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**SEVENTH WITNESS STATEMENT OF PAUL BROWN**

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



1. Except where indicated to the contrary, the facts in this statement are within my knowledge and are true. Where the facts in this statement are not within my direct knowledge, they are based on the source indicated and are true to the best of my information and belief. This is my third statement in these proceedings.
2. The City of Wolverhampton Council is the authority which is leading the joint application of the Councils of Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall (hereinafter referred to as the “Black Country Boroughs”) seeking injunctive relief to restrain street racing (also referred to as car cruising) in the Black Country Boroughs.
3. I have been employed since 25 June 2007 as a Senior Communications Adviser and latterly Communications Manager in the communications team of the City of Wolverhampton Council.
4. In collaboration with my colleagues Pardip Nagra (ASB Team Leader) and Adam Sheen (Senior Solicitor, Legal Services) a communications plan has been developed, with the initial steps implemented, initially to raise awareness of the application to the High Court for an interim street racing injunction for the Black Country Area and, should the court be minded to grant this, to promote the existence of the injunction, and the power of arrest, once it is formally in place.
5. 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.
6. Paragraph 5 of the order of the High Court made by the Honourable Mr Justice Freedman on 13 February 2023 (sealed 16 February 2023) (“the Order”), required the Claimants to take a series of publicity steps publicising the outcome of the hearing to bring notice of the hearing to the attention of “Persons Unknown”.
7. The information below details these steps and how, I respectfully suggest, the Claimant Councils have fulfilled these steps.

8. Paragraph 5(1) of the Order required:

*the “Issuing of a media release highlighting the continuation of the Injunction and Power of Arrest*

*Such release must provide:*

- (a) Details of the application and summarise the orders made;*
- (b) Any deadline for filing any documents by the Defendants;*
- (c) The date, time and location of any future hearings, if known*
- (d) The addresses of the dedicated webpages maintained by the Claimants regarding car cruising;*
- (e) The Claimants’ contact details; and*
- (f) Details of where and how copies of the Injunction, Power of Arrest, this Order, 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; the website Birmingham Live (aka) BLive; and the following television stations, BBC (to include the Midlands Today programme) and ITV Central.*

*by 23:59 on 21 February 2023”*

9. I can confirm that the media release was issued to the above outlets on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Please see “**Exhibit PB7A**” attached hereto which refers and also includes coverage in the Express & Star, as well as screengrabs of the news items on each Claimant’s website.

10. Further to the above, a second media release was issued to the same outlets on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023, containing the confirmed details of May's hearing. Please **see "Exhibit PB7A" attached hereto** which refers and also screengrabs of the updated news items on each Claimant's website.

11. Paragraph 5(2) of the Order required:

*"Placing on the Claimants' social media including Twitter, Facebook and Instagram 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 by 23:59 on 21 February 2023".*

12. I can confirm that the Claimants shared social media relating to both the first and the second media releases, issued on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 respectively. Please **see "Exhibit PB7B" attached hereto** which refers and contains screengrabs of examples of the social media.

13. Paragraphs 5(3) and 5(4) of the Order required:

*"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 this Order:*

<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](https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200284/roads_travel_and_parking/3231/street_racing)

[https://go.walsall.gov.uk/black country car cruising injunction](https://go.walsall.gov.uk/black_country_car_cruising_injunction)

*Such pages shall carry a direct link to the Injunction Order, the Power of Arrest, this Order, the Documents and the Evidence and be updated by 23:59 on 21 February 2023.”*

14. I can confirm the webpages have been updated as described, including the date of the May 2023 hearing. Please **see “Exhibit PB7C” attached hereto** which refers and contains screengrabs of examples of the webpages.

15. Paragraph 5(5) of the Order required:

*“Ensuring that the home (or landing) page of each of the Claimants' main websites have and retain a prominent direct link to the dedicated webpages referred to above by 23:59 on 21 February 2023”*

16. I can confirm that Claimants' main websites have and retain a prominent direct link to the dedicated street racing injunction webpages. Please **see “Exhibit PB7D” attached hereto** which refers and contains screengrabs of examples of the webpages.

17. Paragraph 5(6) of the Order required:

*“Ensuring that copies of the Injunction, the Power of Arrest and this Order are available at the front desks of the Claimants' main offices 23:59 on 21 February 2023”.*

18. I can confirm that copies of the Injunction, the Power of Arrest and this Order were made available at the front desks of the Claimants' main offices as required.

19. Paragraph 5(7) of the Order required:

*“Ensuring that the video previously uploaded to the video sharing website “You Tube” and the Claimants' websites and social media pages (including Instagram, Twitter and Facebook), now states*

*that this Order has been made and the Injunction and Power of Arrest continue in force.*

*This may be done by uploading a fresh video (which must contain all the matters previously ordered by Hill J) or prominently adding text to the existing video (or the description of the existing video on any website or social media page) stating “Following a hearing on 13 February 2023 the Injunction and Power of Arrest continue in force.*

*The video and/or addition of text shall be uploaded or the text added by 23:59 on 21 February 2023.”*

20. I can confirm that the video was updated with the addition of text reading:

*“Following a hearing on 13 February 2023, The Injunction and Power of Arrest continue in force.*

*A further hearing will take place in May to consider whether the interim injunction should remain in force or be amended. Details of this will be published once confirmed.”*

21. The new video was uploaded to YouTube and the Claimants’ street racing injunction pages, and also shared widely on social media. Please see **“Exhibit PB7E” attached hereto** which refers and contains screenshots of the YouTube video and various social media posts across the Claimants’ channels.

22. Paragraph 5(8) of the Order required:

*“Continuing to cause to be displayed at regular intervals on the Claimants’ electronic road signage the words ‘NEW HIGH COURT INJUNCTION PROHIBITING CAR CRUISING AND*

*STREET RACING IN FORCE IN THIS AREA', or words to the same effect and thereafter*

*Maintaining official road signs (fixed, and temporary) throughout the Black Country Area in locations that are, or have been, hotspots car cruising activity stating: 'NEW HIGH COURT INJUNCTION PROHIBITING CAR CRUISING AND STREET RACING IN FORCE IN THIS AREA'."*

23. I can confirm that at the time of writing, 27 February 2023, the electronic signage continues to be displayed at regular intervals as described above and there are no plans by any Claimant to change this. As was the case with signage displayed when the previous "Black Country Car Cruising Injunction" was in force (2015 – 2021), the Claimants, in conjunction with West Midlands Police, will regularly inspect signage throughout the Black Country Council area and the Claimants will effect the replacement of any damaged or missing signs revealed by these inspections.

24. Paragraph 5(9) of the Order required:

*"The Claimants shall request that West Midlands Police:*

- i. post on their website and Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook accounts, a link to the media release*
- ii. ensure that copies of the Injunction, Power of Arrest and this order are available at the front desks of their stations throughout the Black Country Area.*

*Such requests to be made by 23:59 on 21 February 2023".*

25. The above request was made and police shared various messages across their accounts. Please **see "Exhibit PB7F" attached hereto** which refers and contains screengrabs.

26. For the above reasons stated reasons, I believe that notice of the outcome of the hearing 6 and 13 February, the application of the Injunction and Power of Arrest and injunction and power of arrest granted 21 December 2022 (which continues in force) has 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 order (and order in wider terms being the order sought by the Claimants in their application should the honourable Court be minded to grant the Claimants the wider order in the future).

27. 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.

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUTH**

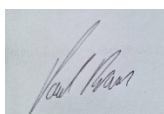
I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth

Full Name: PAUL STEVEN BROWN

Position: COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Name of Claimant: City of Wolverhampton Council

Signed



Print Name PAUL BROWN

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Released: Tuesday 14 February, 2023



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Incidents of street racing should be reported via [asbu@wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk](mailto:asbu@wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk) or to West Midlands Police on 101. In an emergency, always dial 999.

**ENDS**

**Notes to editors:**

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## Sandwell Council

# Street racing ban to continue after High Court case

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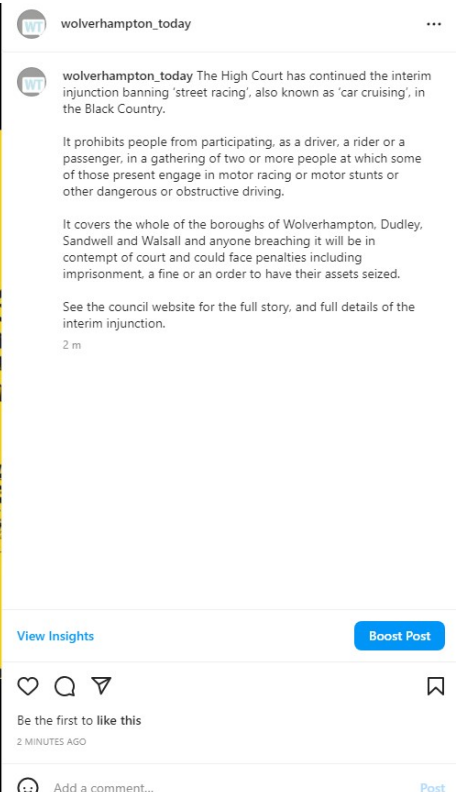
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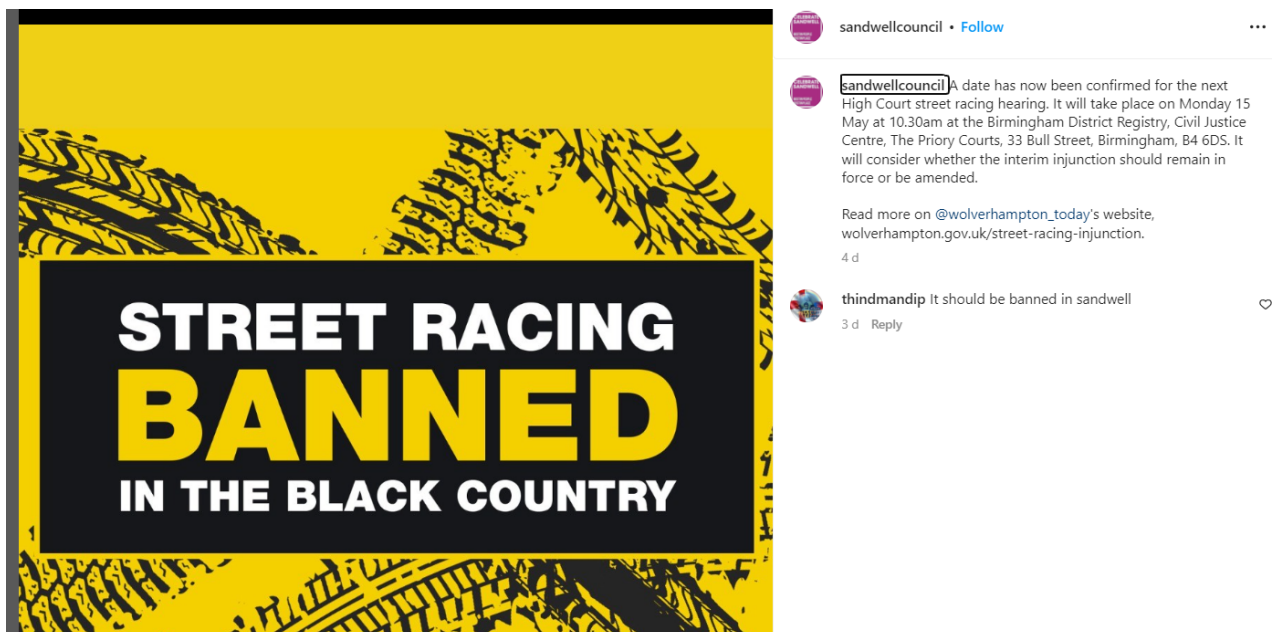
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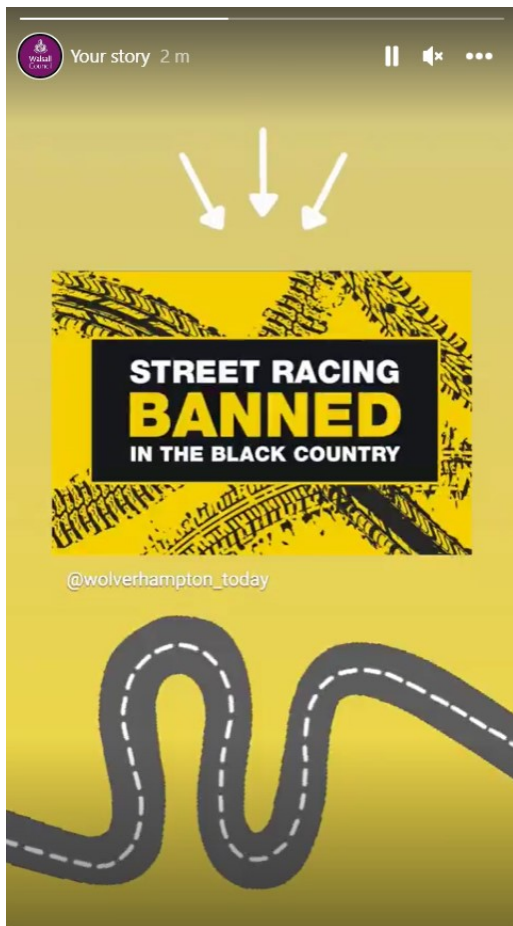


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For the purposes of the injunction, stunts are defined as driving manoeuvres often undertaken at such gatherings including but not limited to:

"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

"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










"Drifting" – turning by placing the vehicle in a skid so that most sideways motion is due to the skid not any significant steering input

"Undertaking" – Passing a vehicle on its nearside so as to overtake in circumstances not permitted by the Highway Code.

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# Car cruising injunction

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An interim injunction banning 'street racing', also known as 'car cruising', is in force in the Black Country.

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It forbids anyone who is a driver, rider or passenger in or on a motor vehicle to participate between the hours of 3pm and 7am in a gathering of two or more persons within the Black Country area at which some of those present engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving.

For the purposes of the injunction, stunts are defined as driving manoeuvres often undertaken at such gatherings including but not limited to:

- "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
- "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
- "Drifting" – turning by placing the vehicle in a skid so that most sideways motion is due to the skid not any significant steering input
- "Undertaking" – Passing a vehicle on its nearside so as to overtake in circumstances not permitted by the Highway Code.

The Injunction has a Power of Arrest attached to it which gives the police the power to arrest anyone who breaches it.

Breach of an injunction is a contempt of court and if proved the court has the power to impose a sentence of imprisonment, a fine, or an order seizing a person's assets.

The Black Country Area includes all of the Boroughs of Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall.

Full details of the interim injunction, including evidence presented to the High Court, the Sealed Order, power of arrest and other supporting documentation such as a map showing the Black Country area, can be found in the downloads section of this page.

There will be a further hearing to take place in May to consider whether the interim injunction should remain in force or be amended. This will be held on Monday 15 May 2023 at 10.30am at the Birmingham District Registry, Civil Justice Centre, The Priory Courts, 33 Bull Street, Birmingham, B4 6DS.

At that hearing the Black Country councils will seek to extend the terms of the Injunction so that it:

Forbids people from participating between the hours of 3pm and 7am in a gathering of two or more persons within the Black Country area at which some of those present engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving.

## Dudley Council

# Black Country street racing injunction

## Overview

An interim injunction banning street racing (also known as car cruising) is in force in the Black Country.

The Black Country area includes all of the boroughs of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

You can download full details of the interim injunction in the [supporting documents](#) section.

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## What the interim injunction means

It forbids anyone who is a driver, rider or passenger in or on a motor vehicle to participate in a gathering of two or more persons within the Black Country area. It is in effect between the hours of 3pm and 7am.

At these gatherings, some people engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving. For the purposes of the injunction, stunts are defined as driving manoeuvres including, but not limited to:

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- drifting - turning by placing the vehicle in a skid so that most sideways motion is due to the skid not any significant steering input
- undertaking - passing a vehicle on its nearside so as to overtake in circumstances not permitted by the Highway Code.

## Details of the injunction

The injunction has a power of arrest attached to it. This gives the police the power to arrest anyone who breaches it. Breach of an injunction is a contempt to court and, if proved, the court has the power to impose:

- a sentence of imprisonment
- a fine

Walsall Council



# Street racing



## High Court grants order banning street racing in the Black Country

An interim injunction banning 'street racing', also known as 'car cruising', is in force in the Black Country.

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The Interim Injunction Order has a Power of Arrest attached to it which gives the police the power to arrest anyone who breaches it.

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An interim injunction banning 'street racing', also known as 'car cruising', is in force.

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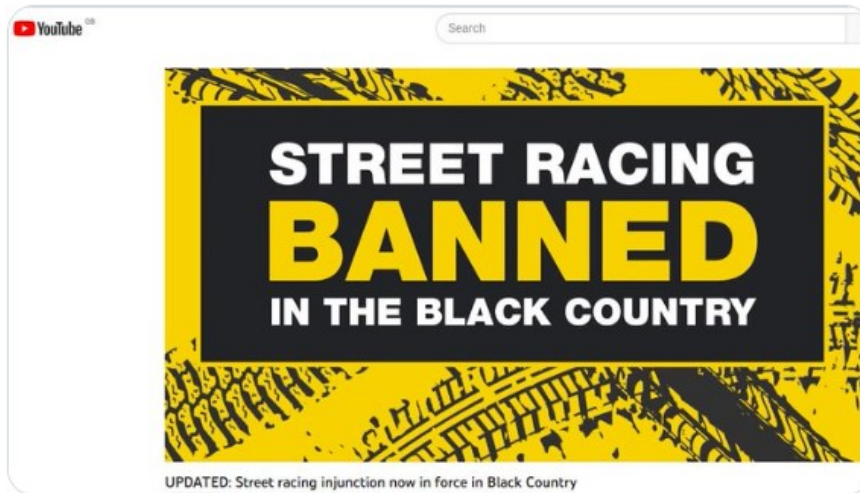
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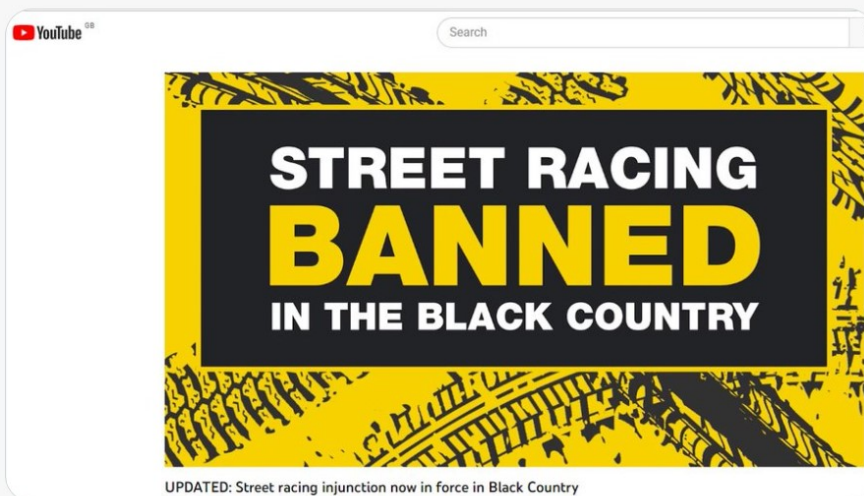
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