and investigation of car cruising, including the use of drones. These drones have proven effective in providing a cost-effective means of deterrence and gathering high quality video evidence of breaches. The footage gathered from

the drones has also been disseminated onto the Force's social media as a means to further deter offending.

4. Since the introduction of the injunction we have had 47 convictions across the boroughs covered by the injunction (Dudley, Walsall, Sandwell and Wolverhampton). A number of warning letters have also been issued across the four areas together with other Road Traffic Act related outcomes.

5. We have had 7 deaths across the Black Country since the injunction went live linked to car cruising activity involving both motorbikes and vehicles 'racing'.

6. I represent the Black Country at regional car cruising operational meetings as car cruising is taking place across the 4 Forces of West Midlands, Warwickshire, Staffordshire and West Mercia. Birmingham Council and Solihull now have their own injunctions. Other Forces continue to review their positions.

7. Since April 2016 the Analyst from the Central Motorway Police Group has provided me with monthly updates on calls for service data which has produced a more accurate reflection of the car cruise issues. The data below records calls from 1st January 2020 to 30th September 2020.

- *Sandwell – approximately 740 calls for service, with the highest number of calls in June (165) and the lowest in January (18).*
- *Walsall – approximately 244 calls for service, with the highest number of calls in May (41) and the lowest in January (7).*
- *Dudley – approximately 292 calls for service, with the highest number of calls in June (60) and the lowest in January (7).*
- *Wolverhampton –approximately 227 calls for service, with the highest number of calls in July and August (both 46) and the lowest in February (9).*

8. The overall consensus from members of the public across Walsall, Sandwell, Dudley and Wolverhampton is that they are not seeing car cruise activity as much in their areas since the injunction started. However, we have seen a recent rise across the region during the period of lockdown. This is a concern and clearly less traffic on the roads has presented more opportunities for street

racing to take place. In Sandwell particularly it has clearly increased and spread across a couple of other new sites.

9. I wholeheartedly feel that the injunction has been an overall success, but it is imperative that it remains in place to support us and that we continue to carry out targeted activity. We know from reviews of social media that drivers and the general public are well aware of the injunction and that with continued publicity for any convictions we hope to see a reduction in offending.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed **Date** 4th Nov 2020

Print name in full RICHARD PHILLIPS

I) Statement of: S Haywood
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: F90BM019

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APPLICANTS

- and -

PERSONS UNKNOWN

RESPONDENTS

WITNESS STATEMENT OF SUE HAYWOOD

I, SUE HAYWOOD, Head of Community Safety, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am employed by Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council as Head of Community Safety. I have held this position for 8 years. As the Borough's strategic lead for community safety part of my role is to ensure that Dudley is a safe place to live, work and visit and to work collaboratively across the West Midlands region in respect of community safety issues.

2. The following is a statement outlining potential risks to Dudley if the car cruising injunction does not continue in its present form.

3. I was involved with supporting the preparation of proceedings in relation to the injunction application that was made to the High Court in 2014 which saw the four Black Country Councils (Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton) seeking an injunction to prevent “car cruising” across the four local authority areas. The injunction was granted by His Honour Judge Owen QC, sitting as a High Court Judge, on 1st December 2014 and came into force on 2nd February 2015. This was extended in January 2018 and will continue, with annual court reviews, until February 2021.

4. I am of the view that, whilst car cruising activities appear to have reduced as a result of this injunction, and related committal actions, the problem has not gone away and we have begun to see an increase. In fact it does appear to have spread to new areas within the Borough. There are currently seven “areas” within the Borough of Dudley, where car cruising has continued to take place. These are; Flood Street carpark - Dudley, Tesco (Burnt Tree Island, Castle Gate), Dudley - car park, Stourbridge Ring Road, Mill Race Lane, Stourbridge, Priory Road in Dudley, the Show Case Cinema, Castlegate, Dudley - car park and Morrisons, Stallings Lane, Kingswinford, car park.

5. I understand that the Tesco carpark has now been closed temporarily and that this has served to deter car cruising activities at this location. I understand that, from recent discussions with the management team at this Tesco store, that once the car park re-opens (and I am not aware that this is imminent), the problem is likely to return. For example in excess of fifty vehicles gathered here on successive weekends on 9th and 16th February 2020, and as the breaches of the injunction were considered to be relatively minor (noise, littering, gathering in groups), we have invited these individuals on a Driver Safety Course, run by the

Fire Service, and these courses will take place in November 2020. I can confirm that the legal team in Dudley Council intend to meet with the police and Tesco in the coming months to review what further steps can be taken to eradicate this problem.

6. I also understand that the level of car cruise activity in Flood Street carpark, Dudley, may have increased in the last twelve months. Although this is less frequent than before, the noise associated with these activities is clearly detrimental to the quality of life of residents here.

7. I am also aware of some recent car cruising activity around the ring road in Stourbridge. This road is attractive to street racers as there are three lanes, it is difficult for traffic police to pull drivers over, and there is a meeting point near the McDonalds and KFC restaurants on Mill Race Lane (just off the Ring Road) I understand the police continue to monitor these locations under the auspices of Operation Hercules and I can confirm that legal representatives of DMBC, and the police, have met with business owners in Mill Race Lane. These businesses were concerned at the numbers of young people gathering in cars in the small car park off Mill Race Lane, playing loud music, revving engines etc. However none of the businesses complained of being affected directly as these activities tend to occur at night after these businesses close for the evening.

8. During 2019 I became aware of a growing problem along Ednam Road in Dudley town centre, towards the Priory. This was brought to the attention of local police by Dudley College, whose campus is located is Ednam Road. Groups of youths, probably students at the college, were seen driving at speed along this road, and causing a danger to local people. I understand from the College that following warning letters and attendance at a Driver Safety Course in November 2019, this is currently no longer a problem.

9. I also understand that PC Jon Edwards has recently carried out a review of signage referring to the injunction and has confirmed that most signs are still in place although some have become damaged or fallen. I am in the process of ordering further signs and expect these to be in place by late October. Additional signage will be put in place across the Borough. .

10. I continue to support this Black Country Injunction because, if we do not have this in place in Dudley, groups of car cruisers may visit Dudley as a result of being displaced from other areas. Whilst it is the case that we prefer to have a range of remedies available to us (e.g. warning letters, writing to insurers, providing driver safety courses), we also wish to have the continuing benefit of this injunction, both to protect us from the problem of displacement from other areas, and because we may wish to seek to use the injunction (by way of committal proceedings) against certain individuals for more serious breaches, or where these individuals are found to repeat their bad behaviour despite earlier warnings etc.

11. I am also concerned that groups of car cruisers will drive recklessly along the main trunk road that traverses Dudley town centre, and which by passes Flood Street car park – previously, the main congregation point. Should the car park be closed to deter car cruising, and the injunction is not continued, then car cruisers can race along this highway. This presents obvious risks to life and welfare.

12. I am pleased to report that since the much publicised Black Country Car Cruising Injunction came into force on 2nd February, 2015 car cruising has reduced. However, sadly car cruising has not ceased and car cruising still causes harassment, harm and distress in Dudley as well as in other Boroughs within the Black Country.

12. The injunction is in place to protect law abiding members of the public and businesses who have suffered for many years from the negative impact of car cruising. I believe it is vital that strong action is taken to prevent car cruises taking place and to deter those who are considering taking part in this activity. This deterrent element is particularly important in light of the fact that, since April 2016, three young people have died in road traffic accidents, all within the borough of Dudley. I believe that activities prohibited by car cruising may have been a factor in at least one of these fatalities.

13. The activity of car cruising is noisy, dangerous and illegal, obstructing highways and the premises bordering them, damaging property and puts spectators or other road users at risk of injury or worse. The noise of revving engines, car horns, racing cars and spectators, frequently disturbs local residents who are trying to sleep as well as those conducting commercial business.

14. Large numbers of spectators can gather to watch the car cruising and often children are present amongst these spectator groups. Rowdy behaviour, shouting, foul language, criminal damage and littering are often a by product of the car cruises.

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15. I can also confirm that we have started to run driver safety courses in Dudley, for individuals we consider may have breached the injunction. We are doing this in partnership with West Midlands Police and the Fire Service. When we receive information from local businesses and members of the public that a person may have breached the injunction we consider the seriousness of the allegation and assess whether they would be a suitable person to attend a driver safety course. We have run this course twice already, at Dudley Fire Station, in July 2019 and in November 2019, and a total of 12 delegates have attended. This course is led by the Fire Service and highlights the risks posed by speeding, street racing, performing stunts etc. I believe the delegates

found the courses useful and we have not had reports of any delegate continuing to participate in activities prohibited by the injunction. Should a delegate be found to be in breach of the injunction after having attended the course, they are advised that court action, using the injunction, is very likely. A further four courses are scheduled to be run in November 2020, with a total of 33 delegates, following the large scale incident in February 2020 at Tesco, Castlegate, Dudley.

16. For the above reasons I fully support the extension of this Injunction within Dudley and the Black Country, and believe it to be necessary to curb this behaviour.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed **Date** 16 October 2020

Print name in full SUE HAYWOOD

1) Claimant
2) P Sandhu
3) First
4) PS1 –
5 Date 14th October 2020
6)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE **CLAIM NO: F90BM019**
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

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Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF PARDIP SANDHU

I, Pardip Sandhu of Sandwell Council, will say as follows: -

1. I am employed by Sandwell Council as a Town Lead Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, based in Oldbury however I primary responsibility for dealing with Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) cases in West Bromwich, and car cruising around the Borough of Sandwell.

2. As part of my duties I investigate and action complaints of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), interview witnesses, and victims of ASB, take action against perpetrators, prepare witness statements and attend court where needed as a professional witness.

3. I make this statement from my own personal knowledge, and from liaising with the local Policing Team.

4. I am aware that there is currently a car cruising injunction in place that covers areas in the Black Country including Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley and Sandwell. This Injunction is to prevent boy racer activity (car cruising).

5. I am aware that when the Injunction was applied for Sandwell Council supported all the applicants in obtaining the order.

6. Since obtaining the order the Injunction has had a positive impact on residents, local business partner agencies and the Police. There has been a marked reduction in car cruising in the Borough. However there still has been incidents for when the Council has had to take further action, including sending tenancy warning letters to local residents.

7. The Car Cruising Injunction is having a positive impact within Sandwell and the number of breaches previously reported have been reduced.

8. This Injunction is still necessary as residents have complained that the noise nuisance is still ongoing in all parts of Sandwell including West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Rowley Regis, Smethwick and Oldbury so the Injunction needs to continue to provide the residents protection.

9. Also in Sandwell illegally ridden motorbikes are a major concern. The Police and the Council are seeking to use the injunction to tackle this activity.

10. I therefore support the extension to the existing car cruising injunction so that if there are any further breaches then positive and swift action can be taken to enforce this order and protect local residents.

This is the end of my witness statement.

Name of Claimant: Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

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Signed.

Print name PARDIP SANDHU

Dated.14th October 2020.

1. Claimant
2. Steven Gittins
3. First Witness Statement
4. Exhibits 0
5. 30th October 2020

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Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT FOR STEVEN GITTINS

I, STEVEN JOHN GITTINS - Team Leader Community Protection, Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall, WS1 1TP ("the Council") WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. This statement relates to the Black Country Borough's car cruising injunction initially granted from 1 February 2014 to 1 February 2018 and subsequently extended until 1 February 2021, for which I have previously supplied evidence on behalf of Walsall Council.

2. There have to date been no committals for breach of the above injunction in the Borough of Walsall.

3. Whilst there are still some problems associated with car cruising related activity across the borough, reports to both the police and council remain significantly reduced since the injunction came into effect. Although the number and frequency of these incidents have reduced, there are still areas of concern, particularly on and around the Black Country Route which runs between the Moxley, Darlaston and

Willenhall areas. Brickyard lane and the Aldridge Industrial Estate are also areas that have suffered from this type of anti-social behaviour.

4. Although there are still some problems reported within Walsall, it remains the case that the injunction has had, and continues to have a positive deterrent effect on Car Cruising related activity and the anti-social behaviour associated with it in Walsall. There is a real concern that if the injunction were not in place, incidences of this dangerous activity would increase, and if Walsall was not included in the order, that activity would be displaced into the borough from its neighbouring authorities.

Statement of Truth

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Name of Claimant: Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed		**Date**	30/10/2020

Print name in full STEVEN JOHN GITTINS

i) Statement of: M Campbell
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits: MRC1

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and

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF PC MARK CAMPBELL

I, PC 6018 Mark Campbell of West Midlands Police WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Police Constable 6018 Mark Campbell and I am employed by West Midlands Police. I am the West Midlands Police single point of contact (SPOC) in regards to car cruising/street racing issues within the West Midlands area; I have held this position for approximately 2 years.

2. I have been asked to provide a statement in relation to the varying of the Black Country Car cruising injunction to include attending spectators.

3. I have become aware over the last 12 months an ever-increasing number of vehicles attending the car cruising/street racing locations throughout the Black Country area. These vehicles are then parking up and the occupants are alighting their vehicles in order to spectate. On a number of occasions we are seeing between 100 to 150 plus spectators lining the roads and roundabouts on Duncan Edwards Way, Kenrick Way and the Black Country Route.

4. The sheer volume of spectators attending these meets is in itself causing a real danger, not only themselves, but members of the public just trying to go about their business. The more spectators that attend the more these spectators are vying for the best position to watch the racing from. This means they are standing in the roads or the mouths of junctions, and with the speed the street racers are travelling at, the risk of harm to these spectators is massively increased.

5. I have created a compilation video of a number of video clips and still images taken from various sources, capturing spectators attending Kenrick Way, Sandwell, Duncan Edwards Way and Black Country Route, Dudley. This compilation video is to highlight the potential dangers caused by the attending spectators, but also how their actions can lead to the increased risks taken by the drivers of the racing cars. I can produce this DVD as Exhibit MRC1.

6. I have written a summary of each clip describing the footage.

7. Clip no 1: this footage comes from the A461 Duncan Edwards Way, travelling towards the Flood Street roundabout. The footage was captured on a West Midlands Police traffic car, who were called to the area due to calls regarding “Boy Racers” racing along this section of road. This area has historically been notorious for attracting street racers, however in the last 12 months more and more vehicles are attending, parking either on the bridges or in the car park on Flood Street. The occupants are then lining Duncan Edwards Way to watch and record the street racing. In the footage there are a number of spectators on the overhead bridges. One of these spectators has been identified as being one of the main street racing organisers, he runs an Instagram account dedicated to glorifying street racing. The account has nearly 20,000 members. The footage recorded by this individual of the Police vehicle stopping the Red Honda Civic was later posted onto their social media. As the Police footage shows, spectators are seen stood at the side of the road watching, many of these spectators also record the footage on their phones.

8. Clip no 2: again another piece of footage from a West Midlands Police traffic car. On this occasion the traffic car can be seen pursuing a Silver Vauxhall Corsa, who had been racing other vehicles and was travelling at speed of over 100 mph along the A463 Black Country Route. Within the footage both vehicle approach the roundabout with Springvale Way, you can see a large gathering of boy racers

parked around the perimeter of the roundabout, blocking the junction to the Black Country Route, with spectators from these vehicles also lining the roundabout. This is a main area of concern to the Police due to the amount of vehicles parking in this main junction. I have seen a large amount of video footage recorded by spectators appear on various social media sites, this very incident was even recorded and posted on line, again glorifying the act of street racing and vilifying the Police. It is just a matter of time before a pedestrian spectator is badly injured or killed by one of the street racers losing control on one of these roundabouts.

9. Clip no. 3 is from Kenrick Way, Sandwell. The footage shows three individuals standing at the side of the road to watch the street racers along this section of road. I have had a number of dealings with the individual who owns the Orange Ford Focus, he regularly attends the street racing within the Birmingham and Solihull areas. These spectators have driven from the Birmingham area purely to watch the street racing as they are fully aware that the Black Country Injunction doesn't include any offence of spectators watching the racing.

10. Clip no 4: I included this clip of a collision involving spectators in the Birmingham area. It clearly show spectators standing watching the street racers drift around a roundabout. One of the vehicles loses control and mounts the central reservation. The spectators can be seen to run out of the way; unfortunately, one of the spectators was his by the vehicle and received injuries. It is only sheer luck that the spectators were able to move out of the way in time and the collision didn't end in a fatality. I am aware of a number of collisions in the Black Country area involving street racers, it is only a matter of time until some of the spectators are embroiled in one of these collisions.

11. Images no. 5-10, Kenrick Way, Sandwell. These images were taken from Sandwell Council CCTV footage. It shows the large numbers of spectators attending the Kenrick Way area of Sandwell. The majority of these individuals come from other parts of the West Midlands, but will attend this location to purely watch the street racing. Many can be seen recording the footage on their phones, this is then downloaded onto the various social media sites encouraging this behaviour even more.

12. I feel that varying the Black Country car cruising injunction to include spectators will enable the Police to enforce the injunction against the attending spectators and, in turn, this will have a knock-on effect of dissuading the racing. It has become quite clear to me that the street racing has become a spectator sport, the more the streets are lined with people watching, the faster the cars go and the more risks the drivers take.

13. Varying the Black Country injunction to includes spectators will also bring the injunction in line with neighbouring car cruising injunctions such as Solihull and Birmingham's injunction. In turn, this will take any confusion it may cause to West Midlands Police officers in enabling them to enforce this injunction with confidence.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed M Campbell **Date** 19/10/20

Print name in full MARK CAMPBELL

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY

Claim No. A90BM228/F90BM019

B E T W E E N:-

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimants

-and-

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendant

EXHIBIT MPC1

This is the document referred to as “Exhibit MPC1” in the witness statement of PC Mark Campbell dated 19.10.2020

i) Statement of: Rajbinder Kaur
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimant
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: F90BM019

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Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF RAJBINDER KAUR

I, Rajbinder Kaur of 22 Finneywell Close, Sedgemoor Park, Wolverhampton, WV14 9XN WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Rajbinder Kaur of the address stated above.

2. I make this statement in relation to the Road Racing Injunction which is in placed until January 2021 in Wolverhampton and the Black Country.

3. When the injunction was first imposed it had a big impact. There were far less cars racing and the excessive noise these vehicles were making was massively reduced. I would go as far as saying there were no cars, it was a though it never happened in the first place.

4. The injunction was extended in January 2018 for three years as it had such a positive impact.

5. Since March 2020 when the Covid-19 lockdown was first introduced there have been times when the car cruising has resumed. The noise is so loud and frightening I worry for the other road users in case there is an accident. The car cruising when it starts can go on for a number of hours well into the early morning. It affects my sleep pattern and can trigger my anxiety.

6. I would completely support a further extension to the injunction as in my opinion it is a success and deters the anti-social behaviour.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Wolverhampton City Council

Signed Rajbinder Kaur **Date** 3/11/2020

Print name in full RAJBINDER KAUR

i) Statement of: Lisa Fox
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimant
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

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QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF LISA FOX

I, Lisa Fox of 16 Finneywell Close, Sedgemoor Park, Wolverhampton, WV14 9XN WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Lisa Fox of the address stated above.

2. This statement is in relation to the Road Racing Injunction which was made legal on 1st December 2014 and extended for a further three years on 9 January 2018. It is therefore due for renewal soon.

3. Prior to this injunction vehicles were constantly causing excessive noise and racing along the Black Country Route to the rear of my property. This was particularly prevalent on Sunday evenings into Monday mornings. This caused me to contact police to resolve the issue.

4. Since the introduction of this injunction, as well as active police action, I am pleased to say the problem has stopped and my family can sleep without the

anti-social disturbance. There was a period of racing activity for approximately three weeks during July – August 2020. However, since 7 August 2020 there have been no further issues with road racing along the Black Country Route.

5. Therefore, I can say that the injunction has been a success and I provide my complete support for the continuation of this valuable piece of law to stop road racing in my area.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Wolverhampton City Council

Signed [signature] **Date** 28/10/20

Print name in full LISA FOX

i) Statement of: D England
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF DAVID ENGLAND

I, David England of Warburton's Bakery, Moorcroft Drive, Wednesbury, WS10 7DE WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am David England and work at the address stated above, Warburton's Bakery. I have worked at Warburton's bakery in Wednesbury for nearly 11 years and I am the currently health and safety executive with the company.

2. I have been fully aware of the car cruising injunction obtained by the four Black Country councils and the police which covers the area of Sandwell amongst other boroughs.

3. I have previously and still do have regular discussions with our drivers that come in and out of our depot twenty-four seven. I do this so that I can address any issues of safety which they may have, such as gatherings of car cruisers within the Hallens Drive and Patent Drive areas of Wednesbury that we used to have to endure in previous times.

4. We used to have issues of vehicles and pedestrians using the footpaths and the highway to observe other vehicles racing in tandem on the highway which caused obvious risks of injury and damage to our drivers and their vehicles when they had to access the bakery.

5. I make this statement in order to evidence that since the injunction we have had a very positive result in relation to a significant reduction in this type of activity in and around our bakery. I am not aware of any significant gatherings of such car cruising meets since when I made my last statement.

6. I maintain that without the continuance of the injunction then there will almost certainly be a return of large numbers of spectators and drivers attending the area in and around our bakery which would cause an increased risk to the health and safety to our staff members coming in and out of their work place. This would cause an increase in calls for the demand of the emergency services.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed [signature] **Date** 3/11/2020

Print name in full DAVID ENGLAND DAVID ENGLAND.

i) Statement of: H Hayer
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: F90BM019

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HEMA HAYER

I, Hema Hayer of 67 Charlotte Road, Wednesbury, WS10 7NF, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Hema Hayer of the address stated above. I have lived at this address for the last 14 years with my husband and two boys. Our home is positioned on a housing estate on the other side of the canal from a road called Hallens Drive in Wednesbury.

2. Hallens Drive is a road that goes from the A41 dual carriageway in Wednesbury in a U-shape onto Patent Drive. This then ends again on the A41. In essence, this is a circular route which is now used as a race track by boy racers/car cruisers every Sunday night.

3. I would say that for 10 years all the time we have been living here we have experienced terrible noise and intimidation by these gatherings of racing cars.

It also used to be on a Saturday night but nowadays it's every Sunday evening.

4. I remember a few years ago after I gave a witness statement about car racing the council and police managed to obtain a car cruising injunction which covered Hallens Drive, Wednesbury as it is within Sandwell Borough Council.

5. When this injunction was granted it was fantastic! It made a huge difference to our lives. This was because we had experienced years of the regular racing on a Sunday night and it was lovely to not have this anti-social behaviour intimidating us.

6. The matter has been made worse because one of my sons suffers with migraines and this was aggravated by the sound of aggressive accelerating.

7. We actually were too intimidated to use that road network due to this activity; I refused point blank to drive through there, especially on a Sunday night. Once the injunction was policed on a regular basis the activity in Hallens Drive finished and we had our weekends back again.

8. However, the boy racers have progressively got worse over time. We had about 12 months of it being fantastic but then over another period of approximately 12 months it has progressively got worse again. I don't know why but it seems that it isn't policed as much as it used to be.

9. I am aware that the police have recently used drones to record this activity and other matters are being looked at regarding long-term solutions, but we had to contact the police recently due to cars racing each other.

10. We are very concerned that the car racing is going to return every Sunday evening again. We would then have to reconsider our position here as we have worked hard on our home, especially over the last 12 months or so.

11. The injunction has worked brilliantly, and I only hope that it will continue to be policed and also prosecute any attendees breaching it.

12. Ultimately, we want a long-term solution to make the area undesirable for car cruisers to attend. We know of several residents where we live that have experienced the anti-social use of these vehicles racing up and down causing a danger to other road users. They are all happy to give statements if needed.

13. I have also heard them setting off fireworks on Sunday evenings when they have been racing the cars. It has made me feel that I just can't go down that area, especially on Sunday evenings.

14. I just want to live in a safe place and feel comfortable in my own home at the weekend with my family. I don't want to feel the intimidation and vulnerability again.

15. We are prepared to help and support the council and police in order to help prevent the activity from becoming a regular problem again.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed [signature] **Date** 27.10.20

Print name in full HEMA HAYER

i) Statement of: J Differ
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF JEFFREY DIFFER

I, Jeffrey Differ of 76 Burns Road, Moxley, Walsall, WS10 8SW, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Jeffrey Differ of the address stated above.

2. I am giving this statement in regards to issues of anti-social behaviour caused by car cruising in and around the A41 and the Black Country New Road, Moxley.

3. Previously I have made impact statements in regards to this problem due to the fact the noise nuisance and the associated anti-social elements attributed to cruising have caused me to feel harassed.

4. I can state that when people attend the locality with the intention of cruising/racing, I struggle to sleep because of the noise of the engines/exhausts.

5. I can confirm that I am fully behind the renewing of the order prohibiting car cruising. I believe that renewing the order will save people's lives and allow residents to live a normal life not blighted by sleep deprivation.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed J Differ **Date** 27/10/20

Print name in full JEFFREY DIFFER

I) Statement of: R Hardy
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: F90BM019

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF RICHARD HARDY

I, Richard Hardy of Empire House, Brickyard Road, Aldridge. WS9 8XT WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am the above named person and work at the above address.

2. I am making this statement in relation to the ongoing car cruising injunction that is currently in place in the Black Country area, including Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley and Sandwell and has been for some while.

3. As a business owner in Aldridge, Walsall, I am well aware of the issues that arise with car cruising as, in particular, the premises itself is situated on Brickyard Road, Aldridge, which is a common place for vehicles to drive at excess speeds and gather in masses in vehicles, playing loud music and generally being an annoyance to owners such as myself and customers alike.

4. At times, the vehicles will take part in drag racing also as the road the premises is on is straight and well suited to this type of activity. This creates a dangerous proposition for both vehicles and persons taking part and also other road users as the estate is regularly used as a cut through to other main road routes in Aldridge and the Walsall Wood area.

5. I am aware that the car cruising injunction is coming up for renewal or extension and it is my view that the injunction should stay in place as the injunction has provided peace to a certain extent to me and other business owners.

6. Since the injunction has been in place I have seen a significant reduction of vehicle activity in Aldridge. I have noticed less noise, less anti-social behaviour in vehicles and I feel as though if the injunction were to be removed then this would invite such vehicles back to the area and the work that has already been done to minimise this problem would be undone.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed R. Hardy **Date** 16TH OCTOBER 2020

Print name in full RICHARD HARDY

i) Statement of: J Edwards
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: F90BM019

BETWEEN:

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

APPLICANTS

- and -

PERSONS UNKNOWN

RESPONDENTS

WITNESS STATEMENT OF PC JONATHAN EDWARDS

I, PC 0544 JONATHAN EDWARDS, of West Midlands Police, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am employed as a Police Constable with West Midlands Police. Since October 2018, my role has been as an ASB officer based in the Partnerships Team at Brierley Hill Police Station.

2. On 11th October 2020, I conducted site visits in the Dudley borough to check that the injunction signage was in place and all signs were still in a clear, readable condition. All the large metal signs on the main roads were in order with no fading or damage. At Flood Street car park in the town centre, most of the plastic signs were damaged or missing. On the evening I witnessed approximately 30 cars on Flood Street Car Park gathered together. On

seeing a marked police vehicle, which attended the location, the cars drove off in convoy quickly leaving the area.

3. I understand that Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council is in the process of ordering replacement foam signs for this hotspot location.

4. Throughout 2020 I have had reports of car cruising at Tesco Extra Car Park, Dudley, Showcase Cinema Car Park, Stallings Lane, Kingswinford (Morrisons Car Park), Mill Race Lane and Ring Road Stourbridge.

5. Operation Hercules, the police operation to monitor car cruising activities in the Dudley Borough, is ongoing.

6. The activity of car cruising is noisy, dangerous and illegal, obstructing highways and the premises bordering them, damaging property and puts spectators or other road users at risk of injury or worse. The noise of revving engines, car horns, racing cars and spectators frequently disturbs local residents who are trying to sleep as well as those conducting commercial business.

7. Large numbers of spectators can gather to watch the car cruising and often children are present amongst these spectator groups. Rowdy behaviour, shouting, foul language, criminal damage and littering are often a by-product of the car cruises.

8. The injunction is in place to protect law abiding members of the public and businesses who have suffered for many years from the negative impact of car cruising. I believe it is vital that strong action is taken to prevent car cruises taking place and to deter those who are considering taking part in this activity.

9. This deterrent element is particularly important in light of the fact that, since April 2016, two young people have died in high speed road traffic collisions, both within the borough of Dudley. I believe that activities prohibited by car cruising may have been a factor in at least one of these fatalities.

10. This application is made with the aim of obtaining compliance as I believe we have a duty to the public to stop car cruises before the situation gets out of hand like it had at the time the Black Country Local Authorities sought the injunction.

11. For the above reasons I fully support the continuation of this Injunction within Dudley and the Black Country.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed PC0514. **Date** 19/10/20

Print name in full JONATHAN EDWARDS

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H. SECTION H - Court Orders

I N J U N C T I O N

Between

(1) Wolverhampton City Council
(2) Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
(3) Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
(4) Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Claimants

- AND -

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

To:	WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY	
Claim no:	A90BM228
Claimants	WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL & OTHERS
Defendants	PERSONS UNKNOWN

- 1 DEC 2014

IF YOU DO NOT OBEY THIS ORDER, YOU WILL BE GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF COURT AND YOU MAY BE SENT TO PRISON

If you do not understand anything in this order, you should go to a Solicitor, Legal Advice Centre or a Citizens Advice Bureau.

Any party can apply to the court for this order to be varied or discharged. But you must obey the order unless it is varied or discharged by the Court.

On 01 December 2014 Before His Honour Judge Owen QC sitting at the High Court of Justice, Birmingham District Registry, Priory Courts, 33 Bull Street, Birmingham, B4 6DS

UPON hearing Counsel for the Claimants and upon considering an application for an injunction brought by the Claimants pursuant to section 222 Local Government Act 1972 inviting the Court to exercise its discretion to grant injunctive relief pursuant to section 37(1) Senior Courts Act 1981

AND FURTHER UPON the Court finding in the circumstances that it is just and convenient to grant injunctive relief in the terms set out herein

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. **IT IS FORBIDDEN for anyone to participate in "car cruising" (as defined in the Schedule attached hereto) anywhere within the Claimants' combined geographical area as illustrated on the map attached hereto marked "Annexe A" and known locally as the Black Country Area.**

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2. **IT IS ALSO FORBIDDEN for anyone to promote, organise, or publicise via e-mail, the Internet or any publication or broadcast, any "car cruising" within the defined geographical area (as delineated on the map attached hereto marked "Annexe A").**

3. **A power of arrest pursuant to section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 shall apply to clause 1 above.**

4. **The order and power of arrest shall continue for 3 years following the commencement of this order or until it is varied or discharged by the court. This order shall come into effect at midnight on 2 February 2015 provided that the Claimants, by their proper officer has given to the court written notice that the steps identified at paragraph 5 below have been completed. Such notice shall be in the form of a witness statement from the Claimants' proper officer (solicitor or administrative staff official.) It shall, subject to further order, expire at midnight 1 February 2018.**

5. **Personal service of this injunction is dispensed with pursuant to rule 81.8 of the Civil Procedure Rules. Service of this injunction and accompanying power of arrest shall be effected namely upon 02 February 2015, from which date this injunction and power of arrest shall come into force, following the Claimants' conclusion of the following steps and written notice thereof having been given to the court in accordance with paragraph 4 above:**

   (a) Placing a copy of the Injunction and Power of Arrest in the Dudley, Halesowen, Stourbridge, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton editions of the Express & Star newspaper (to be published simultaneously after the grant of the injunction.)

   (b) Producing a leaflet being a copy of the terms of the injunction, power of arrest and map to be published as a supplement to accompany the free newspapers that are distributed throughout the Claimants' local authority areas.

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(c) Publishing a copy of the injunction and power of arrest on each of the Claimants' websites and official social media pages (Twitter and Facebook) and likewise on the website and social media pages of West Midlands Police.

(d) Uploading to the video sharing website "You Tube", a video of someone presenting and reciting a copy of the terms of the injunction with a stark warning that should people be tempted to participate in car cruising in the Black Country they may be in breach of the injunction and liable to committal proceedings for contempt of court.

(e) Erecting official road signs (fixed, temporary and electronic) throughout the Black Country Area in locations that are, or have been, hotspots of car cruising activity.

(f) Liaising with local television and radio broadcasters with a view to publicising and explaining the terms and consequences of the injunction.

(g) Ensuring that copies of the Injunction and Power of Arrest are available at the front desks of the Claimants' main offices. West Midlands Police will ensure that copies of the Injunction and Power of Arrest are available at the front desks of their stations throughout the Black Country Area.

6. A review hearing will take place in open court (time estimate 30 minutes) before a judge of the high court (section 9 if practicable) after this order has been in force for at least 12 months and no longer than 14 months. The Claimants shall file with the court a succinct report to inform the court of their experience with the publication, operation and enforcement of the order including, for example, breaches, warnings or problems, if any, arising out of the order (including the Power of Arrest)

Ordered by: His Honour Judge Owen QC

On: 01 December 2014

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SCHEDULE

1. "Car Cruising" means 2 or more motor vehicles (including motorbikes) between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. being on a highway or in a publicly accessible place within the Black Country Area as defined on the map attached hereto marked "Annexe A" at which any such vehicle or occupant of a vehicle performs any of the prohibited activities listed in clause 3 below which causes, or is capable of causing, any of the prohibited consequences set out in clause 4 below.

2. "Participating in car cruising" means being the driver of, or being carried in (or on), a motor vehicle (including motorbikes) in circumstances in which paragraph 1 above applies.

3. The prohibited activities referred to in clause 1 above are:

   (a) speeding;
   (b) driving in convoy;
   (c) racing;
   (d) performing stunts;
   (e) sounding horns (as to cause a significant public nuisance);
   (f) playing music (as to cause a significant public nuisance);
   (g) using foul or abusive language;
   (h) using threatening, intimidating behaviour towards another person; and
   (i) causing obstruction on a public highway, whether moving or stationary.

4. The prohibited consequences referred to in clause 1 above are:

   (a) excessive noise;
   (b) danger or risk of injury to road users (including pedestrians);
   (c) damage or significant risk of damage to property;
   (d) significant risk of harm;
   (e) significant public nuisance; and
   (f) significant annoyance to the public.

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Claim No: A90BM228

INJUNCTION - SECTION 37(1) SENIOR COURTS ACT 1981 – (PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO SECTION 222 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972) - POWER OF ARREST
Under section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION, BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY

WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL, DUDLEY MBC, SANDWELL MBC AND WALSALL MBC	Claimants
PERSONS UNKNOWN	Defendants

(Here set out those provisions of the order to which this power of arrest is attached and no others)

The court orders that a power of arrest under section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 applies to the following paragraph(s) of an order made on 01 December 2014:

1. **IT IS FORBIDDEN for anyone to participate in "car cruising" (as defined in the Schedule attached hereto) anywhere within the Claimants' combined geographical area as illustrated on the map attached hereto marked "Annexe A" and known locally as 'The Black Country Area'.**

(Where marked * delete as appropriate)

POWER OF ARREST

In respect of a power of arrest under section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006, the Court, upon being satisfied pursuant to section 27(3) Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 that the relevant conduct consists of or includes the use or threatened use of violence and/or there is a significant risk of harm to a person mentioned in section 27(2) of the said Act, has ordered that a power of arrest be attached to the order.

A power of arrest is attached to the order whereby any constable may (under the power given by Section 27(4) Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006) arrest without a warrant a person whom he has reasonable cause for suspecting to be in breach of any of the provisions set out in this order or otherwise in contempt of court in relation to such provision.

This power expires at 11:59 p.m. on

01 February 2018

Note to arresting officer

Where a person is arrested under the power given by section 27(4) Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006, section 27(6) Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 requires that:

- A constable shall after making such an arrest forthwith inform the person on whose application the injunction was granted;
- Such person shall be brought before the relevant judge within 24 hours beginning at the time of his arrest;
- And if the matter is not then disposed of forthwith, the Judge may remand such person.
- Nothing in section 155 authorises the detention of such person after the expiry of the period of 24 hours beginning at the time of his arrest, unless remanded by the court.
- In reckoning any period of 24 hours for these purposes, no account shall be taken of Christmas Day, Good Friday or any Sunday.

Ordered by

His Honour Judge Owen QC

on

01 December 2014

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SCHEDULE

1. "Car Cruising" means 2 or more motor vehicles (including motorbikes) between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. being on a highway or in a publicly accessible place within the Black Country Area as defined on the map attached hereto marked "Annexe A" at which any such vehicle or occupant of a vehicle performs any of the prohibited activities listed in clause 3 below which causes, or is capable of causing, any of the prohibited consequences set out in clause 4 below.

2. "Participating in car cruising" means being the driver of, or being carried in (or on), a motor vehicle (including motorbikes) in circumstances in which paragraph 1 above applies.

3. The prohibited activities referred to in clause 1 above are:

   (a) speeding;
   (b) driving in convoy;
   (c) racing;
   (d) performing stunts;
   (e) sounding horns (as to cause a significant public nuisance);
   (f) playing music (as to cause a significant public nuisance);
   (g) using foul or abusive language;
   (h) using threatening, intimidating behaviour towards another person; and
   (i) causing obstruction on a public highway, whether moving or stationary.

4. The prohibited consequences referred to in clause 1 above are:

   (a) excessive noise;
   (b) danger or risk of injury to road users (including pedestrians);
   (c) damage or significant risk of damage to property;
   (d) significant risk of harm;
   (e) significant public nuisance; and
   (f) significant annoyance to the public.

I N J U N C T I O N

Between

(1) Wolverhampton City Council
(2) Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
(3) Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
(4) Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Claimants

- AND -

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

To:	WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY	
Claim no:	A90BM228
Claimants	WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL & OTHERS
Defendants	PERSONS UNKNOWN

HER MAJESTY'S HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT REGISTRY - 9 JAN 2018 BIRMINGHAM

PENAL NOTICE

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER, YOU MAY BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND IMPRISONED OR FINED OR YOUR ASSETS MAY BE SEIZED

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Any party can apply to the court for this order to be varied or discharged. But you must obey the order unless it is varied or discharged by the Court.

On 9th January 2018 Before His Honour Judge McKenna, sitting as a Judge of the High Court at the High Court of Justice, Birmingham District Registry, Priory Courts, 33 Bull Street, Birmingham, B4 6DS

UPON hearing Counsel for the Claimants and upon considering an application to extend the duration of the Injunction (made by His Honour Judge Robert Owen QC, sitting as a Judge of the High Court, on 1 December 2014) such injunction having been made pursuant to section 222 Local Government Act 1972 and the Court having exercised its discretion to continue injunctive relief pursuant to section 37(1) Senior Courts Act 1981

AND FURTHER UPON the Court finding in the circumstances that it is just and convenient to continue injunctive relief in the terms set out herein

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. **IT IS FORBIDDEN for anyone to participate in "car cruising" (as defined in**

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the Schedule attached hereto) anywhere within the Claimants' combined geographical area as illustrated on the map attached hereto marked "Annexe A" and known locally as the Black Country Area.

2. IT IS ALSO FORBIDDEN for anyone to promote, organise, or publicise via e-mail, the Internet or any publication or broadcast, any "car cruising" within the defined geographical area (as delineated on the map attached hereto marked "Annexe A")

3. A power of arrest pursuant to section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 shall apply to clause 1 above.

4. The order and power of arrest shall continue in force for a further 3 years or until it is varied or discharged by the court. This extension of the duration of the order shall come into effect at midnight on 2 February 2018 (when the order as originally granted ceases to be in force), provided that the Claimants, by their proper officer have given to the court written notice that the steps identified at paragraph 5 below have been completed. Such notice shall be in the from the Claimants' proper officer (solicitor or administrative staff official). It shall subject to further order, expire at midnight 1 February 2021.

5. Personal service of this extended injunction is dispensed with pursuant to rule 81.8 of the Civil Procedure Rules. Service of this injunction and accompanying power of arrest shall be effected namely upon 2 February 2018, from which date this extended injunction and power of arrest shall become effective, following the Claimants' conclusion of the following steps and written notice thereof having been given to the court in accordance with paragraph 4 above:

   (a) Placing a copy of the extended Injunction and Power of Arrest in the Dudley, Halesowen, Stourbridge, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton editions of the Express & Star newspaper (to be published simultaneously after the grant of the injunction.)

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(b) Producing a leaflet being a copy of the terms of the extended injunction, power of arrest and map to be published as a supplement to accompany the free newspapers that are distributed throughout the Claimants' local authority areas.

(c) Publishing a copy of the extended injunction and power of arrest on each of the Claimants' websites and official social media pages (Twitter and Facebook) and likewise on the website and social media pages of West Midlands Police.

(d) Uploading to the video sharing website "You Tube", a video of someone presenting and reciting a copy of the terms of the extended injunction with a stark warning that should people be tempted to participate in car cruising in the Black Country they may be in breach of the injunction and liable to committal proceedings for contempt of court which could result in the court imposing: a sentence of imprisonment; a fine; or an order seizing a person's assets.

(e) Maintaining and (re-erecting if required) official road signs (fixed, temporary and electronic) throughout the Black Country Area in locations that are, or have been, hotspots of car cruising activity.

(f) Liaising with local television and radio broadcasters with a view to publicising and explaining the terms and consequences of the extended injunction.

(g) Ensuring that copies of the extended Injunction and Power of Arrest are available at the front desks of the Claimants' main offices. West Midlands Police will ensure that copies of the Injunction and Power of Arrest are available at the front desks of their stations throughout the Black Country Area.

6. A review hearing will take place in open court (elh 30 minutes) before a Judge of the High Court (section 9 if practicable) after this extended order has been in force for a further 12 months and no longer than 14 months. The Claimants shall file with the court a succinct report to inform the court of

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their experience with the publication, operation and enforcement of the extended order, including for example, breaches, warnings or problems, if any arising out the extended order (including the Power of Arrest).

7. Nothing in this extended Order shall have the effect of extending the period of suspension of any sentence of imprisonment imposed under the original order.

Ordered by: His Honour Judge McKenna

On: 9th January 2018

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Claim No: A90BM228

INJUNCTION - SECTION 37(1) SENIOR COURTS ACT 1981 – (PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO SECTION 222 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972) - POWER OF ARREST
Under section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION, BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY

WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL, DUDLEY MBC, SANDWELL MBC AND WALSALL MBC	Claimants
PERSONS UNKNOWN	Defendants

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(Where marked * delete as appropriate)

POWER OF ARREST

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I. SECTION I - Supplemental Evidence Bundle as filed 14 December 2022 and Application for Urgent Relief

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Name of court **IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE** **KING'S BENCH DIVISION** **BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY**	**Claim no.** KB-2022-BHM-000188
Fee account no. (if applicable)	**Help with Fees - Ref. no.** (if applicable)
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Warrant no. (if applicable)	
Claimant's name (including ref.) Wolverhampton City Council, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council and Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council	
Defendant's name (including ref.) 1. Persons Unknown who participate between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am in a gathering of 2 or more persons within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached) at which some of those present engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving 2 Persons unknown who participate between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am in a gathering of 2 or more persons within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached) with the intention or expectation that some of those present will engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving 3. Persons Unknown promoting organising publicising (by any means whatsoever) any gathering between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am of 2 or more persons with the intention or expectation that some of those present will engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached)	
Date	12.12.2022

1. What is your name or, if you are a legal representative, the name of your firm?

   Legal Services

2. Are you a ☐Claimant ☐Defendant ☒Legal Representative

   ☐Other (please specify)

   If you are a legal representative whom do you represent? Claimant

3. What order are you asking the court to make and why?

   The Claimants seek an urgent without notice injunction on the terms set out in the appended draft

4. Have you attached a draft of the order you are applying for? ☒Yes ☐No

5. How do you want to have this application dealt with? ☒at a hearing ☐without a hearing

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☐at a remote hearing

6. How long do you think the hearing will last? Is this time estimate agreed by all parties?

1	Hours		Minutes

☐Yes ☒No

7. Give details of any fixed trial date or period

Existing Application for directions listed on 14 December

8. What level of Judge does your hearing need?

High Court Judge/ Section 9 Judge

9. Who should be served with this application?

N/A

9a. Please give the service address, (other than details of the claimant or defendant) of any party named in question 9.

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10. What information will you be relying on, in support of your application?

x the attached witness statement

☒the statement of case

☒the evidence set out in the box below

If necessary, please continue on a separate sheet.

The application is exceptionally urgent because there is real risk to the life and well-being of residents in the Claimants' local authority areas

It is not possible to give the Defendants any notice of the application as they are "Persons Unknown" and would only become Defendants once any order is served upon them and they act is breach of it

11. Do you believe you, or a witness who will give evidence on your behalf, are vulnerable in any way which the court needs to consider?

☐ Yes. Please explain in what way you or the witness are vulnerable and what steps, support or adjustments you wish the court and the judge to consider.

☒ No

Statement of Truth

I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against a person who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

☐ **I believe** that the facts stated in section 10 (and any continuation sheets) are true.

☒ **The applicant believes** that the facts stated in section 10 (and any continuation sheets) are true. **I am authorised** by the applicant to sign this statement.

Signature

☐ Applicant

☐ Litigation friend (where applicant is a child or a Protected Party)

☒ Applicant's legal representative (as defined by CPR 2.3(1))

Date

Day	Month	Year
12	12	2022

Full name

David Pattison

Name of applicant's legal representative's firm

Legal Services

If signing on behalf of firm or company give position or office held

Chief Operating Officer and Solicitor to the Council

Applicant's address to which documents should be sent.

Building and street

Civic Centre

Second line of address

St Peter's Square

Town or city

Wolverhampton

County (optional)

Postcode

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Your Ref.

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Claim No. KB-2022-BHM-000188

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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B E T W E E N:-

1. WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
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3. SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
4. WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimants

-and-

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendant

SKELETON ARGUMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CLAIMANTS

Wolverhampton City Council,
Legal Services,
Civic Centre,
St Peter's Square,
Wolverhampton

Ref: LIJ017753P/01201576

Solicitor for the Claimants

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY

Claim No. KB-2022-BHM-000188

For Hearing 14 December 2022 at 10.30am

In the matter of an application for an injunction under s.222 Local Government Act 1972 and s.130 of the Highways Act 1980

B E T W E E N:-

1. WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
2. DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
3. SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Claimants

-and-

1. PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO PARTICIPATE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00PM AND 7:00AM IN A GATHERING OF 2 OR MORE PERSONS WITHIN THE BLACK COUNTRY AREA SHOWN ON PLAN A (ATTACHED) AT WHICH SOME OF THOSE PRESENT ENGAGE IN MOTOR RACING OR MOTOR STUNTS OR OTHER DANGEROUS OR OBSTRUCTIVE DRIVING

2 PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO PARTICIPATE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00PM AND 7:00AM IN A GATHERING OF 2 OR MORE PERSONS WITHIN THE BLACK COUNTRY AREA SHOWN ON PLAN A (ATTACHED) WITH THE INTENTION OR EXPECTATION THAT SOME OF THOSE PRESENT WILL ENGAGE IN MOTOR RACING OR MOTOR STUNTS OR OTHER DANGEROUS OR OBSTRUCTIVE DRIVING

3. PERSONS UNKNOWN PROMOTING ORGANISING PUBLICISING (BY ANY MEANS WHATSOEVER) ANY GATHERING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00PM AND 7:00AM OF 2 OR MORE PERSONS WITH THE INTENTION OR EXPECTATION THAT SOME OF THOSE PRESENT WILL ENGAGE IN MOTOR RACING OR MOTOR STUNTS OR OTHER DANGEROUS OR OBSTRUCTIVE DRIVING WITHIN THE BLACK COUNTRY AREA SHOWN ON PLAN A (ATTACHED)

Defendants

SKELETON ARGUMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CLAIMANTS

Preliminary

1 This application was listed on 6 December 2022 when the Claimants were not in attendance. The Claimants were unaware of the hearing. It appears as if the relevant notice (which was sent to the correct email address) was caught by a 'spam filter'.

2 The solicitor with conduct has already apologised to the court for the failure to attend but the Claimants wish to place their apology on record.

3 The application has now, pursuant to an order of HHJ Emma Kelly (sitting as a High Court Judge), been listed to be heard (but not consolidated) with an application raising similar issues: *Birmingham City Council v Persons Unknown KB-2022-BHM-000221*.

4 It is understood that Birmingham City Council have now issued a further application seeking urgent interim relief. The Claimants in this matter will do the same for similar reasons. This is addressed below.

5 Reliance will be placed on the case of *Barking and Dagenham LBC and others v Persons Unknown and others* [2022] EWCA Civ 13 ('*Barking & Dagenham*'). The Supreme Court have granted permission to appeal and an expedited hearing is listed on 8 and 9 February 2023.

Introduction

6 By this application the Claimants seek:

(1) An order permitting substituted service of the Claim Form and consequential directions; and

(2) An urgent interim injunction restraining the conduct complained of.

7 An urgent interim injunction did not form part of the initial application but recent events (see below) mean such relief is necessary in the immediate future.

Background

8 On 1 December 2014 HHJ Owen QC granted an injunction to restrain car cruising *Wolverhampton & Others v Persons Unknown* [2014] (Claim No A90BM228). That injunction (the Original Injunction) was subsequently renewed by HHJ McKenna on 9 January 2018.

9 The Original injunction was in effect from 2 February 2015 until 1 February 2021.

10 Although application was made to further extend the order such application was adjourned following the first instance decision of Nicklin J in *Barking & Dagenham*.

11 Following the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Barking & Dagenham,* reversing Nicklin J, it is apparent that the legal landscape has altered considerably since 2014 and a fresh application is more appropriate (and likely to accord with the current guidance) than attempting to amend and extend the Original Injunction.

12 The Claimants aver that the Original Injunction caused or contributed to a substantial reduction in car cruising in the Black Country and the committal proceedings brought for breach of the Original Injunction served as a deterrent to persons contemplating car cruising.

13 The Original Injunction did not eliminate car cruising but did cause a decrease in such activity. Since the order lapsed there has been a marked increase.

The impact of the Original Injunction

The position after 2014

14 The injunction which Judge Owen QC granted was successful in that it led to a significant reduction in car cruising, albeit such behaviour was not eliminated. See in particular:

(1) Witness statement of Pardip Nagra [B12/32-B14/42]

(2) Witness statement of PC Campbell [B201/71]

(3) Witness statement of Pardip Sandhu [C7/6]

(4) Witness statement of Steve Gittins [C39/3]

(5) Witness statement of PS Lee Plant [C55-C73]

(6) Witness statement of Jennifer Bateman [D10/8-D11/14].

The position after expiry of the original injunction

15 Please see:

(1) Witness statement of Pardip Nagra [B15/43-B18/55; B19/59; &B21/70;]

(2) Witness statement of PC Campbell [B201/72-73]

(3) Witness statement of Pardip Sandhu [C8/13]

(4) Jennifer Bateman at paras 8-11 [D10/8-D11/11]

(5) Witness statement Steve Gittins [C40/6-C41/10]

(6) Witness statement of Margaret Clemonson [D3].

(7) Witness statement of Teja Sikhu [D7]

(8) Witness statement of Richard Hubbard Harris [E16/4-E17/8]

(9) Second witness statement of Richard Hubbard Harris [E28/5-E32/12

(10) Witness statement of John Slater-Kiernan E53/3-E54/7]

Recent Events

16 On 20 November 2022 a fatal road traffic collision occurred in Oldbury, which is within the Claimants' local authority areas. Two

people were killed. It is the unequivocal evidence of PC Mark Campbell[1] that this was directly linked to illegal street racing and that the deceased were spectators at the event.

Legal Issues

17 There have been a number of developments in the law which need to be addressed since the Original Injunction was granted

(1) Can the injunction sought be binding on someone who was not a defendant when it was granted?

(2) How must an injunction against persons unknown identify the persons who are bound by it?

(3) What conduct can be restrained by such an injunction?

The nature of the injunction being sought in this case

18 Before turning to the legal issues which might stand in the way of this claim, it is right to set out clearly the basis of the claim and the nature of the injunction being sought.

19 This is a claim for *quia timet* relief to prevent future car cruises. Although there have been car cruises in the past, they are relevant only as evidence of the need for an injunction. They are not the cause of action.

[1] Para 5 witness statement, dated 9 December 2022

20 The Claimants submit that the evidence establishes that car cruising will happen if not restrained, but the Claimants are unable to identify the persons who are likely to engage in it. For this reason, there cannot be named defendants.

21 The injunction, if granted, will define defendants as persons who, in the future, engage in particular activities. Accordingly, not only are there no *named* defendants. There are no defendants currently in existence.

22 It follows that in granting the injunction the court will not be finally determining rights between litigants. There will be no *res judicata*.

23 The proposed order would be conditional on its terms being brought to the attention of anyone who is to be required to obey it (see below).

24 Defendants will come into being only when and if they commit the prohibited acts with knowledge of the order.

25 The order sought is therefore provisional:

(1) It will only take effect against an individual when s/he acts inconsistently with it, is identified and is brought before the court.

(2) This new defendant will not thenceforth be a person unknown but will become a named defendant.

(3) A person who becomes a defendant is entitled to challenge the order and to ask the court to set it aside (see paragraph 17 above).

(4) Further the order will be widely disseminated and provision has been made for anyone potentially affected to apply to join the proceedings and oppose the order

26 The order will contain a provision for its own expiry or renewal. Therefore it will not be a final order, even though there will be no traditional return day and even though it will not be expressed to last only until a future trial.

27 For this reason, the court making the order will not be *functus officio*. Its role will not have ceased. On the contrary, it will continue to review the order and will have power at any time to discharge or to extend it. Just as the court has power to grant an injunction to last for ever, so it has power to grant an injunction for a period of time with a provision for extension.

28 As to the legal issues identified above.

29 In light of the Court of Appeal's detailed review of the law in *Barking & Dagenham* reference will largely be confined to that judgment. Unless stated otherwise para numbers refer to *Barking & Dagenham.*

Can the injunction sought be binding on someone who was not a defendant when it was granted?

30 The answer is well established as "yes". The principles are most clearly articulated in South Cambridgeshire District Council v Gammell [2005] EWCA Civ 1429. In that case an injunction was granted against persons unknown causing caravans to be stationed on a certain plot of land. At the time of the injunction, Ms Gammell was not on the land but she later brought a caravan onto it. The Court of Appeal held that she became a party to the proceedings when she did an act which brought her within the definition of defendant. Thus Ms Gammell "became both a person to whom the injunction was addressed and the defendant when she caused or permitted her caravan to occupy the site." There was no need to make her a defendant to the proceedings thereafter. She had already become a defendant.

See *Barking & Dagenham* at paras 25-32 & 79-83

31 This is not a protestor case in which a private business seeks to protect its commercial interests. It is a claim by an elected authority discharging its statutory duties. This claim is within the category of claims in which an injunction can be issued against the whole world, as in Venables to which the Court of Appeal referred in in *Barking & Dagenham* at para 75.

32 The court's duty is to look at the rights being infringed and ask if a contra mundum injunction is necessary to vindicate those rights. The

claimants rely on the familiar principle repeated by Baroness Hale in Environment Secretary v Meier [2009] UKSC 11 at [25]:

> *The underlying principle is ubi ius, ibi remedium: where there is a right, there should be a remedy to fit the right. The fact that "this has never been done before" is no deterrent to the principled development of the remedy to fit the right, provided that there is proper procedural protection for those against whom the remedy may be granted. So the questions are: what is the right to be protected? And what is the appropriate remedy to fit it?*

33 The present claimants are not private enterprises seeking to uphold their right to do business for profit, undisturbed by protestors. They are elected public bodies seeking to protect the inhabitants of their area from criminal activity:

(1) Section 222 Local Government Act 1972 provides that a local authority may bring civil proceedings in its own name where it considers it expedient for the protection of the interests of the inhabitants of its area. This entitles the claimants to sue for an injunction to restrain public nuisance, being "a nuisance ... which materially affects the reasonable comfort and convenience of life of a class of Her Majesty's subjects", per Romer LJ in Attorney-General v PYA Quarries Limited [1957] 2 QB 169 at 184.

(2) Lawton LJ observed in the Court of Appeal in Stoke-on-Trent Council v B&Q Ltd [1984] 1 Ch 1 at 23H that it is

> *in everyone's interest, and particularly so in urban areas, that a local authority should do what it can within its powers to establish and maintain an ambience of a law-abiding*

community; and what should be done for this purpose is for the local authority to decide.

(3) The claimants also have a duty, under section 130 Highways Act 1980, to assert and protect the rights of the public to the use and enjoyment of the highway. Under section 130(5) that duty is reinforced by the power to institute proceedings.

How must an injunction against persons unknown identify the persons who are bound by it?

34 The answer is supplied in *Canada Goose* (see *Barking & Dagenham* at 56). The court was there concerned with protestors, but the principles apply to car cruises:

(1) The "persons unknown" defendants in the claim form are, by definition, people who have not been identified at the time of the commencement of the proceedings. If they are known and have been identified, they must be joined as individual defendants to the proceedings. The "persons unknown" defendants must be people who have not been identified but are capable of being identified and served with the proceedings, if necessary by alternative service such as can reasonably be expected to bring the proceedings to their attention. In principle, such persons include both anonymous defendants who are identifiable at the time the proceedings commence but whose names are unknown and also Newcomers, that is to say people who in the future will join the protest and fall within the description of the "persons unknown". (2) The "persons unknown" must be defined in the originating process by reference to their conduct which is alleged to be unlawful. ... (4) As in the case of the originating process itself, the defendants subject to the interim injunction must be individually named if known and identified or, if not and described as "persons unknown", must be capable of being

identified and served with the order, if necessary by alternative service, the method of which must be set out in the order.

35 The categories of defendants in this case have been fashioned in accordance with this guidance. That is why the claimants no longer seek an order in identical terms to that in the Original Injunction because that simply described the defendants as "persons unknown" without reference to the activity which would turn them into defendants.

What conduct can be restrained by such an injunction?

36 The answer is to be found in the same paragraph in *Canada Goose* referred to above:

(5) The prohibited acts must correspond to the threatened tort. They may include lawful conduct if, and only to the extent that, there is no other proportionate means of protecting the claimant's rights. (6) The terms of the injunction must be sufficiently clear and precise as to enable persons potentially affected to know what they must not do. The prohibited acts must not, therefore, be described in terms of a legal cause of action, such as trespass or harassment or nuisance. They may be defined by reference to the defendant's intention if that is strictly necessary to correspond to the threatened tort and done in non-technical language which a defendant is capable of understanding and the intention is capable of proof without undue complexity. It is better practice, however, to formulate the injunction without reference to intention if the prohibited tortious act can be described in ordinary language without doing so. (7) The interim injunction should have clear geographical and temporal limits. It must be time limited because it is an interim and not a final injunction.

37 The injunction as framed in the draft order would prohibit mere participation in the gathering. That is an appropriate order because (i) these events take place at night in places to which the law-abiding public does not usually go (except as users of the highway, passing through); (ii) the court should not show undue consideration for those who gather to encourage anti-social behaviour; (iii) there is no other proportionate means of protecting the rights which the claimants seek to protect. In particular, the evidence establishes that spectators are a major part of the problem in that their presence encourages the drivers and causes very considerable risks to their own and others' safety.

38 The Second prohibition of the proposed injunction is open to the objection that it describes the prohibited activity (partly) in terms of the defendant's subjective state of mind. That objection should not prevail. The reference to the defendant's intention does not cause complexity or difficulties of proof and is necessary to enable the police to intervene without having to wait for someone to commit a dangerous act. It is a feature of car cruises that they can at least be broken up before any harm is done.

Further Legal Issues

(1) Should urgent interim relief be granted in this case?

(2) How must the Claim Form (or other application) which claims such an injunction be served?

(3) How must the injunction itself be served?

Should urgent interim injunction be granted in this case?

39 Practice Direction A to CPR 23 provides that Applications may be made without service of the application is six specified cases. The first 2 are particularly relevant.

(1) where there is exceptional urgency,

(2) *where the overriding objective is best furthered by doing so,*

40 In light of the evidence contained in the witness statement of PC Mark Campbell (see below) it is clear that there is a substantial risk of death or serious injury in the coming days. It is also clear that such risk is very real.

41 Further for obvious reasons there are, as yet, no defendants to serve the application on. The draft order makes provision for extensive publicity regarding the application and any relief granted. The order would not come into force until steps to publicise the order had taken place.

42 The order sought seeks only to restrain anti-social and criminal conduct. This is not analogous to protestor cases. There is no protected right to break the law and cause nuisance to others. The public at large has an unqualified right to life.

43 The issue of possible fatalities had been raised before:

(1) The Tesco Incident [C3/6].

(2) The Stevenage Collision [B25/82 & B183/15].

44 However, those incidents had either occurred well away from the Claimants' areas (Stevenage) or during the currency of the Original Injunction (Tesco).

45 It is suggested that the most recent incident clearly demonstrates a need for urgent relief.

(1) It took place in Oldbury (part of the Third Claimant's (Sandwell) local authority area.

(2) It was clearly a result of conduct that the Injunction sought seeks to prohibit.

(3) The police are anticipating an upsurge of such Steet cruises in the immediate future. (See witness statement of PC Campbell, dated 9 December 2022 filed in the Birmingham application**).**

How must the Claim Form (or other application) which claims such an injunction be served?

46 Plainly an anonymous defendant who is identified by description cannot be served in the normal manner. This was addressed in Canada Goose at [82] (see above). Where there are:

> *"persons unknown" defendants (they) must be people who have not been identified but are capable of being identified and served with the proceedings, if necessary by alternative service such as can reasonably be expected to bring the proceedings to their attention.*

47 CPR 6.15 provides *inter alia:*

> *(1) Where it appears to the court that there is a good reason to authorise service by a method or at a place not otherwise permitted by this Part, the court may make an order permitting service by an alternative method or at an alternative place.*
>
> *(2) On an application under this rule, the court may order that steps already taken to bring the claim form to the attention of the defendant by an alternative method or at an alternative place is good service.*

48 Further CPR 6.16 provides:

> *(1) The court may dispense with service of a claim form in exceptional circumstances.*
>
> *(2) An application for an order to dispense with service may be made at any time and*
>
> (a) *must be supported by evidence; and*
>
> (b) *may be made without notice.*

49 CPR 6.27 applies the provisions of Part 6.15 to documents other than a Claim Form.

50 The court is referred to: the witness statements of Paul Brown at [A65-A71; B226-B228; the annexed communication plan [B229-B237]; and the draft order for service by Alternative means [A20-A24].

51 The service provisions in the draft order are based on an order made by Julian Knowles J in the HS2 Litigation[2]. It is suggested that it strikes an appropriate balance between the right of the Claimants and those potentially affected by the application.

Urgent Relief

52 The Claimants' application was originally for a staged process i.e. (1) Issue; (2) Application for alterative service; & (3) on-notice hearing.

53 If urgent relief is granted then the order will need to be modified to authorise alternative service of the without notice Injunction.

54 A draft accompanies the application.

How must the injunction itself be served?

55 Similar considerations to service of the Claim Form arise with regard to service of the injunction. However, the need for a Newcomer to be made aware of the injunction require greater procedural safeguards and publicity.

56 So far as is relevant CPR 81.4 now provides:

[2] https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1105125/Orders-Basic_Order.pdf

(1) Unless and to the extent that the court directs otherwise, every contempt application must be supported by written evidence given by affidavit or affirmation.

(2) A contempt application must include statements of all the following, unless (in the case of (b) to (g)) wholly inapplicable—

...;

(c) confirmation that any such order was personally served, and the date it was served, unless the court or the parties dispensed with personal service;

(d) if the court dispensed with personal service, the terms and date of the court's order dispensing with personal service;...

57 The Claimants again refer to witness statements of Paul Brown [A65-A71; B226-B228; the annexed communication plan B229-B237].

58 It is envisaged that the injunction should not come into force until the Claimants have complied with those steps provided for in the order.

59 These extensive notice provisions should achieve the joint aims of ensuring that knowledge of the injunction is widely disseminated throughout the claimants' local authority areas and protecting any "Newcomer" from committal proceedings where he has unknowingly breached the order.

Conclusions

60 The claimants submit that in light of the evidence there is good reason to:

(1) grant an injunction in the terms sought;

(2) grant such an injunction on an urgent without notice basis;

(3) permit service by alternative means of the Application(s), Claim Form and any orders made.

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(Counsel for the Claimants)

I N J U N C T I O N

Between

(1) Wolverhampton City Council
(2) Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
(3) Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
(4) Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Claimants

- AND -

1. Persons Unknown who participate between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am in a gathering of 2 or more persons within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached) at which some of those present engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving
2 Persons unknown who participate between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am in a gathering of 2 or more persons within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached) with the intention or expectation that some of those present will engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving
3. Persons Unknown promoting organising publicising (by any means whatsoever) any gathering between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am of 2 or more persons with the intention or expectation that some of those present will engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached)

Defendants

To:	**1.** Persons Unknown who participate between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am in a gathering of 2 or more

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	persons within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached) at which some of those present engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving 2 Persons unknown who participate between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am in a gathering of 2 or more persons within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached) with the intention or expectation that some of those present will engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving 3. Persons Unknown promoting organising publicising (by any means whatsoever) any gathering between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am of 2 or more persons with the intention or expectation that some of those present will engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached)

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PENAL NOTICE

IF YOU THE WITHIN NAMED DEFENDANTS OR ANY OF YOU DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER, YOU MAY BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND IMPRISONED OR FINED OR YOUR ASSETS MAY BE SEIZED

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS

This Order prohibits you from doing the acts set out in this Order. You should read it very carefully. You are advised to consult a solicitor as soon as possible. You have the right to ask

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the Court to vary or discharge this Order but you must obey the order unless it is varied or discharged by the Court.

A Defendant who is an individual who is ordered not to do something must not do it himself/herself or in any other way. He/she must not do it through others acting on his/her behalf or on his/her instructions or with his/her encouragement.

This Order was made when the Defendants were not present at court and had not been given notice of the Claimants applications

Before sitting, at the High Court of Justice, Birmingham District Registry, Priory Courts, 33 Bull Street, Birmingham, B4 6DS on

UPON the Claimants' application, by an Application Notice dated ,for an injunction pursuant to section 222 Local Government Act 1972 and section 130 Highways Act 1980 and the Court exercising its discretion to grant injunctive relief pursuant to section 37(1) Senior Courts Act 1981

AND UPON the Court making an Order on making directions and approving service in respect of this interim injunction, the Claim Form, the Claimant's Application and the evidence in support by alternative means pursuant to CPR r. 6.15 and r. 6.27.

And UPON it appearing to the court that there is good reason to authorise service by a method or place not otherwise permitted by CPR Parts 6 & 81

AND UPON the Claimants confirming that this Order is not intended to prohibit lawful motorsport taking place on private land where planning permission has been granted and such activities take place under an approved code or licence from a recognised regulatory body.

AND UPON hearing Counsel for the Claimants and without notice to the Defendants.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Injunction in force

1 IT IS FORBIDDEN for the Defendants to participate between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am in a gathering of 2 or more persons within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached) at which some of those present engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving.

2 IT IS ALSO FORBIDDEN for the Defendants to participate between the hours of 3:00pm

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and 7:00am in a gathering of 2 or more persons within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached) with the intention or expectation that some of those present will engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving

3 IT IS ALSO FORBIDDEN for the Defendants to promote organise publicise (by any means whatsoever) any gathering between the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00am of 2 or more persons with the intention or expectation that some of those present will engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached)

Stunts are driving manoeuvres often undertaken at such gatherings including but not limited to:

(1) "Burnouts" Causing a vehicle to destroy its tyres by applying power to the drive wheels while braking so as to remain in place while the wheels revolve at speed.

(2) "Donuts/Donutting" Causing a vehicle to rotate around a fixed point (normally the front axle) while not moving-off causing noise, smoke and tyre marks to be created.

(3) "Drifting" Turning by placing the vehicle in a skid so that most sideways motion is due to the skid not any significant steering input.

(4) "Undertaking" passing a vehicle on its nearside so as to overtake in circumstances not permitted by the Highway Code

4 A Power of Arrest pursuant to section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 shall apply to clauses 1 & 2 of this Order.

Definitions

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5 In this Order the following definitions have been applied:

(1) "The Injunction" means this Order

(2) "The Power of Arrest" means the sealed Power of Arrest

(3) "the Documents"

(a) Notice of Hearing and a sealed copy of this Order

(b) Part 8 Claim Form;

(c) Particulars of Claim

(d) N16A application for an Injunction;

(e) Draft Injunction Order

(f) Draft Power of Arrest

(4) "the Evidence" materials set out at Schedule A below

(5) "the Claimants' contact details":

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Wolverhampton City Council
Civic Centre
St Peters Square
Wolverhampton
WV1 1RG
E: litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk T: 01902 556556
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Directions for Service

6 Pursuant to CPR r. 6.15 & r. 6.27 the Claimants have permission to serve the Documents and the Evidence on the Defendants by the alterative means set out at paragraphs 7(1) to 7 (7) below

7 Pursuant to CPR r. 6.27 & r. 81.4 the Claimants have permission to serve the Injunction and Power of Arrest on the Defendants by the alterative means set out at paragraphs 7(1) to 7(7)

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below

(1) Issuing a media release highlighting the application for and granting of the High Court injunction and power of arrest on an urgent without notice basis

Such release must provide:

(a) Details of the application and summarise the orders granted;

(b) Any deadline for filing an acknowledgement of service or other documents by the Defendants;

(c) The date, time and location of any future hearings

(d) The addresses of the dedicated webpages maintained by the Claimants regarding car cruising;

(e) The Claimants' contact details;

(f) Details of where and how copies of the Injunction, Power of Arrest, the Documents and the Evidence may be obtained.

Such release shall be made to, but is not limited to, local print publications including the Express and Star, Chronicle Week, the Birmingham Mail, Halesowen & Dudley News and Stourbridge News; local radio stations including BBC WM, Free Radio, Signal 107, WCR FM and Heart, and BBC Midlands Today and ITV Central.

(2) Placing on the Claimants' social media including Twitter and Facebook links to the above media release regarding the granting of the High Court injunction and power of arrest and highlighting introduction of injunction and power of arrest.

(3) Updating the dedicated pages on the websites of Wolverhampton City Council, Dudley Council, Sandwell Council and Walsall Council about the injunction and power of arrest, and date of introduction of the injunction at the following webpages:

https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/street-racing-injunction

https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/parking-and-roads/roads-highways-and-pavements/car-cruising-injunction

https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200284/roads_travel_and_parking/3231/street_racing

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https://go.walsall.gov.uk/black_country_car_cruising_injunction

Such pages shall carry a direct link to this Injunction Order, the Power of Arrest, the Documents and the Evidence .

(4) Placing a copy of the Injunction and Power of Arrest in the Express & Star and Chronicle Week newspapers

(5) Uploading to the video sharing website "You Tube", a video of someone presenting and reciting a copy of the terms of the Injunction with a stark warning that should people be participate in car cruising in the Black Country they may be in breach of the Injunction and liable to committal proceedings for contempt of court which could result in the court imposing: a sentence of imprisonment; a fine; or an order seizing a person's assets. The video shall also outline:

(a) The deadline for filing an acknowledgement of service or any other documents by any Defendant;

(b) The date, time and location of the next hearing of the application;

(c) The Claimant's contact details;

(d) The addresses of the dedicated webpages maintained by the Claimants regarding car cruising;

(e) Details of where and how copies of the Injunction the Power of Arrest ,Documents and the Evidence may be obtained.

Items (c) and (d) shall appear on screen as text.

(6) Erecting and maintaining official road signs (fixed, temporary and electronic) throughout the Black Country Area in locations that are, or have been, hotspots of car cruising activity stating "HIGH COURT INJUNCTION PROHIBITING CAR CRUISING IN FORCE IN THIS AREA

(7) Ensuring that copies of the Injunction and Power of Arrest are available at the front desks of the Claimants' main offices. West Midlands Police will ensure that copies of the Injunction and Power of Arrest are available at the front desks of their stations throughout the Black Country Area.

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8 The Injunction, Power of Arrest, Documents and Evidence shall be deemed served on the Defendants at 23.59 on the date upon which the final step in paragraph 7 has been complied with.

9 The Claimants shall file a witness statement by their proper officer confirming that the steps taken to effect service set out at paragraph 7(1) to 7(7) have been completed, within 14 days of the final step being taken.

10 Any person who wishes to appear at the hearing referred to at paragraph 12 below must file and serve on the Claimants an Acknowledgment of Service no later than 4pm on **[please complete]**

11 The Claimants' may file any updating evidence by no later than 4pm on **[please complete]**

12 The matter shall be listed for hearing before a High Court Judge (s.9 if practicable) with a time estimate of 1 day on **[please complete**]

Commencement, Term and Duration

13 The Injunction and Power of Arrest shall come into effect at 00:01 on the day following the completion of the steps in paragraph 7.

14 This Order & Power of Arrest shall, expire at 11.59 pm on unless it is extended, varied or discharged by further the court.

15 A further hearing will take place as provided by paragraph 12 above to decide whether this

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interim order shall continue in force or be varied or discharged.

16 Costs in the case

Further Case Management

17 Without prejudice to the foregoing, any person affected by this Order may apply to the Court at any time to vary or discharge it but if they wish to do so they must inform the Claimants' solicitors immediately (and in any event not less than 48 hours before the hearing of any such application) via the contact details set out below. Schedule B to this Order indicates the process which must be followed for any such application. Useful sources of support and information are listed in Schedule C.

18 Any person applying to vary or discharge this Order must provide their full name and address, an address for service, and must also apply to be joined as a Named Defendant to the proceedings at the same time.

19 The Claimants otherwise have permission to apply to extend or vary this Order or for further directions.

20 Save as provided for above, the Claim be stayed generally with liberty to restore.

Documents in the Claim and Application

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21 A single hard copy of any document will be sent within 21 days of the receipt of a reasonable request for that document or documents via the Claimants' solicitors whose contact details are set out below so long as any requests include a postal address and the full name of the requestor.

Communications with Claimants and the Court

22 All communications to the Court about this Order (which should quote the case number) should be sent to:

Birmingham District Registry Civil Justice Centre
Priory Courts
33 Bull Street

Birmingham B4 6DW

E: qb.birmingham@justice.gov.uk T: 0121 681 4441
F: 01264 785 131
DX: 701987 Birmingham 7

23 Any person who wishes to view or download copies of the documents shall contact the Claimants' solicitors via the contact details below

24 The Claimants' solicitors and their contact details are:

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Legal Services
Wolverhampton City Council
Civic Centre
St Peters Square
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SCHEDULE A

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SCHEDULE A

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO:

BETWEEN:

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimants

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Respondents

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If, in accordance with paragraph 18 above, any Defendant or any other person affected by this Order wishes to apply to vary or discharge this Order, to ensure effective case management by the Court the following indicative steps must be followed:

1. Any person seeking to contest the Claimants' entitlement to interim relief should file with the court (i.e. send to the court) and serve (i.e. send to the Claimants):

(a) An N244 application form[1];

(b) Written grounds (which may be contained in within the N244 application form or a separate document) for:

i. permission to bring the application; and
ii. the application (i.e. reasons for the proposed variation / discharge of the Order).

(c) A witness statement(s) containing and/or appending all of the evidence to be relied upon in support of the application.

2. In order to file the above documents with the Court, the applicant should:
(a) Send physical copies of the documents to the address at paragraph 22 of this Order; and/or

(b) Speak to the Court to obtain an address to send electronic copies of the documents to.

3. In order to serve the above documents on the Claimants, the applicant should:

(a) Send physical copies of the documents to the address at paragraph 24 of this Order; and/or

(b) Send electronic copies of the documents to the e-mail address at paragraph 24 above.

4. The person making the application should indicate to the Court and Claimants whether they consider the matter requires a court hearing or can be dealt with by the judge reviewing the paper application and any response from the Claimants.

5. Thereafter the Claimants shall have 14 days to file and serve evidence and submissions in response, including as to whether an oral hearing is required to determine the application.

6. Within 21 days, the Court shall decide:

a whether to grant permission for the application to proceed; and

b if permission is granted, whether a hearing is necessary, and/or may request from the parties evidence on any further matters necessary to determine the application. If the Court decides that a hearing is necessary, it shall seek to schedule the hearing (accommodating availabilities of the parties) within 42 days (6 weeks).

[1] 1 See the following link which provides a digital version of the form, and guidance notes: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/form-n244-application-notice

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7. If the Court decides that further evidence is needed from any party, it may set strict deadlines by which that evidence must be filed. Both parties should be aware that the Court may restrict the use of evidence which is filed late or impose other penalties for non-compliance.

SCHEDULE C – USEFUL REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

The attention of all parties is drawn to the following references and resources:

Bar Pro Bono Unit – A possible avenue for obtaining free legal advice and/or representation: https://weareadvocate.org.uk/

Support Through Court (formerly Personal Support Unit) – An organisation supporting litigants in person: https://www.supportthroughcourt.org

King's Bench Division Guide: https://www.judiciary.uk/guidance-and-resources/kings-bench-division-guide-2022-2/

A Handbook for for Litigants in Person: https://www.judiciary.uk/guidance-and-resources/handbook-litigants-person-civil-221013

Civil Procedure Rules Part 8: https://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedurerules/civil/rules/part08

Help with Court Fees website: https://www.gov.uk/get-help-with-court-fees

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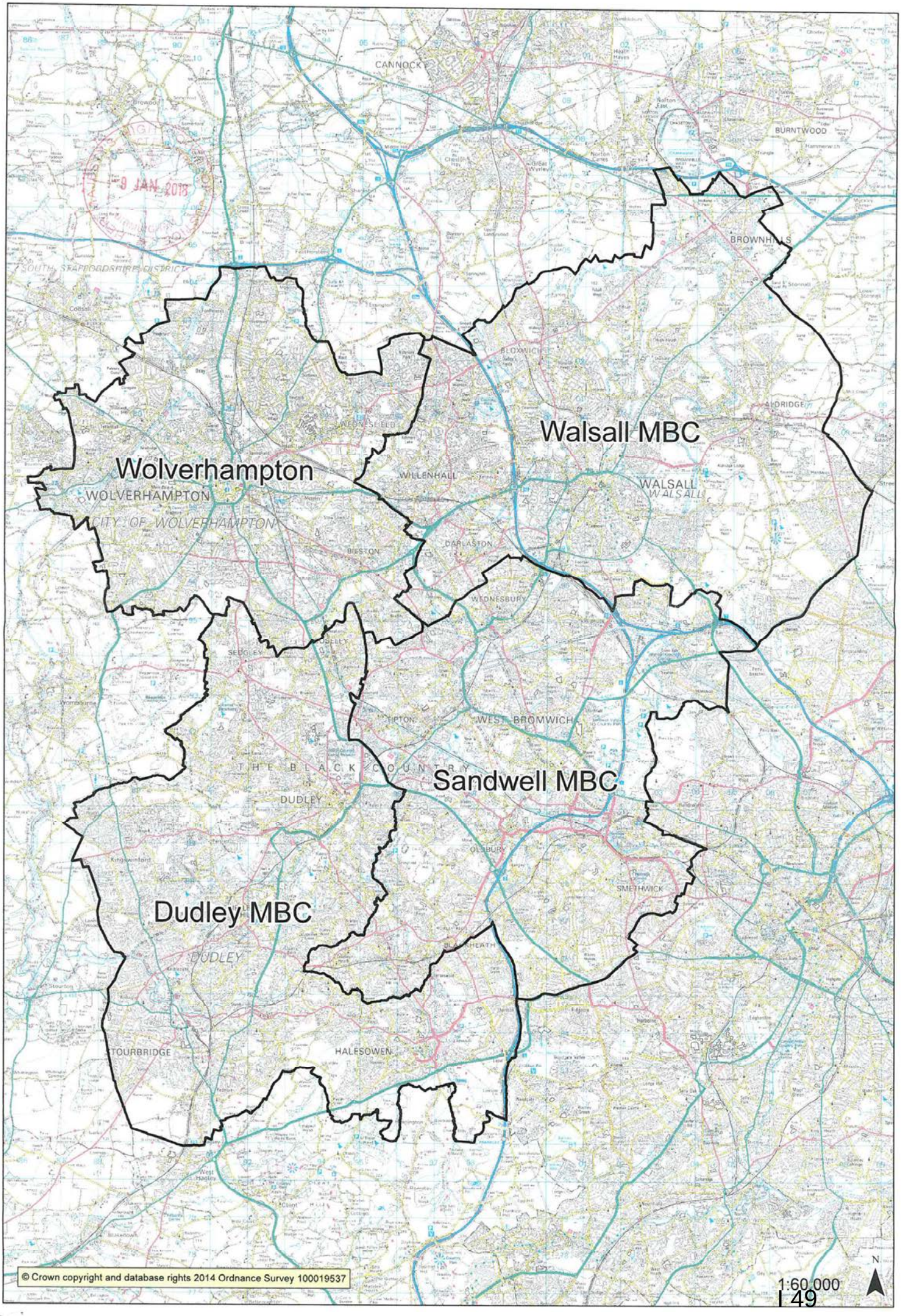
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INJUNCTION - SECTION 37(1) SENIOR COURTS ACT 1981
(PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO SECTION 222 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972)

POWER OF ARREST

Under section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006

SEAL

The court orders that a power of arrest under section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 applies to the following paragraph(s) of an order made on

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(Here set out the provisions of the order to which this power of arrest applies and no others).

(Where marked * delete as appropriate)

2. **IT IS FORBIDDEN for the Defendants to participate between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in a gathering of 2 or more persons within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached) at which some of those present engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving.**

3. **IT IS ALSO FORBIDDEN for the Defendants to participate between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in a gathering of 2 or more persons within the Black Country Area shown on Plan A (attached) with the intention or expectation that some of those present will engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving**

"Stunts" are driving manoeuvres often undertaken at such gatherings including but not limited to:

a. "Burnouts" – Causing a vehicle to destroy its tyres by applying power to the drive wheels while braking so as to remain in place while the wheels revolve at speed.

b. "Donuts/Donutting" – Causing a vehicle to rotate around a fixed point (normally the front axle) while not moving-off causing noise, smoke and tyre marks to be created.

c. "Drifting" – Turning by placing the vehicle in a skid so that most sideways motion is due to the skid not any significant steering input.

d. "Undertaking" – Passing a vehicle on its nearside so as to overtake in circumstances not permitted by the Highway Code

POWER OF ARREST

In respect of a power of arrest under section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006, the Court, upon being satisfied pursuant to section 27(3) Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 that the relevant conduct consists of or includes the use or threatened use of violence and/or there is a significant risk of harm to a person mentioned in section 27(2) of the said Act, has ordered that a power of arrest be attached to the order.

A power of arrest is attached to the order whereby any constable may (under the power given by Section 27(4) Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006) arrest without a warrant a person whom he has reasonable cause for suspecting to be in breach of any of the provisions set out in this order or otherwise in contempt of court in relation to such provision.

This Power of Arrest

Shall come into effect on 12.01 a.m. (00:01 hours) on and shall continue until 11:59 pm (23:59 hours) on ,unless it is extended, varied or discharged by further order of the court.

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Note to the Arresting Officer

Where a person is arrested under the power given by section 27(4) Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006, section 27(6) Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 requires that:

- A constable shall, after making such an arrest, forthwith inform the person on whose application the injunction was granted;
- Such person shall be brought before the relevant judge within 24 hours beginning at the time of his arrest; And if the matter is not then disposed of forthwith, the Judge may remand such person.
- Nothing in section 155 authorises the detention of such person after the expiry of the period of 24 hours beginning at the time of his arrest, unless remanded by the court.
- In reckoning any period of 24 hours for these purposes, no account shall be taken of Christmas Day, Good Friday or any Sunday.

Ordered by

On

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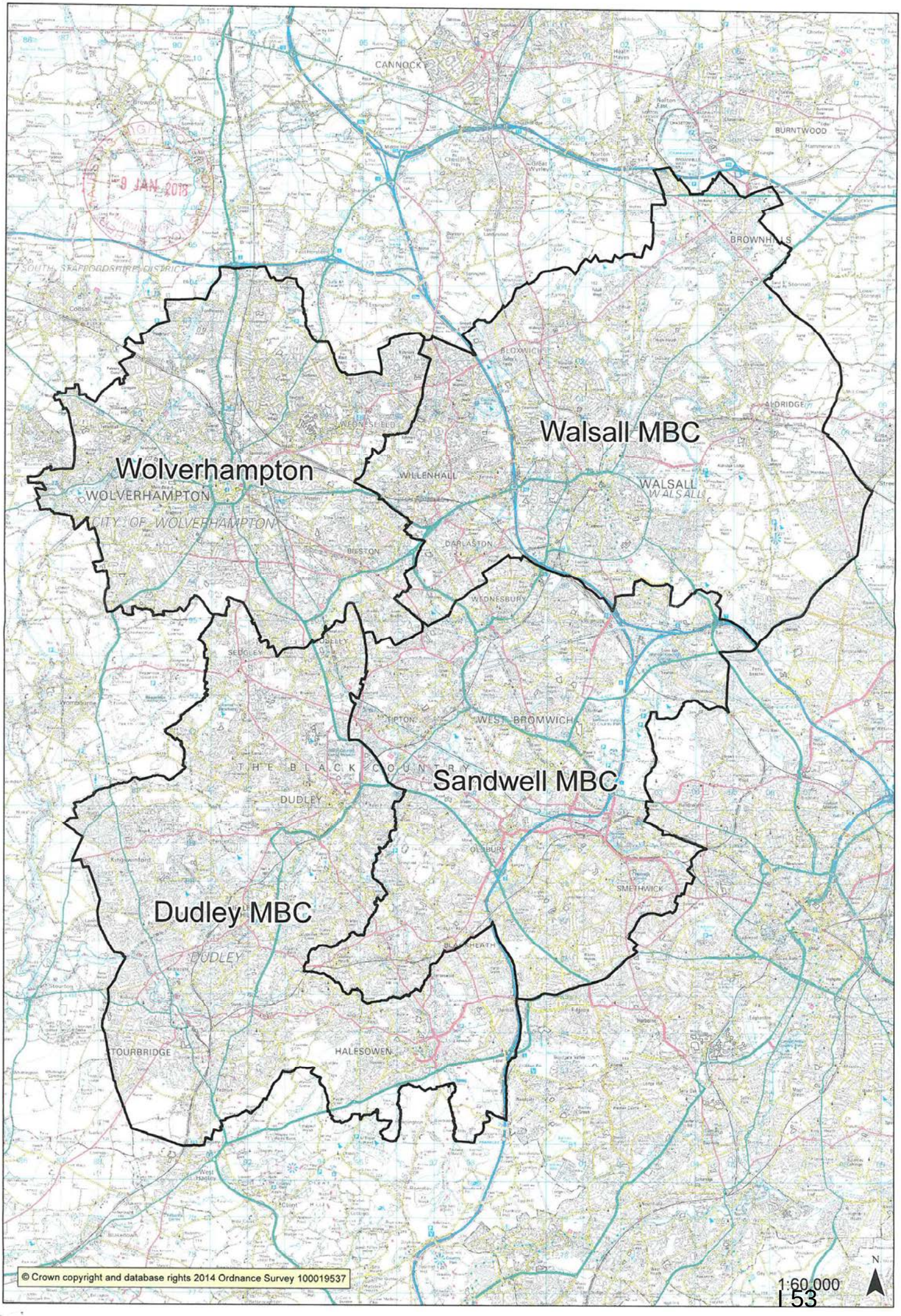
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For: Claimants
Statement of: Mark Campbell
Statement no: 2
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WITHIN THE BLACK COUNTRY AREA SHOWN ON PLAN A (ATTACHED)

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF POLICE CONSTABLE MARK CAMPBELL

I, Mark Campbell, Police Constable 6018 of West Midlands Police currently stationed at Chelmsley Wood Police Station WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. This is my second statement on behalf of the West Midlands Police in support of the Claimants' application for an Injunction in relation to Street cruising within the Black Country local authority area generally and is a statement I make specifically in support of the Claimants' application for an interim injunction to restrain the activity of street racing within the Black Country (December 2022).

2. I have been a Police officer for 25 years and have worked on a number of specialist teams. I am now subject lead for Operation Hercules which is the West Midlands Police tactical approach to street cruising, which over the last couple of years has become a growing issue. I have been the West Midlands lead on this subject for approximately 3 years, and in that time. I have witnessed the organised approach that organisers take in facilitating such events. I have had a leading role in a number of different approaches to tackle the issues that street cruising causes.

3. On 9th December 2022 I provided a witness statement in respect of Birmingham City Council's 2022 application for an injunction to restrain street racing within the Birmingham City Council area (Claim no: KB-2022-BHM-000221). That particular statement was made by me in support of an application by Birmingham City Council whom I understood intended to apply for an urgent interim street racing injunction following a fatal road traffic incident in Oldbury, West Midlands (which falls within the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council Local Government area) late night on Sunday 20 November 2022. I exhibit a copy of that statement hereto marked as "**Exhibit MRC4**" for ease of reference.

4. In my profession opinion there is an urgent requirement for a Black Country and Birmingham interim Street Cruising injunction to be in place before Christmas, my concerns within my statement for Birmingham equally apply to the Black Country Borough Councils Application.

5. I fully understand that the Black Country Borough Councils now seek an urgent interim Street Cruising Injunction due to a double fatality road traffic collision, which occurred on Sunday 20th November in Oldbury, West Midlands. This double fatality was directly linked to an illegal street racing incident in Oldbury. The two individuals who were spectating were there to watch the street racing and the driver who caused the collision attended to take part in the cruise. This only highlights the real dangers caused by these activities and brings the untold tragedy to the forefront on everyone's minds. Had this illegal street cruising meet not taken place then the two individuals killed in the collision would still be alive. This tragedy is only too personal to me due to the fact that I knew one of the deceased. I had spoken to him on numerous occasions, he had also attended a diversionary/educational course that I run, which aims to highlighting the dangers of attending these meets

6. I can confirm I support and endorse the Claimant Black Country Borough Councils' application for urgent relief and consider the rise in incidents of car cruising with the Black Country and Birmingham areas of the West Midlands presents an imminent and significant risk of serious and possibly fatal injuries and significant nuisance for those affected areas. I also confirm responding to and dealing with the increase in street racing and street racing related activities is burdening already stretched police resources.

7. I am willing to attend court in this matter if required.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed M.Campbell **Date** 9 December 2022

Print name in full MARK CAMPBELL

For: Claimants
Statement of: Mark Campbell
Statement no: 2
Exhibits: MRC4 – MRC4
Date: 9 December 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: KB-2022-BHM-000188

BETWEEN:

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimants

-and-

1. PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO PARTICIPATE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00PM AND 7:00AM IN A GATHERING OF 2 OR MORE PERSONS WITHIN THE BLACK COUNTRY AREA SHOWN ON PLAN A (ATTACHED) AT WHICH SOME OF THOSE PRESENT ENGAGE IN MOTOR RACING OR MOTOR STUNTS OR OTHER DANGEROUS OR OBSTRUCTIVE DRIVING

2 PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO PARTICIPATE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00PM AND 7:00AM IN A GATHERING OF 2 OR MORE PERSONS WITHIN THE BLACK COUNTRY AREA SHOWN ON PLAN A (ATTACHED) WITH THE INTENTION OR EXPECTATION THAT SOME OF THOSE PRESENT WILL ENGAGE IN MOTOR RACING OR MOTOR STUNTS OR OTHER DANGEROUS OR OBSTRUCTIVE DRIVING

3. PERSONS UNKNOWN PROMOTING ORGANISING PUBLICISING (BY ANY MEANS WHATSOEVER) ANY GATHERING BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00PM AND 7:00AM OF 2 OR MORE PERSONS WITH THE INTENTION OR EXPECTATION THAT SOME OF THOSE PRESENT WILL ENGAGE IN MOTOR RACING OR MOTOR STUNTS OR OTHER DANGEROUS OR OBSTRUCTIVE DRIVING
WITHIN THE BLACK COUNTRY AREA SHOWN ON PLAN A (ATTACHED)

Defendants

EXHIBIT MRC4

This is the document referred to as "**Exhibit MRC4**" in the witness statement of PC Mark Campbell dated 9 December 2022.

(1) Birmingham City Council
(2) Claimant
(3) Statement of Mark Campbell
(4) 3rd
(5) Exhibits"
(6) 9/12/2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE **Claim No: KB-2022-BHN-000221**

KING'S BENCH DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY

In the matter of an application for an injunction under s.37(1), Senior Courts Act 1981, s.1, Localism Act 2011, s.222, Local Government Act 1972 and s.130, Highways Act 1980.

B E T W E E N :

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Claimant

and

(1) AHZI NAGMADIN

(2) JESSICA ELLEN ROBERTS

(4) RASHANI REID

(5) THOMAS WHITTAKER

(6) ARTHUR ROGERS

(7) ABC

(8) PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO PARTICIPATE OR INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN STREET-CRUISES IN BIRMINGHAM, AS CAR DRIVERS, MOTORCYCLE RIDERS, PASSENGERS AND/OR SPECTATORS

(9) PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO, OR WHO INTEND TO, ORGANISE, PROMOTE OR PUBLICISE STREET CRUISES IN BIRMINGHAM

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF
MARK CAMPBELL

I, Mark Campbell, of West Midlands Police, will say as follows:

1. I am PC 6018 Campbell, and I am making this statement on behalf of the West Midlands Police in support of the claimant's application for an urgent interim Injunction in relation to Street cruising within Birmingham and in support of the Claimant's application for alternative service.

2. I have been a Police Officer for 25 years and have worked on a number of specialist teams. I am now subject lead for Operation Hercules which is the West Midlands Police tactical approach to street cruising. This has become a growing issue over the last couple of years. I have been West Midlands lead on this subject for approximately 3 years, and in that time, I have learned how the organisers facilitate such events. I have had a leading role in a number of different approaches to tackle the issues that street cruising causes. For example, I have together with the West Midlands Fire service developed a diversionary/educational course, highlighting the dangers of attending street cruising meets and the ripple effect that takes place if a collision occurs. Operation Hercules team have been involved in executing a number of warrants on individuals believed to be involved in organising or promoting street cruising, these warrants have had an impact on some of the organisers, but this tactic need to continue due to other organisers coming to the forefront.

3. I make this 3rd statement further to my statements dated 24th October 2022 and 1st December 2022. I am duly authorised to do so.

Alternative Service

4. I was asked by Birmingham Local authority to advertise on the West Midlands Police social media pages this application for a High Court street cruising injunction to draw this application to a wide audience who may have an interest in street cruising and to enable them to attend court if they wished. West Midlands Police advertised the new application on West Midlands Police/ Birmingham Police Facebook and Twitter feeds on [DATE]. The Facebook post was viewed by 154 people and we received 95 comments.

5. In particular, the Facebook post brought the proceedings to the attention of the Fourth Defendant, Rashani REID, the contact details for whom the Local Authority nor the Police previously had. The Fourth Defendant telephoned the Police and spoke to me. He told me that he had viewed the West Midlands Police Facebook post and asked why his name had appeared as a defendant as he stated that he did not organise street racing. He was spoken to regarding the fact that he had previously admitted to organising static meets within a car park and he had previously been seen attending these meets. REID was informed that Birmingham Local Authority were applying for a new High Court Street cruising injunction. The very fact that REID read the West Midlands Facebook post only highlights the effectiveness of advertising on social-media.

6. As part of the “Operation Hercules” tactical plan of dealing with the Street cruisers/street racers we often use West Midlands Traffic Facebook page to advertise the Police’s response to any illegal street cruising meets. Over the last two years it has become clear that a very large number of the street cruisers, who attend meets in the West Midlands follow the various West Midlands Police Facebook and Twitter accounts. On numerous occasions the Police

having had arrested someone in relation to street racing or seized a car for taking part in this illegal activity, posted about this on social media, and the post has received over 500 comments. On a few occasions the number of comments has reached nearly 1 thousand. A number of the comments or views were from individuals that the I personally recognise from either attending or promoting street cruising meets.

Interim Injunction.

7. In my profession opinion an interim injunction needs to be in place urgently and before Christmas.

8. On Sunday 20th November 2022, there was a horrendous road traffic collision in which two young individuals lost their lives and two other spectators were seriously hurt, one received live changing injuries.This double fatality was directly linked to an illegal street racing meet incident in Oldbury. The two individuals who lost their lives were spectating at the race and the driver, who was arrested at the scene admitted attending the meet, but to purely show his car. This reasons for the collision are still currently being investigated. No further details can be released.

9. These incidents, in combination with the incidents that I described in my first witness statement dated 24 October 2022 at paragraphs 10, 13 and 54, highlight the real dangers caused by street cruising and brings the untold tragedy to the forefront of everyone's minds. Had these illegal street cruising meets not taken place then those individuals killed would still be alive.

10. The fact that the two most recent street cruising events were held within such a short period of time of each other also suggests that the organisers are taking advantage of the fact that the previous street-cruising injunction is no longer in place.

11. The crash that happened on 20 November 2022 also highlights the need for the various approaches taken by the Police to combat street cruising to work in combination with an injunction. This tragedy is personal to me in that I knew one of the deceased. I had spoken to him on numerous occasions, and had also attended a diversionary/educational course that I run, which aims to highlighting the dangers of attending these meets. If an injunction had been in force on 20 November 2022, it is significantly less likely that the street cruise would have been organised, and therefore the now deceased would not have had the opportunity to attend.

12. The circumstances of these deaths is not just something that happens in the West Midlands area, but a number of deaths throughout the England directly result from illegal street cruising meets.

13. I am aware of three upcoming street racing meets. The first and second organised meets are due to be held on Friday 9th December 2022 and Saturday 17th December 2022 in Birmingham at an undisclosed location. These meets are organised via a number of regional groups and are expected to be well attended.

14. The third illegal meet I am aware of is due to take place on 26th December, this is an annual event and always attracts large numbers of vehicles to various locations in the Birmingham and West Midlands areas, including the areas proposed to be covered by the Black Country Injunction application. Last years' Boxing Day meet attracted in the region of two hundred vehicles. During the event, those cars raced each other along roads including the A38 Sutton by pass, A47 including Port Parkway and Heartlands Parkway. Futhermore, the event attracted large amounts of anti-social behaviour including criminal damage in a number of car

parks including Asda, Minworth where Christmas trees were set on fire with the flames from modified cars.

15. 2023 will no doubt attract even more street cruising events which again will no doubt turn into illegal street racing, causing untold dangers to not only the car racers themselves, the spectators, but also innocent members of the public.

16. The reason I feel so strongly about this is because I have been tackling the issue of illegal street cruising for a number of years, and it has been proved that not just one type of enforcement will stop this illegal activity, a multi-pronged response including a Street cruising injunction is required. The Police have used various tactics in order to reduce the sheer volumes of calls that the Police receive on a weekly basis and has had some success, however from speaking with a large number of attendees to the street racing I am often told “You will not stop this”. In my experience, an injunction with a power of arrest enables the police not only to arrest individuals involved in a street cruising meet, thereby disrupting that meet, but also means that people disperse in order to avoid being arrested. This is a very powerful tool. At the moment the individuals involved still organise more meets and unfortunately lessons are not learned. I cannot state how important the obtaining of interim relief is due to this attitude.

17. I am willing to attend court to give evidence.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes or causes to be made a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without honest belief in its truth

Signed M.Campbell

West Midlands Police

Dated this 9th day of December 2022

i) Statement of: D England
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: F90BM019

B E T W E E N:

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimants

and

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF DAVID ENGLAND

I, David England of Warburton's Bakery, Moorcroft Drive, Wednesbury, WS10 7DE WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am David England and work at the address stated above, Warburton's Bakery. I have worked at Warburton's bakery in Wednesbury for nearly 11 years and I am the currently health and safety executive with the company.

2. I have been fully aware of the car cruising injunction obtained by the four Black Country councils and the police which covers the area of Sandwell amongst other boroughs.

3. I have previously and still do have regular discussions with our drivers that come in and out of our depot twenty-four seven. I do this so that I can address any issues of safety which they may have, such as gatherings of car cruisers within the Hallens Drive and Patent Drive areas of Wednesbury that we used to have to endure in previous times.

4. We used to have issues of vehicles and pedestrians using the footpaths and the highway to observe other vehicles racing in tandem on the highway which caused obvious risks of injury and damage to our drivers and their vehicles when they had to access the bakery.

5. I make this statement in order to evidence that since the injunction we have had a very positive result in relation to a significant reduction in this type of activity in and around our bakery. I am not aware of any significant gatherings of such car cruising meets since when I made my last statement.

6. I maintain that without the continuance of the injunction then there will almost certainly be a return of large numbers of spectators and drivers attending the area in and around our bakery which would cause an increased risk to the health and safety to our staff members coming in and out of their work place. This would cause an increase in calls for the demand of the emergency services.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed [signature] **Date** 3/11/2020

Print name in full DAVID ENGLAND DAVID ENGLAND -

Statement filed on behalf of:Dudley MBC
Statement of: Faye Willetts
Statement No: 1
Dated :
Filed:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: A90BM228

BETWEEN:

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

APPLICANTS

- and -

PERSONS UNKNOWN

RESPONDENTS

WITNESS STATEMENT OF FAYE WILLETTS

IN SUPPORT OF RENEWAL OF CAR CRUISING INJUNCTION

I, FAYE WILLETTS, of [redacted] **will say as follows:-**

1. I am Faye Willetts of the address stated above. I have lived at this address for 10 years along with my husband.

2. I am giving this statement regarding issues of anti-social behaviour caused by street racing along Manor Way (A456), Halesowen.

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3. Manor Way, Halesowen, known as the A456, is a major route from Junction 3 of the M5 motorway towards Halesowen in the Dudley borough. Manor Way is a relatively straight dual carriageway with varying speed limits of between 70 and 40 mph.

4. My home is on one of the many housing estates close to Manor Way. Having lived here for many years, I am accustomed to a certain level of traffic noise from Manor Way. However, towards the latter part of Summer 2020 I noticed that the noise from Manor Way had increased considerably during weekend evenings, and in particular on a Sunday evening. It sounded like numerous individuals were engaging in road racing activities, revving engines and driving at very high speeds.

5. Although my view of Manor Way is restricted I am able to make out vehicle headlights and it is clear to me that individuals are using Manor Way as a race track, driving at very high speed and weaving in and out of other road users who are travelling at or below the legal speed limit. From the noise of the engines, I believe that the vehicles are racing along the dual carriageway between the island at J3 of the motorway and the Grange island approximately a mile further along Manor Way. These events appear to me to be organised as they occur so regularly and the vehicles generally arrive and leave together at the same time each week, between 8.30pm and 11pm.

6. Since the injunction lapsed at the end of January 2021, I have noticed that in addition to the weekend events, there have also been regular incidents whereby my husband and I are woken around 2am by the sound of vehicles racing along Manor Way. For example, during the week commencing 15th March 2021, we were woken by these activities on Monday, Wednesday and Sunday evening. On each occasion the racing has continued for around an hour and I believe that it stops only when the police turn up, having been called by my husband and other residents.

7. I am aware that numerous other residents living near to Manor Way have also experienced nuisance from the street racing activities. Last year we formed a resident's group to discuss the matter and report incidents to our local MP and police. I am aware that residents living on another road closer to Manor Way regularly experience nuisance from loud horns and fireworks but I have not personally heard these from my home. I am also aware that some residents have attempted to record the street racing and as a result have been threatened and abused by individuals involved. It has also been reported that the Shell Petrol Station on Manor Way is being used as a meeting point for these individuals and residents have reported seeing 'donuts' being performed on the forecourt. This is clearly concerning as if one of these stunts were to go wrong and the vehicle were to hit a petrol pump there could be a very serious risk of harm, not only to those involved but to innocent families using the petrol station.

8. The noise from this street racing is distressing to me as the loud engines/exhausts make it hard to relax or sleep. Many of the vehicles are modified as the sound of the engine revving is amplified and one vehicle backfires often which sounds like a gun going off. I am also concerned that there may be a crash due to the dangerous and high speed driving. This makes me on edge and anxious. Losing sleep on such a regular basis makes it hard to function at work and is extremely stressful. Due to the number of houses on the estates alongside Manor Way, I believe that these activities are potentially affecting up to 2000 people, particularly the more recent incidents occurring in the early hours of the morning when there is much less ambient noise and sound travels further.

9. I am also aware that racing is taking place on Lapal Lane South, which is a road off Manor Way leading up to the Woodgate Valley area – this is a winding single lane country road that passes through some residences but in particular a Residential Care Home. I understand the residents of the Care Home are being awoken on a regular basis because of this issue.

10. I can confirm that I am fully behind the renewing of the order prohibiting car cruising. I believe that if the order is not renewed these activities will become an even more regular occurrence and will ultimately result in someone being seriously injured or killed. It is also necessary so that

my family and other residents can live a normal life, not blighted by sleep deprivation and anxiety.

11. For the above reasons I fully support the renewal of this Injunction within Dudley and the Black Country.

12. I believe the facts stated in this statement to be true. I understand that proceedings for contempt may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed ..... *Date* 12/04/2021

Print Name in Full : ...MRS. FAYE WILLETTS.....

Signature .....

Faye Willetts

i) Statement of: H Hayer
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: F90BM019

B E T W E E N:

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimants

and

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF HEMA HAYER

I, Hema Hayer of [redacted], WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Hema Hayer of the address stated above. I have lived at this address for the last 14 years with my husband and two boys. Our home is positioned on a housing estate on the other side of the canal from a road called Hallens Drive in Wednesbury.

2. Hallens Drive is a road that goes from the A41 dual carriageway in Wednesbury in a U-shape onto Patent Drive. This then ends again on the A41. In essence, this is a circular route which is now used as a race track by boy racers/car cruisers every Sunday night.

3. I would say that for 10 years all the time we have been living here we have experienced terrible noise and intimidation by these gatherings of racing cars.

It also used to be on a Saturday night but nowadays it's every Sunday evening.

4. I remember a few years ago after I gave a witness statement about car racing the council and police managed to obtain a car cruising injunction which covered Hallens Drive, Wednesbury as it is within Sandwell Borough Council.

5. When this injunction was granted it was fantastic! It made a huge difference to our lives. This was because we had experienced years of the regular racing on a Sunday night and it was lovely to not have this anti-social behaviour intimidating us.

6. The matter has been made worse because one of my sons suffers with migraines and this was aggravated by the sound of aggressive accelerating.

7. We actually were too intimidated to use that road network due to this activity; I refused point blank to drive through there, especially on a Sunday night. Once the injunction was policed on a regular basis the activity in Hallens Drive finished and we had our weekends back again.

8. However, the boy racers have progressively got worse over time. We had about 12 months of it being fantastic but then over another period of approximately 12 months it has progressively got worse again. I don't know why but it seems that it isn't policed as much as it used to be.

9. I am aware that the police have recently used drones to record this activity and other matters are being looked at regarding long-term solutions, but we had to contact the police recently due to cars racing each other.

10. We are very concerned that the car racing is going to return every Sunday evening again. We would then have to reconsider our position here as we have worked hard on our home, especially over the last 12 months or so.

11. The injunction has worked brilliantly, and I only hope that it will continue to be policed and also prosecute any attendees breaching it.

12. Ultimately, we want a long-term solution to make the area undesirable for car cruisers to attend. We know of several residents where we live that have experienced the anti-social use of these vehicles racing up and down causing a danger to other road users. They are all happy to give statements if needed.

13. I have also heard them setting off fireworks on Sunday evenings when they have been racing the cars. It has made me feel that I just can't go down that area, especially on Sunday evenings.

14. I just want to live in a safe place and feel comfortable in my own home at the weekend with my family. I don't want to feel the intimidation and vulnerability again.

15. We are prepared to help and support the council and police in order to help prevent the activity from becoming a regular problem again.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed [signature] **Date** 27.10.20

Print name in full HEMA HAYER

i) Statement of: J Differ
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: F90BM019

B E T W E E N:

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimants

and

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF JEFFREY DIFFER

I, Jeffrey Differ of [redacted], WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Jeffrey Differ of the address stated above.

2. I am giving this statement in regards to issues of anti-social behaviour caused by car cruising in and around the A41 and the Black Country New Road, Moxley.

3. Previously I have made impact statements in regards to this problem due to the fact the noise nuisance and the associated anti-social elements attributed to cruising have caused me to feel harassed.

4. I can state that when people attend the locality with the intention of cruising/racing, I struggle to sleep because of the noise of the engines/exhausts.

5. I can confirm that I am fully behind the renewing of the order prohibiting car cruising. I believe that renewing the order will save people's lives and allow residents to live a normal life not blighted by sleep deprivation.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed J Differ **Date** 27/10/20

Print name in full JEFFREY DIFFER

i) Statement of: Lisa Fox
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimant
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: F90BM019

B E T W E E N:

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimants

and

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF LISA FOX

I, Lisa Fox of [redacted]
WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Lisa Fox of the address stated above.

2. This statement is in relation to the Road Racing Injunction which was made legal on 1st December 2014 and extended for a further three years on 9 January 2018. It is therefore due for renewal soon.

3. Prior to this injunction vehicles were constantly causing excessive noise and racing along the Black Country Route to the rear of my property. This was particularly prevalent on Sunday evenings into Monday mornings. This caused me to contact police to resolve the issue.

4. Since the introduction of this injunction, as well as active police action, I am pleased to say the problem has stopped and my family can sleep without the

anti-social disturbance. There was a period of racing activity for approximately three weeks during July – August 2020. However, since 7 August 2020 there have been no further issues with road racing along the Black Country Route.

5. Therefore, I can say that the injunction has been a success and I provide my complete support for the continuation of this valuable piece of law to stop road racing in my area.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Name of Claimant: Wolverhampton City Council

Signed [signature] **Date** 28/10/20

Print name in full LISA FOX

i) Statement of: Rachel Fanthom
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimant
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO:

B E T W E E N:

(1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
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(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimants

and

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

WITNESS STATEMENT OF RACHEL FANTHOM

I, Rachel Fanthom, of Wolverhampton Homes, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am employed by Wolverhampton Homes as an Anti-social Behaviour Officer; I have held this position for six years.

2. On Saturday 10th April 2021 at approx. 23:05 hours I entered the Black Country Route (A463) from Birmingham New Road (A4123). When I was approaching the first roundabout I saw a dark coloured car on the central reservation crossing area on my left which is Overfield Drive, outside the Elisabeth Arms pub.

3. At first glance it looked like the driver had lost control and had ended up in that position, however, it soon became apparent that it had actually been parked there on purpose as there were a few people surrounding the vehicle and were laughing and talking. The driver was behind the steering wheel and there appeared to be passengers in the vehicle too. I also noticed that there were 2

other cars parked on the other side of the road outside the entrance to the pub car park and they all seemed to know one another.

4. Upon entering the roundabout fully, I then saw approximately 5/6 cars on the other side opposite Overfield Drive, which is Anchor Lane; all were revving their engines and the headlights were on but weren't moving anywhere. I knew that they were not just driving from that direction as the only buildings on that road are industrial units and the waste recycling centre, none of which would be open at that time.

5. I proceeded straight over around the roundabout to continue on the Black Country Route and could then see on the opposite side of the carriageway that there were more cars parked up outside the car auctions building; there were approximately 7/8 that I could see again, all revving their engines and with their headlights on.

6. As I made my way along that stretch towards the next roundabout where B&Q, Springvale is, a green Audi came up alongside me and started revving as if they wanted me to race with them. I ignored them and continued as normal so they sped off in front of me onto the roundabout and beyond out of sight.

7. When I got to the roundabout at Bilston by the Fire Station, I took the first exit as was going to McDonalds drive thru. When I pulled onto the car park there it was as if it was the middle of the day with the amount of cars there and a queue for the drive thru. As I waited to get to the ordering booth, I could see groups of 3/4 cars leave together and then another 3/4 would enter, this would happen every few minutes. When I was then giving my order I could hardly hear the operative for the noise of the cars revving and beeping horns. When I finally got to the window to pay the girl there apologised for the noise and said that it is like that a lot with the cars going racing, although she said that that night had been particularly bad. I suggested to her that the store manager should notify the police if they felt that they were acting criminally or causing a nuisance.

8. Once I had collected my order I parked up on the Lidl part of the car park so as not to be by all of the cars that appeared to be altogether and so that I could consume my drink. In the 5 minutes that I was parked up, I observed in the region of 30 cars parked on the car park, headlights on, revving engines, some

beeping horns and some even driving recklessly around the car park. I did try and call 101 myself to report it but there was no answer so I gave up. Most of the vehicles had some kind of performance specification or modification but were a mixture of all different makes & models and even a couple of motorbikes there too.

9. When I left the car park I decided to go a different way home so as not to get caught up in anything that was going on on Black Country Route so I went via Millfields Road instead. Even as I went that way I could see cars seemingly racing each other around the main Bilston roundabout and could hear cars further down the road too but could not see that far.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

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