1) Claimant
2) Paul Brown
3) Twenty Seventh
4) PB27a
5) 2 April 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY

CLAIM NO: KB-2022-BHM-000188

B E T W E E N:

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

Claimants

and

(1- 4) PERSONS UNKNOWN AS DESCRIBED (IN THE INJUNCTION)
(5 – 19) VARIOUS NAMED DEFENDANTS AS SET OUT IN SCHEDULE 2 TO THE INJUNCTION

Defendants

EXHIBIT PB27A

This is the document referred to as "**Exhibit PB27A**" in the witness statement of Paul Brown dated 2 April 2026.

Media Release

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

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Released: Monday 2 March, 2026

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In her order, HHJ Kelly said: "The compelling justification for the injunction and power of arrest remains. The updated evidence establishes that the amended injunction and power of arrest are having a deterrent effect but that street cruising activity continues to be a problem... as evidenced by the successful contempt applications over the past year, the need for diversionary courses, reports from local residents, and police monitoring activity.

"To the extent that overall street cruising activity has reduced from that seen prior to injunctive relief being in place, it is well established that evidence of that kind is not evidence that the risk has abated."

Speaking on behalf of the three councils, Councillor Obaida Ahmed, the City of Wolverhampton Council's Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Community, said: "Street racing has blighted local communities for far too long. Over more than a decade, the High Court injunction has proved to be a vital deterrent, helping reduce this dangerous and anti-social behaviour and keep people safe.

“We welcome the court’s decision to allow the injunction to continue across Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Walsall. The evidence shows it is working, and we will not hesitate to seek a further extension if it is needed to protect residents and save lives.”

The revised injunction will come into effect once the Claimant Councils have completed certain steps related to its service. In the meantime, the existing injunction remains in force.

For more information about the street racing injunction, including evidence, the terms of the injunction and the power of arrest, please visit the street racing pages of the applicants – Wolverhampton (www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/street-racing-injunction), Walsall, (https://go.walsall.gov.uk/black_country_car_cruising_injunction), or Sandwell (www.sandwell.gov.uk/streetracing) – which are in the process of being updated following the hearing.

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High Court street racing injunction in Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton extended to 2027 as Dudley opts out

The injunction prohibits people from taking part in street racing, either as a driver, rider or passenger

NEWS By Kelly Ashmore Senior Reporter
16:39, 02 Mar 2026

The injunction banning street racing will continue across parts of the Black Country until March 1, 2027 (Image: WMP)

Dudley will no longer be covered by a High Court street racing injunction, with the authority opting to use 'alternative powers at its disposal' to tackle the issue instead.

But it will remain in force across Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton until at least March 1, 2027.

Birmingham Live, 2 March 2026

A ban on street racing will be in place for at least one more year

Oprah Flash
West Midlands

2 March 2026

An injunction banning street racing across three areas of the Black Country has been extended.

The order prevents people from participating in street racing as a driver, rider or passenger, as well as from promoting or organising gatherings, and participating as a spectator.

Following a review hearing on Thursday, the High Court agreed the injunction, along with the associated power of arrest, is to remain in place across Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Walsall until at least 1 March 2027.

Dudley Council's application to be removed from the ban has been approved.

The council has said it preferred to use Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) to tackle dangerous driving.

A temporary ban on racing was first introduced in December 2022, following the deaths of teenagers Liberty Charris, 16, and Ben Corfield, 19, in Oldbury, who died when a car crashed into them.

BBC News, 2 March 2026

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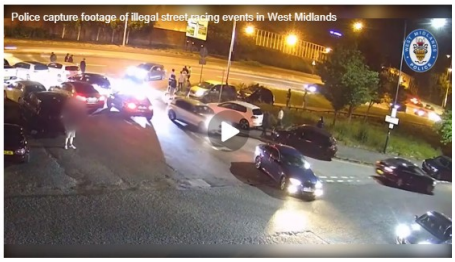

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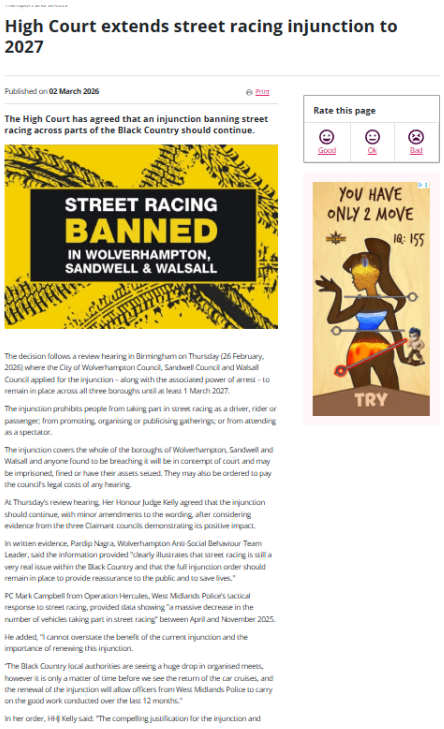

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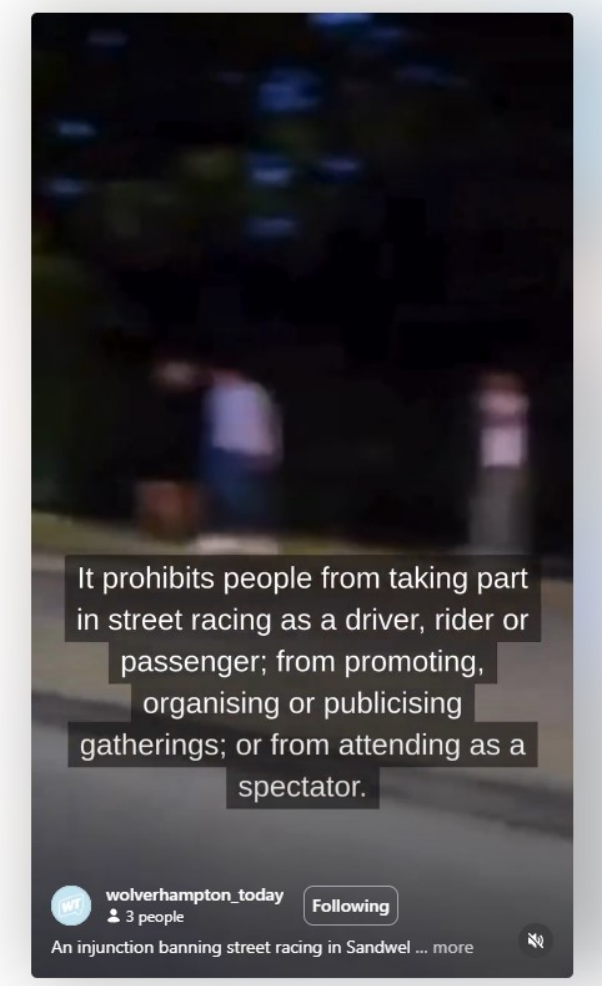

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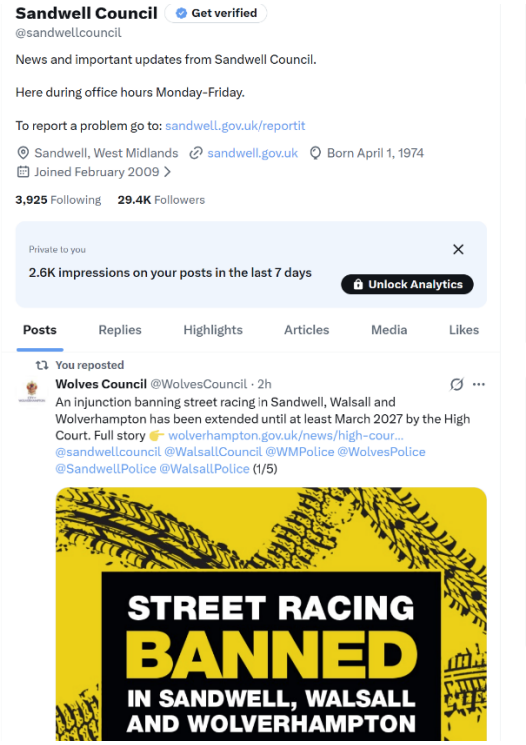

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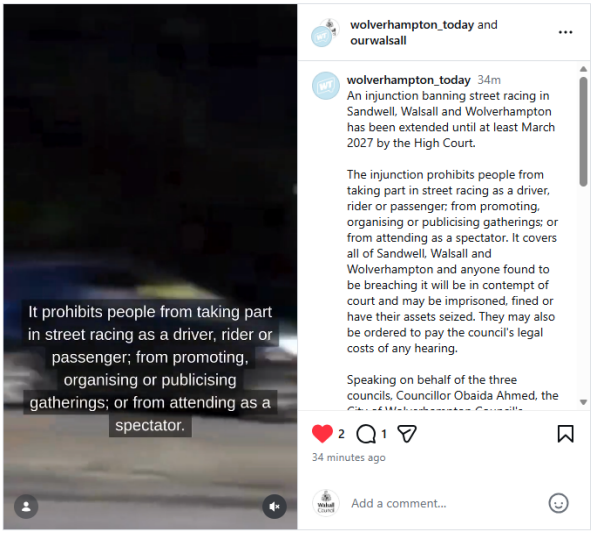

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High Court injunction bans street racing in Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Walsall

HOME / PARKING AND ROADS / HIGH COURT INJUNCTION BANS STREET RACING IN WOLVERHAMPTON, SANDWELL AND WALSALL

The High Court has granted an injunction banning 'street racing', also known as 'car cruising', in the Black Country in Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Walsall.

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 three council areas at which some of those present engage in motor racing or motor stunts or other dangerous or obstructive driving.

It also covers organisers and spectators, prohibiting people from promoting, organising or publicising gatherings, or from participating in a gathering as a spectator with the intention or expectation that some of those present will engage in street racing.

The injunction covers the whole of the boroughs of Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Walsall and has a Power of Arrest attached which 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, or an order seizing a person's assets.

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 damage or 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 and power of arrest will remain in force until at least 1 March 2027.

Full details of the injunction, including evidence presented to the High Court, the Sealed Order, power of arrest, a map showing the three local authority areas and other supporting documentation, can be found in the downloads section of this page.

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The application was led by the City of Wolverhampton Council on behalf of Sandwell Council and Walsall Council, and supported by West Midlands Police.

To contact the claimants, write to: FAO: Black Country Car Cruise, Legal Services, City of Wolverhampton Council, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1RG. Alternatively, email litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk or call 01902 556556.

To see archive documentation relating to previous versions of the street racing injunction, please click here.

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DOWNLOADS

- Bundle of Evidence - Renewal Hearing 2026 (updated 24.02)
- Wolverhampton ats ors v PU Sb (26 Feb 2026)
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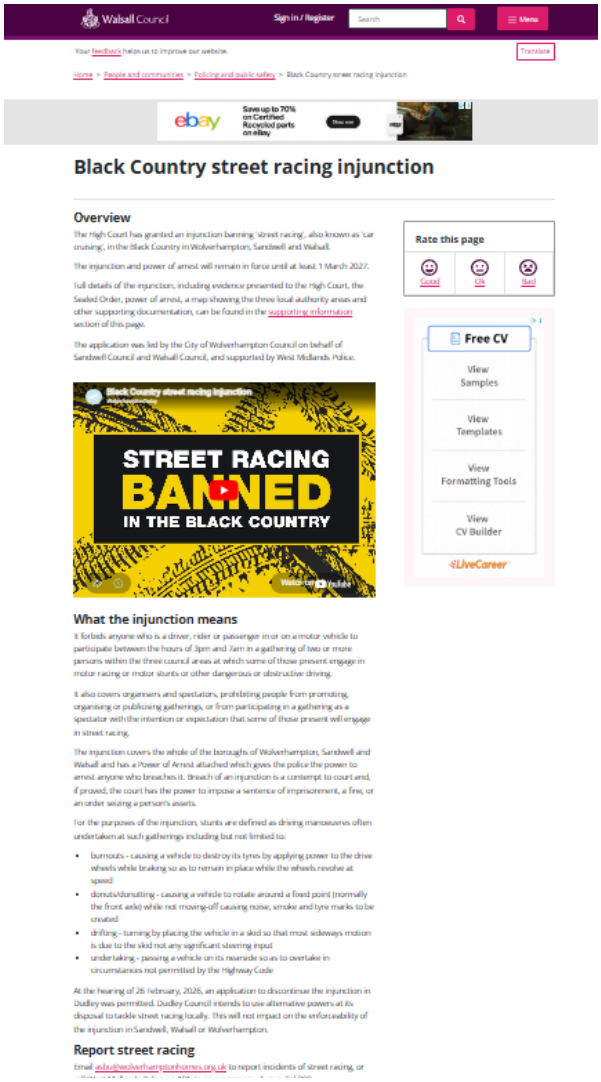

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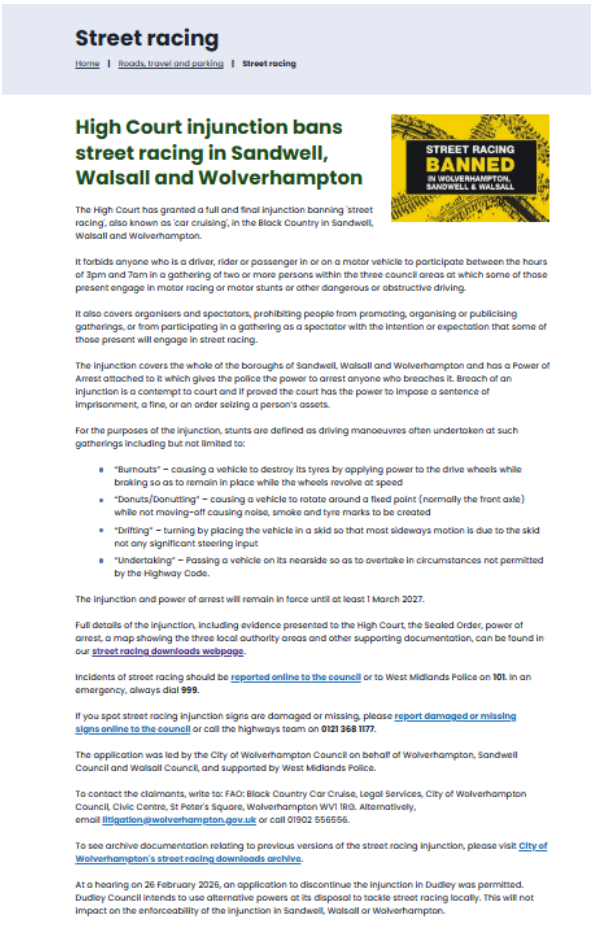

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Hi both,

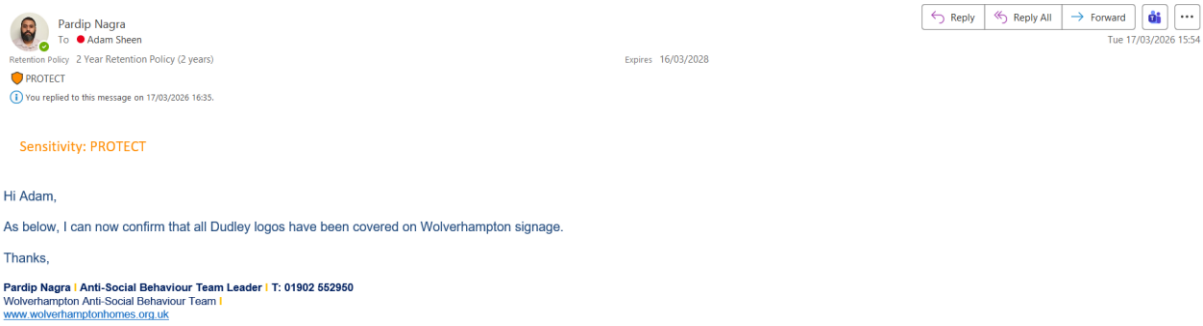
Our website has now been updated in accordance with the Order (with the Notice of Discontinuance uploaded also): https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/parking-and-roads/roads-highways-and-pavements/car-cruising-injunction. The website currently has a hyperlink to the old, mirrored, website but this will be removed after the 27th (the date after which our physical road signs need to be removed).

I'll update you when the road signs have been taken down, which has been requested.

Regards,

Levi Sunner
Solicitor/Barrister

Confirmation email from Levi Sunner, Dudley Council



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Hi Adam,

As below, I can now confirm that all Dudley logos have been covered on Wolverhampton signage.

Thanks,

Pardip Nagra | Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader | T: 01902 552950
Wolverhampton Anti-Social Behaviour Team |
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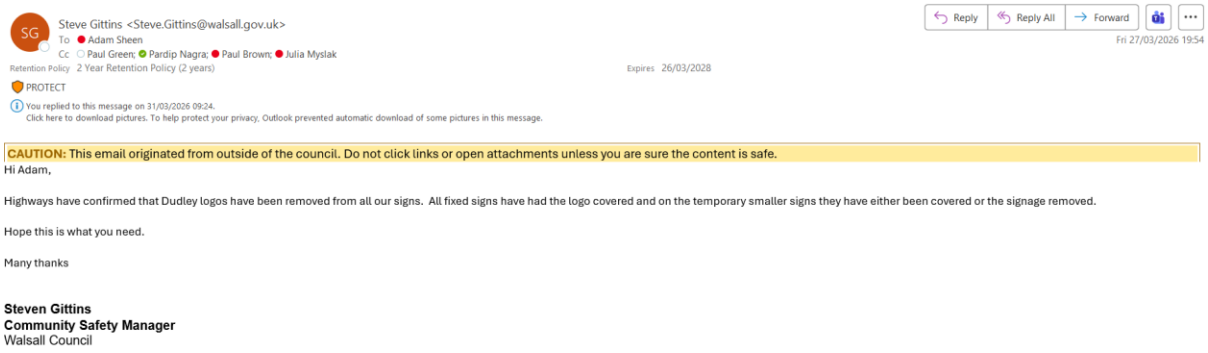

Steve Gittins <Steve.Gittins@walsall.gov.uk>
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Hi Adam,

Highways have confirmed that Dudley logos have been removed from all our signs. All fixed signs have had the logo covered and on the temporary smaller signs they have either been covered or the signage removed.

Hope this is what you need.

Many thanks

Steven Gittins
Community Safety Manager
Walsall Council

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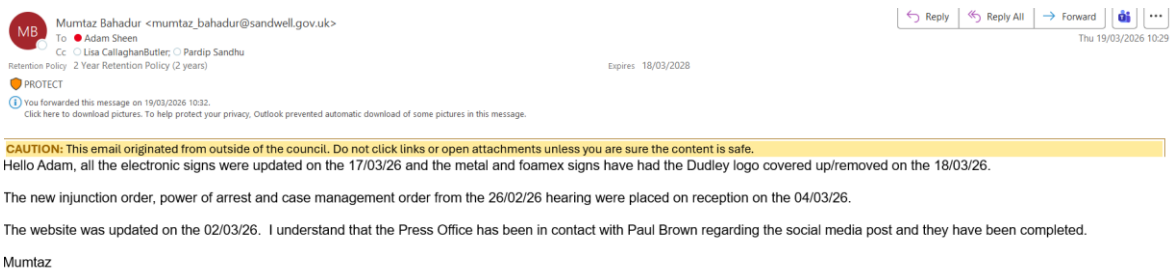

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Hello Adam, all the electronic signs were updated on the 17/03/26 and the metal and foamex signs have had the Dudley logo covered up/removed on the 18/03/26.

The new injunction order, power of arrest and case management order from the 26/02/26 hearing were placed on reception on the 04/03/26.

The website was updated on the 02/03/26. I understand that the Press Office has been in contact with Paul Brown regarding the social media post and they have been completed.

Mumtaz

Sandwell Council confirmation of Dudley signage removed

Street racing social media posts - request to share

Paul Brown
To Kennedy Horton; Sarah Moran
Cc Corporate Communications

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Hope you are well?

As per the High Court order granted last week, I am writing to ask you to please share the below links on the social media channels of Wolverhampton, Walsall and Sandwell Police and, if possible, West Midlands Police, to posts promoting the extended street racing injunction. (Note, this no longer covers Dudley so there is no need to share any information on the Dudley Police channels):

X: https://x.com/WolvesCouncil/status/2028763258493051073

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/WolverhamptonToday/posts/pfbid0XayJi7WJ6autH8xuxjAHAEqtXkKGyp3hZq5UMtdhcX83sq1uC5zWmCXdFYQ48fiWl?locale=en_GB

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/reels/DVa0EquCCTH/

Please could you also consider the possibility of putting a version of our news story (https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/news/high-court-extends-street-racing-injunction-2027) on your website, again as per the High Court request.

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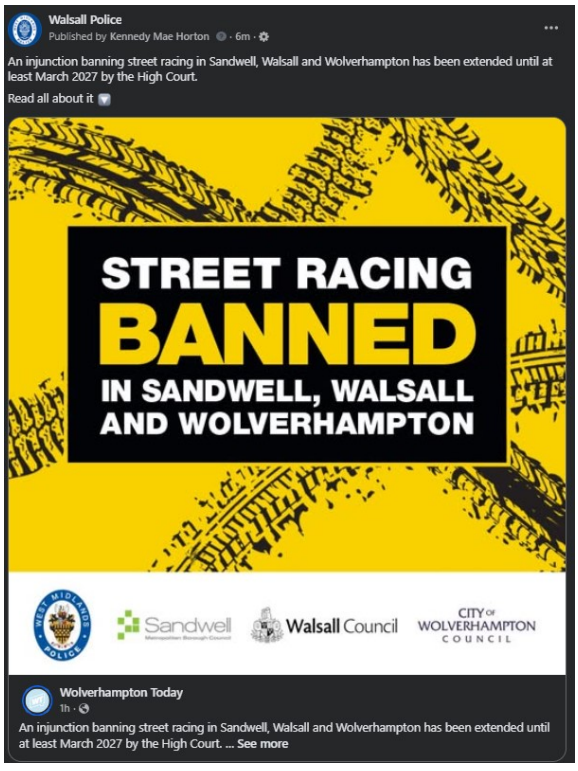
Many thanks in advance!

> (8) **Requesting that West Midlands Police** post on their website and Instagram, X, and Facebook accounts, a link to the media release referred to at (1) above, such requests to be made by 23:59 on 20 March 2026.

Kind regards

Paul Brown
Communications Manager
City of Wolverhampton Council

Email request to West Midlands Police



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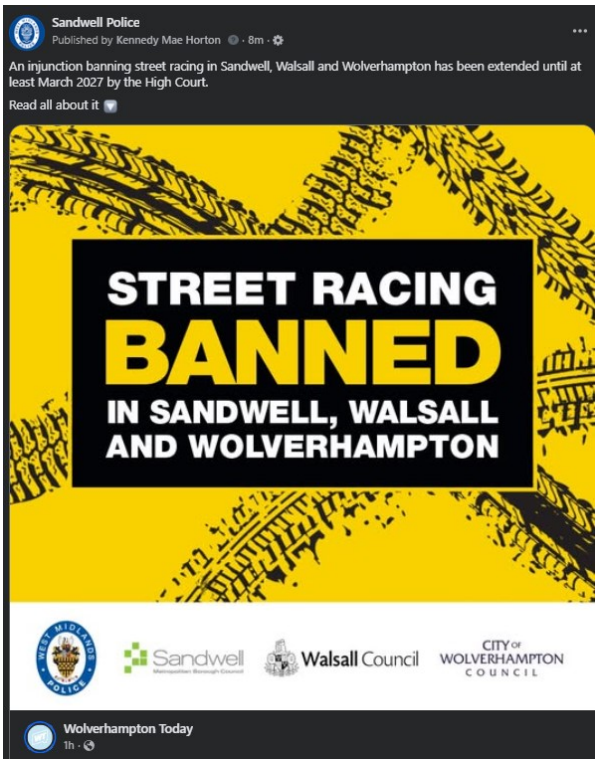

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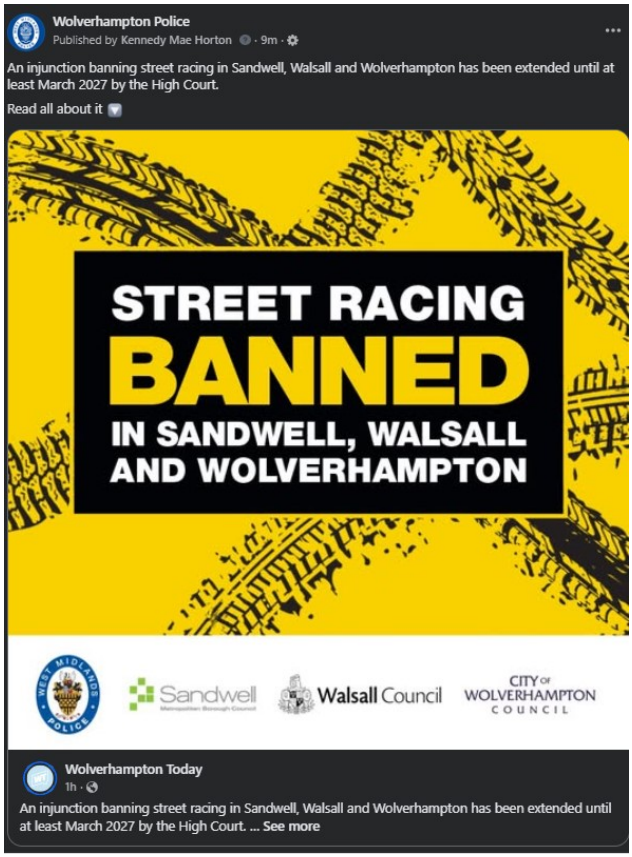

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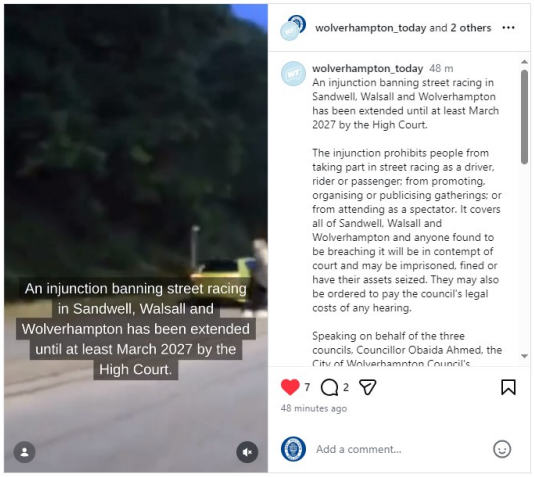

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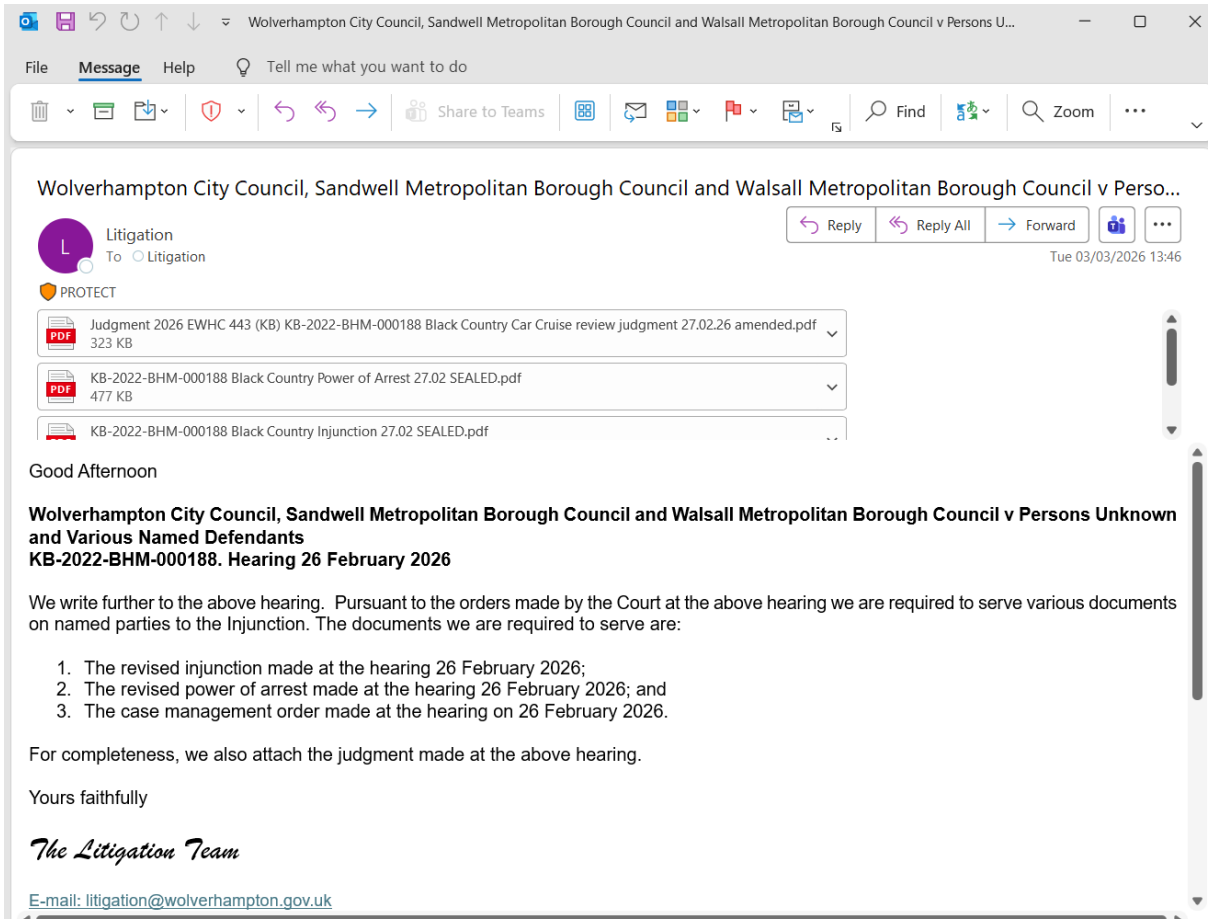

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Good Afternoon

Wolverhampton City Council, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council and Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council v Persons Unknown and Various Named Defendants
KB-2022-BHM-000188. Hearing 26 February 2026

We write further to the above hearing. Pursuant to the orders made by the Court at the above hearing we are required to serve various documents on named parties to the Injunction. The documents we are required to serve are:

1. The revised injunction made at the hearing 26 February 2026;
2. The revised power of arrest made at the hearing 26 February 2026; and
3. The case management order made at the hearing on 26 February 2026.

For completeness, we also attach the judgment made at the above hearing.

Yours faithfully

The Litigation Team

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Email to Named Defendants

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Claim No.	**KB-2022-BHM-000188**
Claimant (including ref.)	**Wolverhampton City Council, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Walsall Metropolitan Borough**
Defendant (including ref.)	**Persons Unknown**

To the court

The claimant, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

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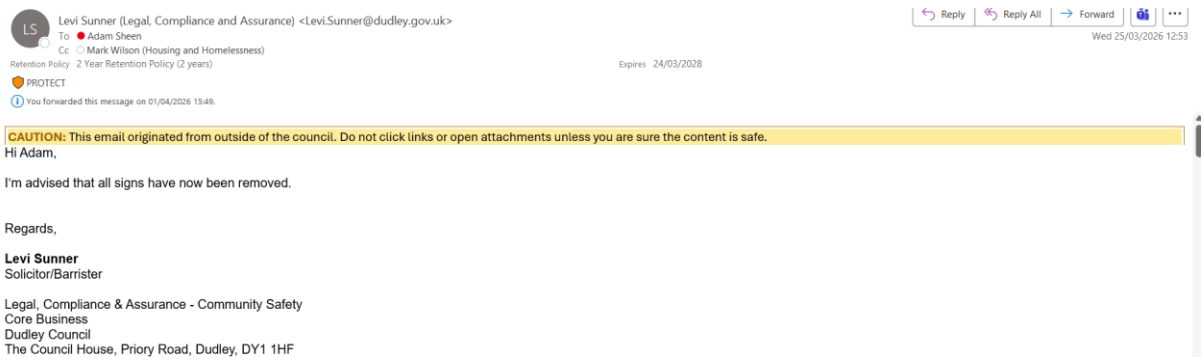

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