

D. SECTION D - Statements of Councillors, MPs, Residents and Business for Wolverhampton

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Investigation No. Case Number

Statement of: Mr Dharminder Dhaliwal

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Accountant

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Date: Friday, 10 June 2022

Signature:

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I am the person name above and live at the address overleaf.

I have lived close to the Black Country Route for 16 years. It has generally been a nice place to live however a few years ago boy races began racing up and down and the noise from this has began to effect my quality of life. The problems stopped when there was an injunction in place however since the injunction ended the problems have got worse.

The issues surrounding the racers generally happens on an evening between 2200 hrs and 0200 hrs when the weather is nice and especially on bank holidays. I often hear the noise from the car engines when the cars race from the Birmingham New Road up the Black Country Route towards Bilston. I have double glazing in my house however this does not stop the noise from the cars and makes me struggle to be able to sleep. The lack of sleep is really effecting my quality of life as I am waking up in the morning feeling tired and struggling to concentrate throughout the day. Due to COVID 19 I now work from home and due to the flexibility of this I can work all hours of the day so I sometimes decide to work during the night. The noise from the racers means I cannot concentrate on my work which is severely effecting my productivity and making me worse at my job through no fault of my own.

My wife and teenage son have also said to me that they struggle to sleep or do simple tasks like read whilst the racing is going on. As a family we have all said that the noise whilst the racing is happening is unbearable. If another injunction was put in place I would be a lot happier as I believe the noise levels would go down and I could relax more in my own home.

This statement has been completed over the telephone with PC 23797 Kendrick. He has read it back to me and I can confirm everything in this statement is true. I am happy to sign this statement at a later date if needed.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

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Signature witnessed by: Brandon Kendrick 23797

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WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**Investigation No. Case Number

Statement of: Mrs Margaret Clemson

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Estate Agent

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Date: Saturday, 11 June 2022

Signature:

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I am the person named above and live at the address overleaf.

I have been playing Bingo at Mecca just off the Black Country Route now for about 16 years. I have never had a problems there and I really enjoy playing however the past 12 months have been hell due to the boy racers on the Black Country Route.

My bingo usually finishes between 2130 hours and 2200 hours which is when I would go home. The first encounter I had with the boy racers was about 12 months ago on a Saturday night as I was leaving Bingo. I came out of the car park of Mecca and headed to the island by the Black Country Route. As I was approaching the Black Country Route I could see a line of cars parked blocking the road. I could hear the noise of cars racing so I wasn't sure what was happening. I put my window down and asked one of the males if there had been a crash and he just laughed at me. I could see 100's of cars racing up and down so I called the police. One of the males blocking the road must have heard me on the phone so a group of them surrounded my car and said "You're not calling the police are you?". Due to the amount of people I immediately felt threatened and frightened and I thought they were going to hurt me so I hung the phone up. I was stuck there for an hour until the boy races left and I did not get home until about 2300 hours which is really late for me. Taxis couldn't get in or out to pick people up which meant some of my friends from bingo couldn't get home for their medication.

On another occasion I have left Mecca and got onto the Black Country Route and all of the racers have driven past me at ridiculously high speeds. I was scared for my life and I believe someone will die soon if the boy racers aren't stopped.

This behaviour from the racers happens every Saturday at about 2200 hours and I haven't gone near the racers again due to fear for my safety. On Saturdays now, I will walk towards B&Q and if I hear the racers I will go back inside Mecca and accept that I will be late home as I am not putting myself through that again. The amount of people playing bingo at Mecca on a Saturday night now has gone down drastically due to people being scared of the boy racers and I am scared that I will no longer be able to play bingo. Bingo helps me socialise with people of a similar age to myself and if I no longer play I don't know what I will be able to do with my time.

I think that speed cameras would help stop the problems as this would act as deterrent for the boy racers when driving fast down the Black Country Route which I think could save someone's life.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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Investigation No. Case Number

Statement of: Mrs Nicki Wellings

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Store manager

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I am the above named person. I am making this statement in relation to the car cruising along the Black country route in Bilston. The racing has been going on for 5 or 6 years, this happens every weekend on a Saturday and Sunday night between 22:00 and 00:15 with cars racing up and down the road and drifting around the island opposite our house. It is mainly the noise which affects us, we are not able to sleep until the racers leave and don't go to bed until it finishes, sometimes very late. We know when the racing is about to start as we see them all park in Withy Road and cut through the gully which goes to the Black country route to spectate. This affects us in our home as the racing dictates what time we are able to go to bed, this is happening every weekend and affects mine and my family's sleep. My daughter is currently doing her GCSEs and my husband has to get up at 04:00 in the morning to go to work, this can really affect them as my husband can sometimes only have a couple of hours sleep a night due to the noise and if my daughter has an exam she needs the rest prior to this.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

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Signature witnessed by: Matthew Denny 24077

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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Investigation No. Case Number

Statement of: Mr Taylor Harvey - Beardsmore

Age if under 18: 16 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Barista

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I am the person named above and live at the address overleaf.

I live close to the Black Country Route and for the past 3 to 4 months I have been having issues with boy racers driving up and down the road driving extremely dangerously. On weekends between 2200 hours and 0000 hours I am often driving with my family down the Black Country Route. On numerous occasions I have been either overtaken or undertaken by cars racing and I have been scared that there will be a collision. There is often 3 or 4 cars drifting around the islands making them impossible to drive through. I have 4 younger brothers and sisters who are often in the car and I am scared for their safety when driving on the Black Country Route. This has also happened in the daytime and I think something needs to be done to stop the racers or somebody will get seriously hurt.

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Parent/guardian signature:

Signature witnessed by: Brandon Kendrick 23797

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WITNESS STATEMENT**Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B**Investigation No. Case Number

Statement of: Mr Teja Sidhu

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Retired

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Date: Saturday, 11 June 2022**Signature:**Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the person named above and live at the address overleaf.

I am making this statement about issues I have been having with boy racers on the Black Country Route near to my house. For the past 3 years on a Friday or Saturday night the boy racers have gathered on the Black Country Route. It usually starts at about 2230 hours and can go on for over an hour. The noise which the racing generates is ridiculously loud. From my house I can hear tyres screeching and the exhausts revving. I also hear the loud bangs from the modified exhausts on the cars. This noise is piercing and I cannot sleep whilst the racing is happening which makes me feel extremely tired the following day.

Sometimes if I cannot sleep I will go out to look what is happening. There are usually between 20 to 30 cars getting ready to race on the island by B&Q and about 10 cars racing up and down the roads. The speeds the drivers go at is extremely dangerous and I am sure they go over 100 miles per hour.

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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Investigation No. Case Number

Statement of: Miss Teresa Welburn

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: tesco

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I am the person named above and live at the address overleaf.

I have lived near the Black Country Route for approximately two years and for the whole time I have had issues with boy racers racing up and down the road. The problems usually start at 2200 hours and it generally happens on a bank holiday or a Sunday. From my house I can hear the racers driving up and down the road at a ridiculously high speed. I can hear the exhausts as they have been modified and there is often a loud bang whenever they are accelerating. The racing usually goes on for between 60 and 90 minutes. I struggle to sleep due to the loud bangs which effects my performance at work the next day as I am always exhausted due to lack of sleep. My sister usually comes over to mine on a weekend however on a bank holiday she refuses to come as she is petrified as being in a traffic collision.

On one occasion I have been driving whilst the racing was going on and it was terrifying. I was on the island by McDoanlds in Bilston and the boy racers were driving at high speed round the island and some were even going the wrong way around the island. I am surprised nobody has been killed. The boy racers show absolutely no consideration for other road users due to the dangerous driving and no consideration for local residents due to the noise pollution.

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I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

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Signature witnessed by: Brandon Kendrick 23797

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i) Statement of: J Bateman
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated: 26.05.2022
v) Exhibits: 0

**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 JENNIFER BATEMAN

I, Jennifer Bateman of [REDACTED] 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 re-apply for an injunction against persons unknown in relation to car cruising.
3. I am aware of the original injunction, which was granted some years ago now and was in response to ongoing noise, danger and threatening behaviour we experienced due to car cruising in our area. 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. When the injunction came into force, there was 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 applied to the High Court for the most recent injunction to be renewed. However, I further understand that this matter was adjourned, 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, 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. We haven't noted any further dates or times since the above, due to being aware that the previous injunction was not being renewed. It's not something that is easy to capture by way of keeping a record or calling the police as and when it happens. We have started to feel a bit despondent, as we understand the police may have more important things to deal with. We've tended to think "what's the point in reporting", but it's definitely still happening, with it mainly occurring from 9.30 and 10pm on a weekend.

13. We often hear several vehicles roaring along the A463 Black Country Route between its junction with the A4123 Birmingham New Road, past the Overfield Drive island and the island at Springvale Way heading towards Bilston and back again with loud, racing sounds and backfiring/crackling exhaust noises. We eventually hear them going off into the distance and hope that no accidents have occurred. This seems to be a prime route for these drivers.

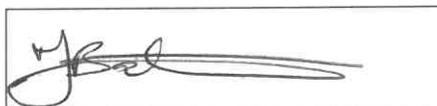
14. Our lives will become unbearable if the injunction is not granted. I strongly and urgently request that the court not only grants the injunction against car cruising, organisers and participants but also extends it to cover spectators. It would give us total peace of mind if the injunction could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

26.5.2022

Print name in full JENNIFER BATEMAN

E. SECTION E- Statements of Councillors, MPs, Residents and Business for Dudley

Statement filed on behalf of:Dudley MBC
Statement of: James Morris (MP)
Statement No: 1
Dated :
Filed:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'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

APPLICANTS

- and -

PERSONS UNKNOWN

RESPONDENTS

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
JAMES MORRIS**

I, JAMES MORRIS, of a confidential address, will say as follows:-

1. I am James Morris, MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis.
2. I am providing this statement regarding issues of anti-social behaviour caused by car cruising in and around Manor Way (A456), Halesowen.

3. 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.
4. In January 2021, residents created a petition in 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 reporting 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.
5. I know that car cruising along this stretch of road has 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.

6. 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.
7. I am aware that three constituents that 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.

8. Residents continued to report incidents of car cruising and experienced a bad incident and reported an event that took place on 12th August 2021 between the hours of 9.30pm and 11.15pm that evening.

9. Residents contacted me and explained that cars were parked up on the filing station and in the bus stops and also in the layby just past the lights where they were hiding amongst parked lorries. Around twelve to fifteen cars were involved in the racing and about six or seven spectators standing on the central reservation near the traffic lights. They were doing the usual circuit of round the motorway island, round Grange Island and back up Manor Way and sometimes slowing down for the lights to change as a signal before racing each other. This was then discussed at our regular meetings.

10. On 19th September 2021 a banned driver was arrested at an illegal street race on the A456, for driving at speed and racing along the dual carriageway into oncoming traffic. The driver also reversed and sped off at speed from a garage situation on the A456 turning onto Manor Lane and again driving into oncoming traffic. The driver was charged and later sentenced to 12 months in jail.

11. Over the last few months Dudley Council have been carrying out major works on this stretch of road with a number of different schemes taking place which has resulted in times the road being taken down to one lane. Works are continuing on this site by the Local Authority and is due to be completed in the coming weeks. Our group meetings have continued

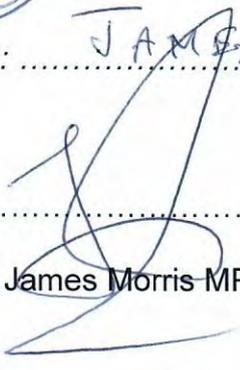
while work is being undertaken at this location and at times there have been incidents reported of speeding vehicles mainly on a Sunday afternoon, but not at the level they had previously been.

12. I held my last meeting on 1st April 2022 with residents and Police and we discussed the great progress that had been made by everyone involved in tackling this issue. However, I was again contacted by constituents informing me of a further incident that took place on 8th April 2022, where several vehicles gathered on the Shell Garage. CCTV footage was reviewed by the Police and was being investigated further.
13. The problem still continues, and the fear the residents have is that once the major road works are completed the problem will surface again on the level it did prior to the works being started.
14. I am fully supportive of the Local Authorities involved in the reintroduction of an injunction in the Black Country which includes the A456 in my constituency.
15. 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 13th May 2022

Print Name in Full : JAMES George Morris

Signature 

James Morris MP

Statement filed on behalf of:Dudley MBC
Statement of: Stacy Hewerdine
Statement No: 1
Dated :10/05/2022
Filed:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM, NO:

BETWEEN:

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APPLICANTS

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

RESPONDENTS

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
STACY HEWERDINE**

I, STACY HEWERDINE, of a confidential address, will say as follows:-

1. I am a Security Manager for Savills who own and manage the Merry Hill Centre and Waterfront area in Brierley Hill.
2. I am providing this statement regarding issues of anti-social behaviour caused by car cruising activities on the Waterfront car park which has

been identified by West Midlands Police as a hot spot for these activities in the Dudley borough.

3. Working with the onsite police and my security team, we actively monitor the visitor car park location known internally as Grey 7. A map of the car park is attached and marked "**SH1**".
4. Since approximately January 2022 we have had regular car cruise activities taking place on the aforementioned car park. These car meets occur on a pretty much nightly basis although around 3 months ago there was a lull for around 1 month when police started targeting the area and new signage was installed. Cars arrive anytime from around 6pm and there can be 30 or more vehicles at any one time. The occupants of the vehicles have been observed driving dangerously, doing donuts and hand brake turns and engaging in more general anti-social behaviour such as revving engines, smoking cannabis, littering, urinating etc.
5. If any anti-social behaviour is observed, in the first instance an external driver will attend the site and speak to the individuals involved. Around 70% of the time, these individuals will disperse when asked to do so although the driver is regularly subjected to threats and abuse before they move on. When they refuse to leave or become aggressive, a call is made to the onsite police team in line with our process across the whole site.

6. Security staff are routinely taking vehicle registrations and interacting with individuals regarding their conduct on site to build a picture of this issue and support actions by the Borough Council and the police to try and resolve the problem. I am aware that letters are sent by our onsite police team to vehicle registered owners to stipulate that such behaviour is not acceptable.

7. We have now installed a sign at the entrance to Grey 7 car park to stipulate that the car park is private and for the express use of Waterfront tenants and their visitors only. We are currently looking at the format of how the car park can be secured out of peak hours, but this is made challenging by the 24 hour nature of a number of businesses and visitors utilising the site offerings we have. A number of times that the barriers have been secured, individuals have driven across the landscaping to gain entry. We are currently making arrangements for boulders to be strategically placed to negate this from happening but each time we block off one access point, they find another area to gain access by driving over the pavement or over the landscaping.

8. We have also had several barriers and lamp posts damaged over the last few months. In addition approximately 2-3 months ago new white lines were painted on the car park marking out car parking spaces and lane markers but these have also been damaged through these individuals doing burn outs and hand brake turns. During last years snow, a vehicle was crashed into. It is an ongoing issue.

9. The security team are aware that these activities are causing concern for the many businesses and residents living near to the car park and complaints are often received, most recently on Friday 6th May 2022. Many of the businesses operate over a 24-hour period and the presence of a large group of, mainly males, in vehicles is intimidating to staff or residents returning to the car park alone. We often also receive complaints about littering and debris left in the car parks after these meets have taken place.
7. For the above reasons I fully support the application for an Injunction within Dudley and the Black Country.
8. 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 10/05/2022

Print Name in Full : ... STACY HEWERDINE.....

Statement filed on behalf of:Dudley MBC
Statement of: Stacy Hewerdine
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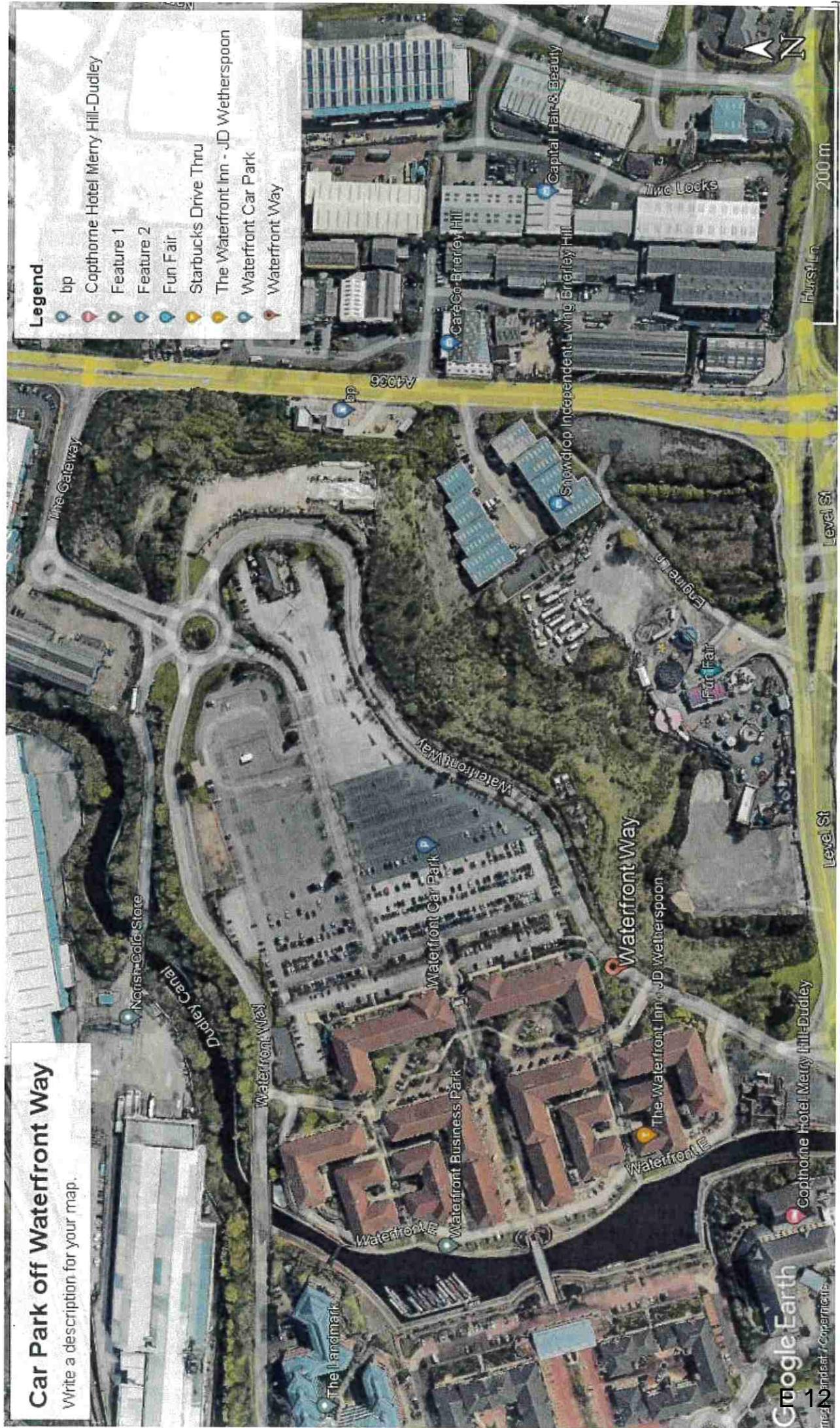
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Car Park off Waterfront Way

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- Copthorne Hotel Merry Hill-Dudley
- Feature 1
- Feature 2
- Fun Fair
- Starbucks Drive Thru
- The Waterfront Inn - JD Wetherspoon
- Waterfront Car Park
- Waterfront Way



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Statement filed on behalf of: Dudley MBC
Statement of: Stacy Hewardine
Statement No: 1
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EXHIBIT SH1

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Car Park off Waterfront Way

Write a description for your map.



EXHIBIT SH1 – Photograph of The Waterfront Car Park

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Statement of: Richard Hubbard Harris
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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
RICHARD HUBBARD HARRIS**

I, RICHARD HUBBARD HARRIS, of a confidential address, will say as follows:-

1. I am a General manager at Showcase Cinema, Castle Gate, Dudley.
2. I am providing this statement regarding issues of anti-social behaviour caused by car cruising activities on the cinema car park, which has been

identified by West Midlands Police as a hot spot for these activities in the Dudley borough.

3. The Showcase Cinema is at Castle Gate Park, Castle Gate Way, Dudley. We have a large car park at the front of the building which is shared by local restaurants such as Pizza Hut, Frankie and Bennies and Chiquitos. We also have a large car park at the rear and a smaller one to the side solely for use by cinema customers. A map of the Castle Gate complex showing the location of the cinema car parks and photographs of the front, rear and side cars parks are attached and marked "RHH1".
4. I have worked at Showcase, Dudley for 15 years and groups of youths have always gathered in the car park. However, the frequency of the meets and the anti-social behaviour have increased over recent years. The activities take place mainly on the car park at the rear and side of the cinema as it tends to be quieter, but they do occasionally also gather on the front car park. The rear car park is a very secluded area and is not overlooked by any houses or other businesses.
5. There is no particular pattern as to when the car meets occur. In the past it was mainly at weekends in the early hours of the morning when youths would meet up to play loud music. Now, sometimes it takes place at the weekend but also on weeknights too. The number of vehicles attending varies, although there is usually a minimum of 6 cars and on one occasion, in January 2022 when the UK was in lockdown and the cinema

was closed, I counted 130 cars present on the CCTV footage. It mainly tends to be young males, often 3-4 to car but there are a few young girls who attend too. Now they also start arriving from around 4pm onwards, when the cinema is still open. The occupants of the vehicles have been observed driving dangerously, speeding around both car parks, doing donuts and skidding, sometimes with someone sitting on the bonnet of the vehicle. Often the other occupants of the vehicle group together spectating and cheering the drivers' antics.

6. I recall one incident a few years ago when one driver had small children in car seats in his vehicle whilst he was driving at speed and skidding. I called the police to attend as I was concerned that he could crash and injure the children and himself.
7. The individuals in these vehicles also engage in general anti-social behaviour such as playing loud music, littering, throwing used gas cannisters on the ground and in the bushes, damaging drain channels and signposts, kicking footballs and reducing the car park spaces available for customers.
8. The presence of these youths and the dangerous driving and anti-social behaviour is intimidating for customers and poses a serious risk. Staff members and customers have expressed concern that if they were to lose control of their vehicle there would likely be a serious accident where they and members of the public could be badly injured or even killed. In the evenings customers often ask the security officer to keep

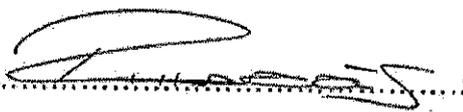
an eye on their vehicles as say they don't like leaving it in the car park with the youths there. Customers also often ask cinema security staff to walk them out to their cars as they are too afraid to go out alone.

7. For the above reasons I fully support the application for an Injunction within Dudley and the Black Country.

8. 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

Print Name in Full : ... RICHARD HUBBARD HARRIS

Signature 

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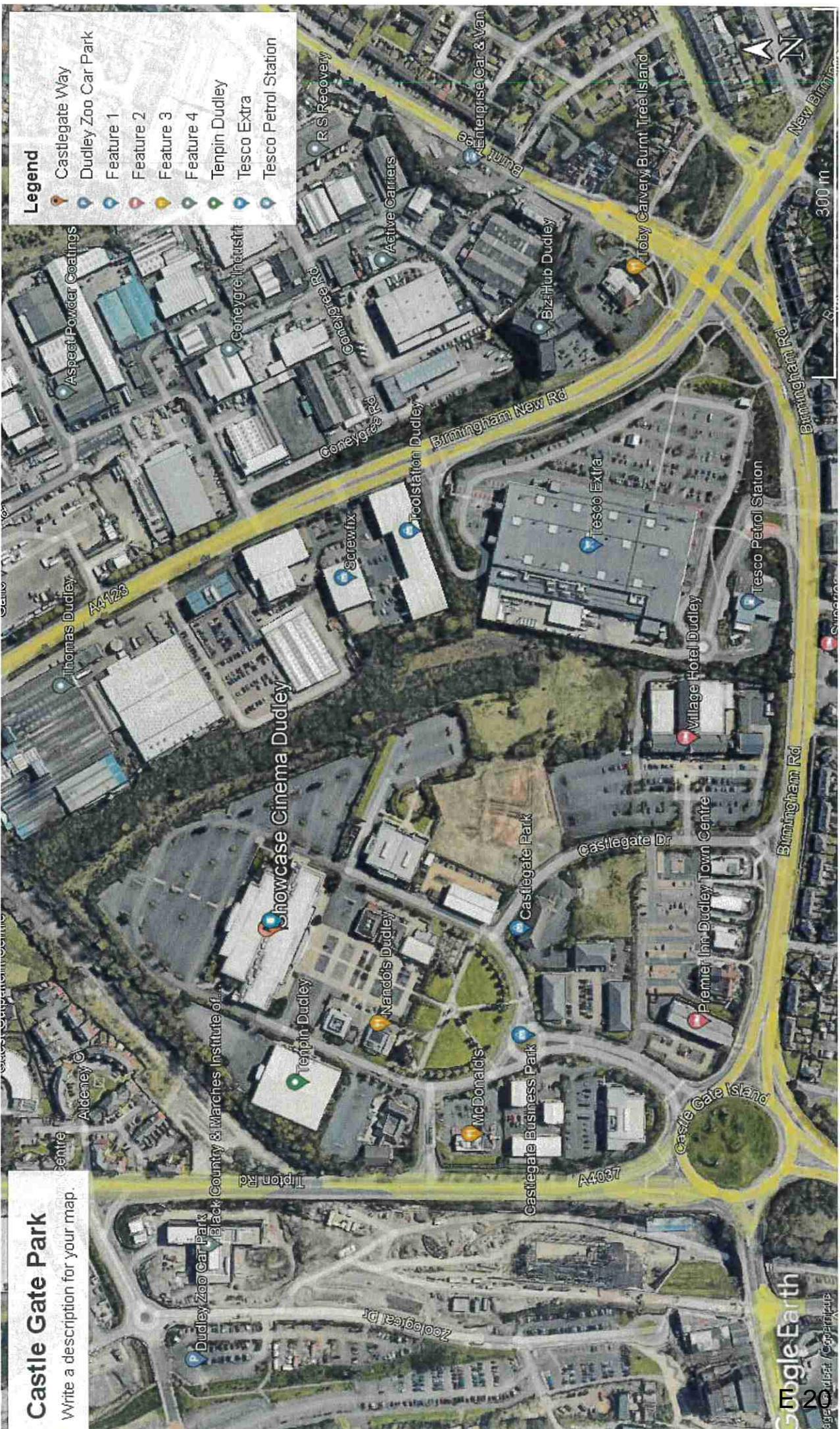
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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
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"RHH-1"



Castle Gate Park

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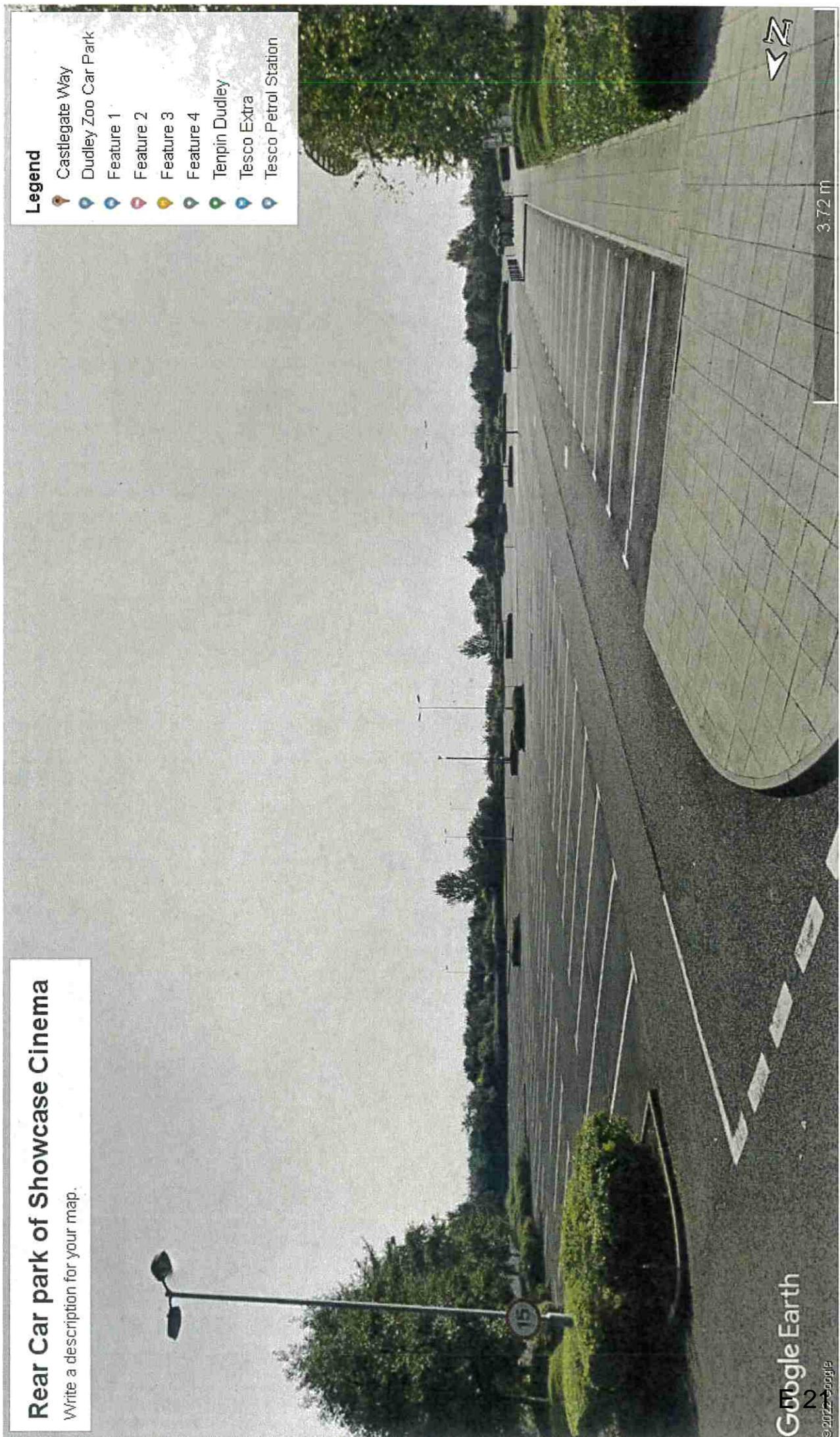
- Legend**
- Castlegate Way
 - Dudley Zoo Car Park
 - Feature 1
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 - Feature 3
 - Feature 4
 - Tenpin Dudley
 - Tesco Extra
 - Tesco Petrol Station

Rear Car park of Showcase Cinema

Write a description for your map.

Legend

- Castlegate Way
- Dudley Zoo Car Park
- Feature 1
- Feature 2
- Feature 3
- Feature 4
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- Tesco Extra
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"RHH1"

Front Car park of Showcase Cinema

Write a description for your map.

Legend

- Castlegate Way
- Dudley Zoo Car Park
- Feature 1
- Feature 2
- Feature 3
- Feature 4
- Tenpin Dudley
- Tesco Extra
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EXHIBIT RHH1

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EXHIBIT RHH1 – Photo of Car Park

Front Car park of Showcase Cinema

Write a description for your map.

- Legend**
- Castlegate Way
 - Dudley Zoo Car Park
 - Feature 1
 - Feature 2
 - Feature 3
 - Feature 4
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EXHIBIT RHH1 – Car Park (Front)

Rear Car park of Showcase Cinema

Write a description for your map.

Legend

- Castlegate Way
- Dudley Zoo Car Park
- Feature 1
- Feature 2
- Feature 3
- Feature 4
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EXHIBIT RHH1 – REAR CAR PARK

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RESPONDENTS

**SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF
RICHARD HUBBARD HARRIS**

I, RICHARD HUBBARD HARRIS, of a confidential address, will say as follows:-

1. I am a General manager at Showcase Cinema, Castle Gate, Dudley.
2. I am providing this statement further my previous statement dated 11th May 2022 regarding issues of anti-social behaviour caused by car cruising activities on the cinema car park.

3. Since my previous statement the car cruise activity on our car park has increased and is now a daily occurrence both during opening hours and overnight when the cinema is closed.
4. In my previous statement I referred to a particularly large incident involving 130 vehicles in January 2021 when the UK was in lockdown and the cinema complex was closed. I have managed to locate some CCTV footage from this incident and two short video clips of the incident are on the CD attached as exhibit '**RHH2**' and marked '**CCTV 02-01-21a**' – '**CCTV 01-01-21b**'. I also attach as exhibit '**RHH3**' some still images from the footage to show clearly how many vehicles were involved. Following this incident, cinema staff noted numerous bollards and signage had been damaged and needed to be replaced. They also caused damage to the drain covers due to parking in pedestrian areas.
5. During June and the first week of July, staff members employed by the cinema collected numerous empty nitrous oxide cannisters from the cinema car park and the surrounding undergrowth. A photograph of the larger cannisters, which were numerous enough to fill a shopping trolley, are attached and marked '**RHH4**'. There were also many smaller cannisters but these were disposed of before the photograph was taken. These cannisters are left on the car park by youths, some of whom are involved in the car cruising activity, as we have observed them on CCTV in the vehicles inhaling the nitrous gas from a balloon and throwing the empty cannisters onto the car park.

6. On 9th July 2022, from around 2.00am numerous vehicles are seen on CCTV entering the rear car park of the cinema. There appears to be a larger group and a much smaller group who pull up in separate areas of the car park. When the cinema is closed and the CCTV is unmanned, the cameras are set to pan around the car park continually however you can clearly see that one of the groups are driving at speed and performing stunts whilst the occupants of the vehicles take turns in recording the antics on mobile phones. The CCTC footage is marked '**CCTV 09-07-22**' on the CD as exhibit number '**RHH2**'. At 01.49 on the footage, it shows that one of the vehicles has crashed head on into a post in the car park. The post incorporates a 'methane vent' and spinner to allow methane from the ground to be released and we have several of these in the car park. The footage shows that the registration plates are removed from the vehicle and a damaged bumper thrown in the hedge before the group disperse. A photograph of a damaged car bumper is attached and marked '**RHH5**'.

7. On 21st August 2022 at around 10.30pm, whilst the cinema is open, the CCTV picks up a small group of vehicles parked towards the rear of the car park. Shortly after one of the vehicles, a black Audi A1, is seen reversing at high speed and crashes into some bollards close to the rear exit of the cinema. The CCTV footage is marked '**CCTV 21-08-22**' on the CD attached as exhibit '**RHH2**'. Whilst the crash occurs out of sign of the camera, the vehicle can clearly be seen reversing at speed at 00.59 on the footage. The aftermath of the crash showing that the

vehicle has mounted two of the cinema bollards can be seen from 01.10 onwards. The driver of the damaged vehicle and the occupants of the other vehicles present can be seen inspecting the damage and removing items from the vehicle, including removing the registration plates. Cinema staff went out to check on the driver and ascertain what had happened but were informed that the driver had left the scene. The drivers name was given to cinema staff by the group who remained at the scene and later in the evening the driver, a Mr Justin Harvey, later came into the cinema and confirmed his details and the registration of the vehicle. The police attended and removed the vehicle later the next day. Photographs of the damaged vehicle and bollards taken the following morning, 22nd August 2022, are attached and marked **'RHH6'**.

8. On 29th August 2022, which was a bank holiday, a large amount of vehicles began pulling into the rear car park of the cinema at around 3.30pm. The cinema was open and busy, as it usually is on Bank Holidays, particularly with families visiting with their children. Our CCTV shows vehicles streaming into the car park and parking up in small groups. I estimate that there were around 100 vehicles in total including cars, motorbikes, vans and 4x4s. Two clips from this footage are marked **'CCTV 29-08-22a'** and **'CCTV 29-08-22b'** on the disk exhibited as **'RHH2'**. Immediately after arriving a number of the group start driving at high speed and performing donuts between the parked vehicles, many of which belonged to people visiting the cinema. Staff members called to the police to attend but the group, having been on the car park

for around 45 minutes, left before the police arrived. During those 45 minutes the footage shows customers leaving the cinema and trying to make their way to their cars without being run down by this group. At the time several customers asked for Security staff to escort them out of the cinema because they felt intimidated and unsafe. You can clearly see from the footage that the public are at serious risk of injury from the antics of this group.

9. On 7th September 2022, it came to my attention that there was a post on social media advertising a car cruise on our car park on Saturday 10th September 2022 at 5pm. A copy of the Facebook post is attached and marked '**RHH7**'. Saturday evenings are our busiest time and I was extremely concerned that this meet would escalate into the usual racing and stunts putting my staff and customers at risk. I notified the Claimant and the Police and I arranged for extra security staff to be at work for a couple of hours early that evening to man the entrance to the rear car park and ensure that it was used by genuine customers only. The meet did not go ahead and we had no issues that evening that I am aware of. I understand that the police made contact with the organiser and asked him not to go ahead. However, I have been informed that the meet has been re-arranged to Saturday 24th September 2022 so, again I will need to find additional staff to man the rear car park entrance and try and prevent this activity taking place.

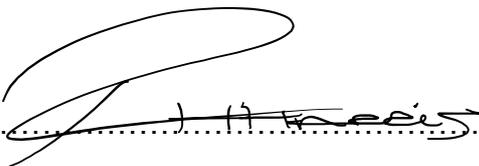
10. On 12th September 2022 from around 9pm until 11pm, there was another group on the car park, racing around and congregating. I have included footage of this incident, marked '**CCTV 12-09-22**' on the disk exhibited as '**RHH2**' as an example of what we experience on a daily basis. Coincidentally, on 13th September 2022, when Mrs Bradley from Dudley MBC Legal Services and PC Edwards from West Midlands Police attended the cinema to collect the CCTV footage, there were three vehicles racing at speed and doing donuts in the rear car park at 3.30pm in the afternoon. PC Edwards spoke to the group and took registration numbers.
11. In the last four weeks alone, car cruising activity in our car parks has caused approximately £2500 worth of damage to our car park furniture and signage. Attached as exhibit '**RHH8**' are photographs of a lamppost and bollard at the front of the cinema which were damaged on or around 14th August 2022. This was a particularly expensive repair as we had to pay for a crane to remove and replace the damaged lamppost due to its height.
12. I feel that since the injunction lapsed, car cruise activity has increased significantly and continues to do so. Our car park has become a magnet for this activity and is putting my staff and customers at risk. I am also concerned that customers who encounter this activity will be put off from returning to the cinema and this will affect the business long-term.

13. For the above reasons I fully support the application for an Injunction within Dudley and the Black Country.

14. 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

Dated14.9.22.....

Signature.....¹

Print Name in Full : ... RICHARD HUBBARD HARRIS

i) Statement of: Richard Hubbard-Harris
ii) Statement No: 2
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EXHIBIT RHH2

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This is in fact CCTV footage that is available separately.

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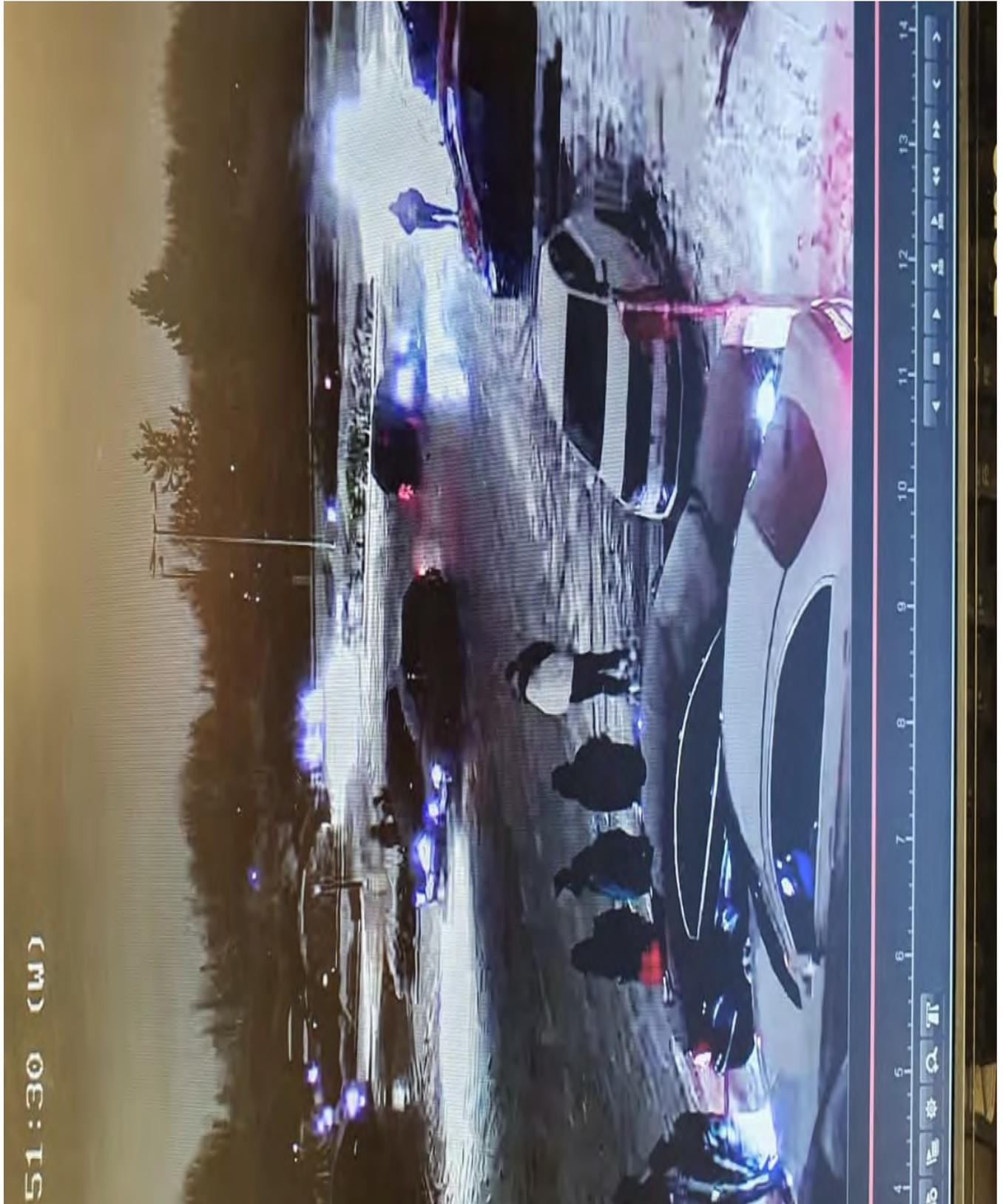
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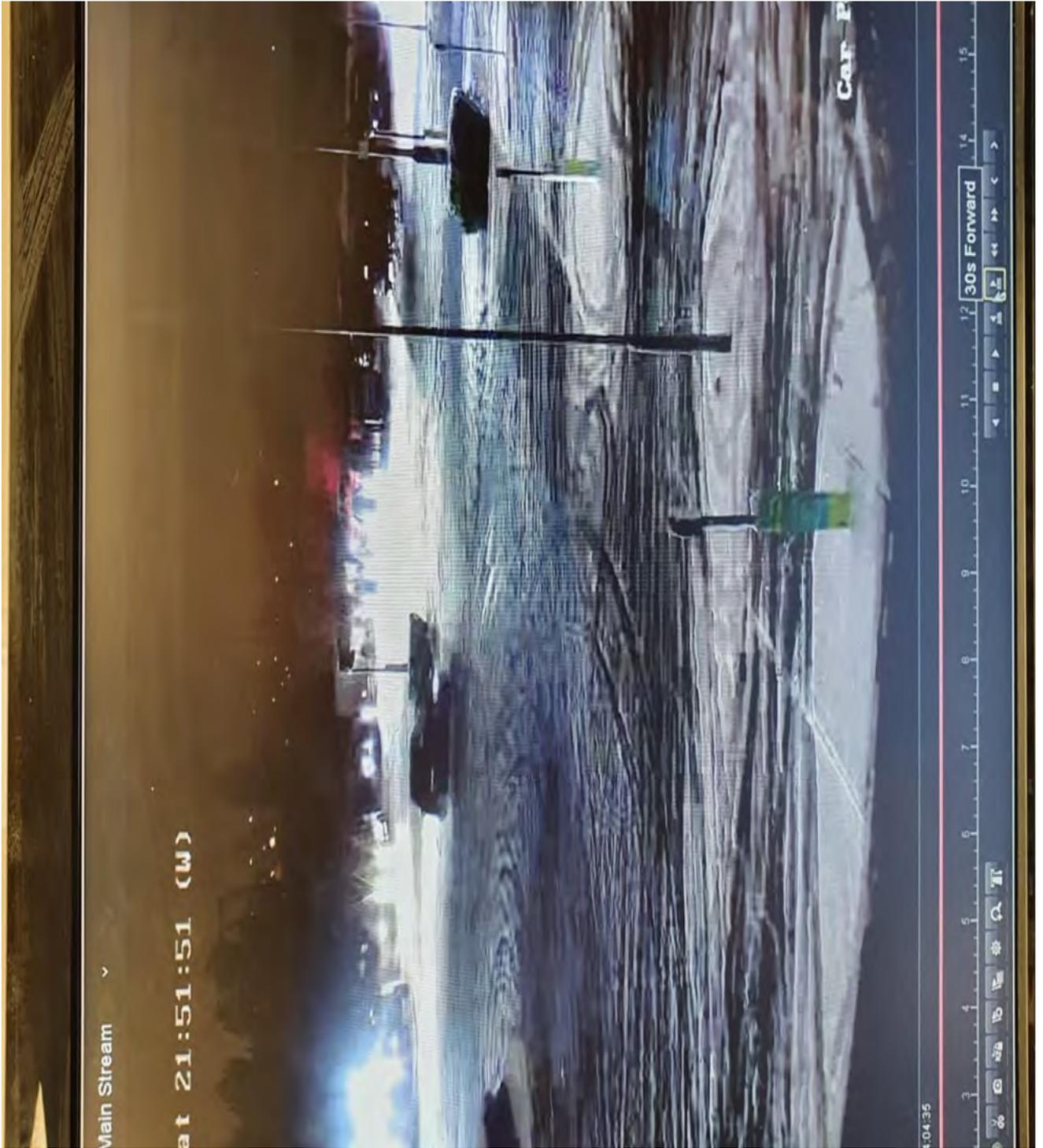
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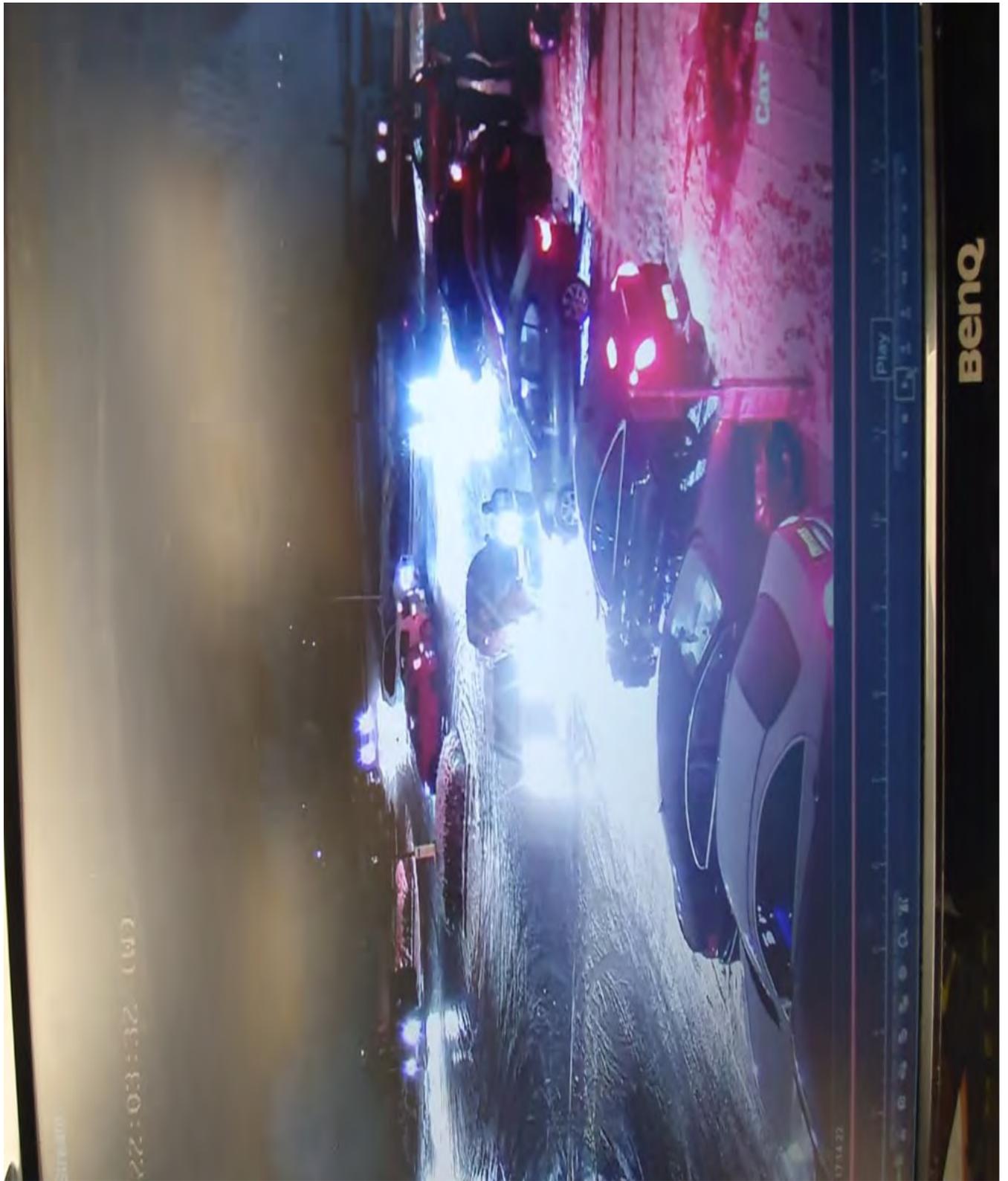
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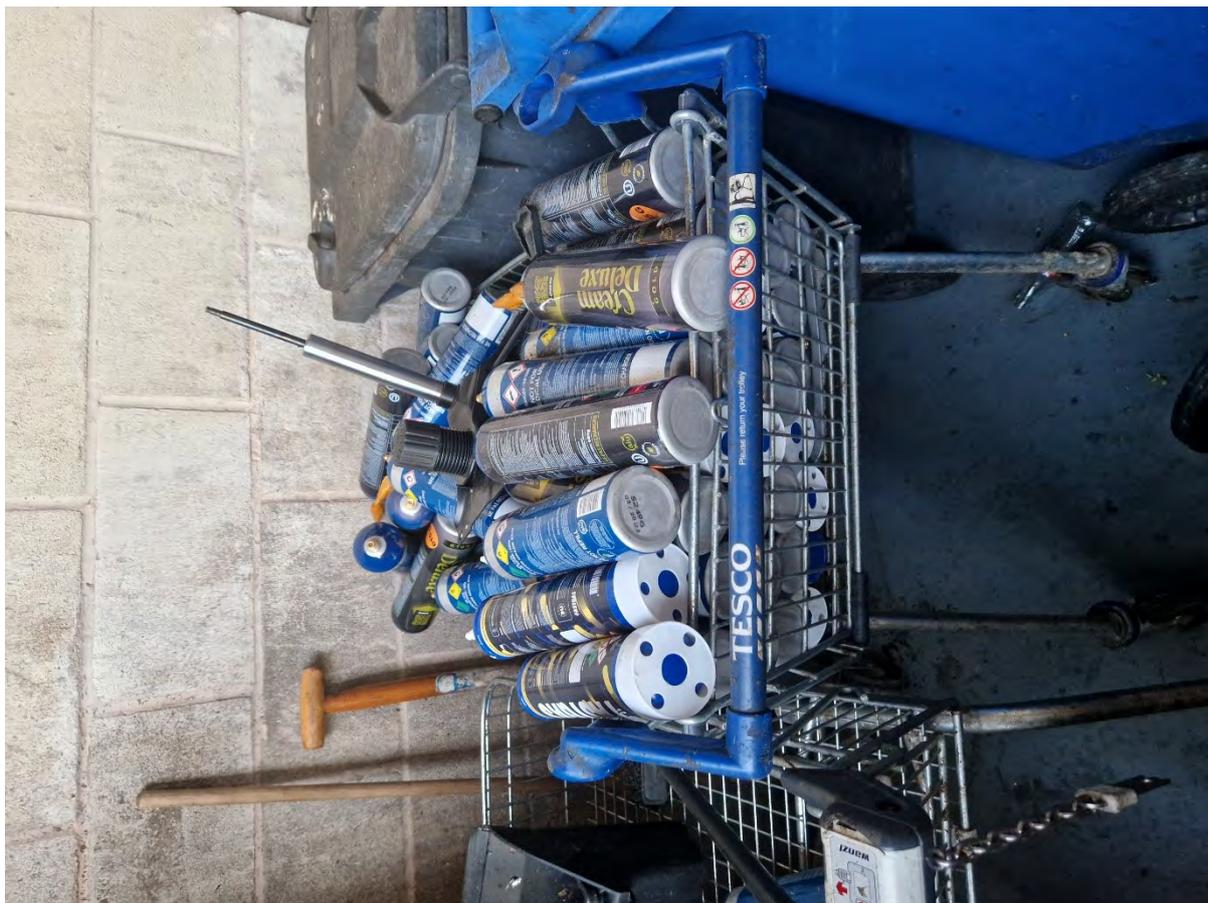
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EXHIBIT RHH4

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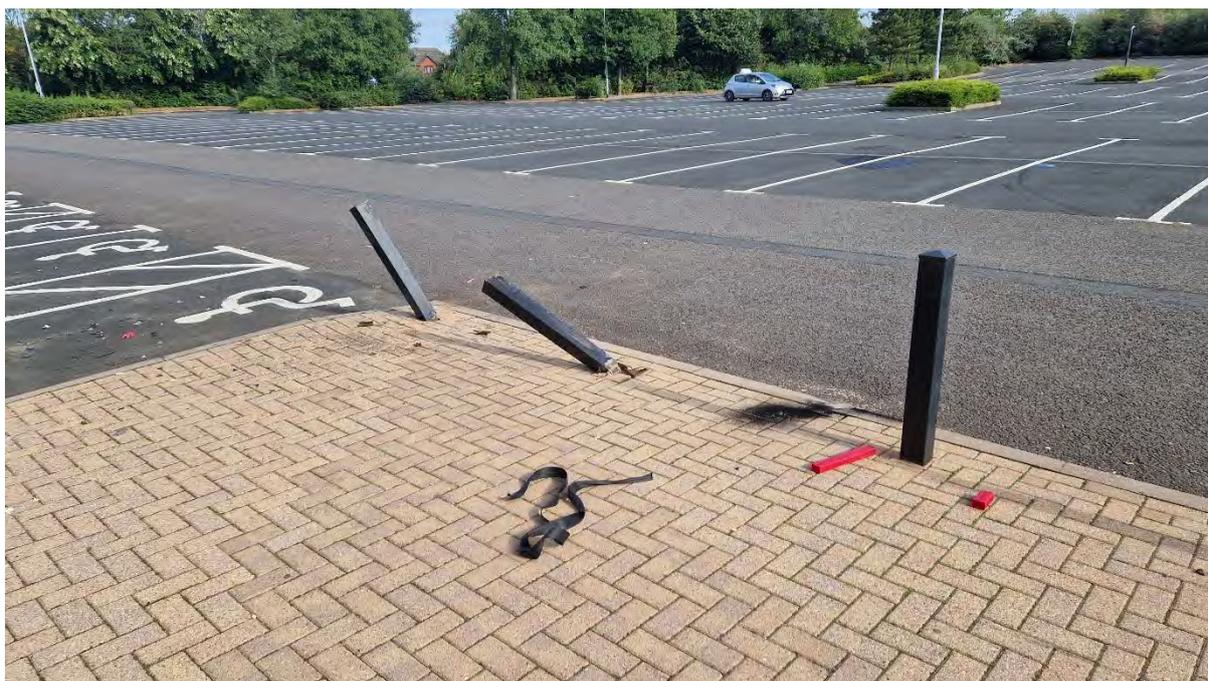
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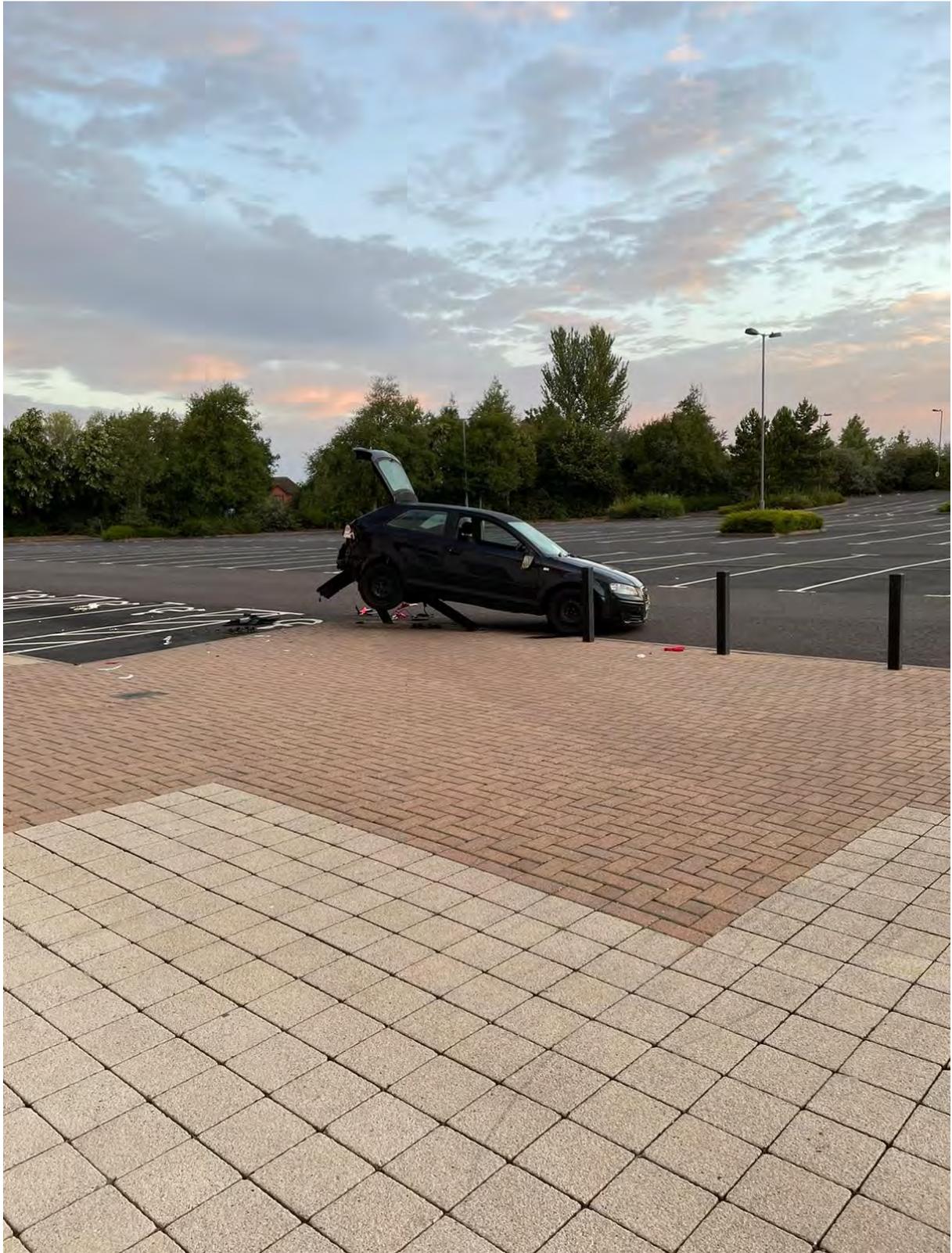
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EXHIBIT RHH6

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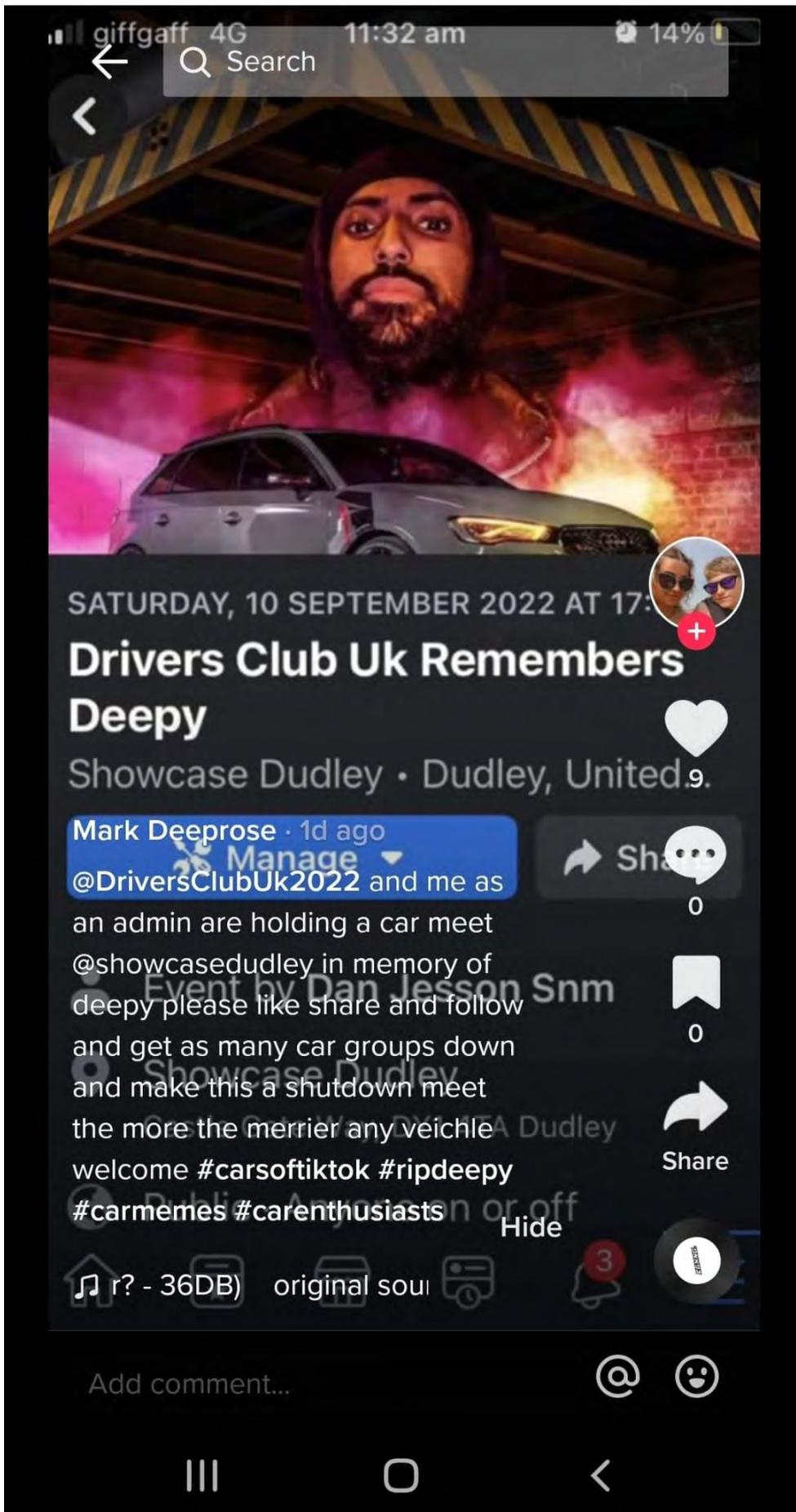
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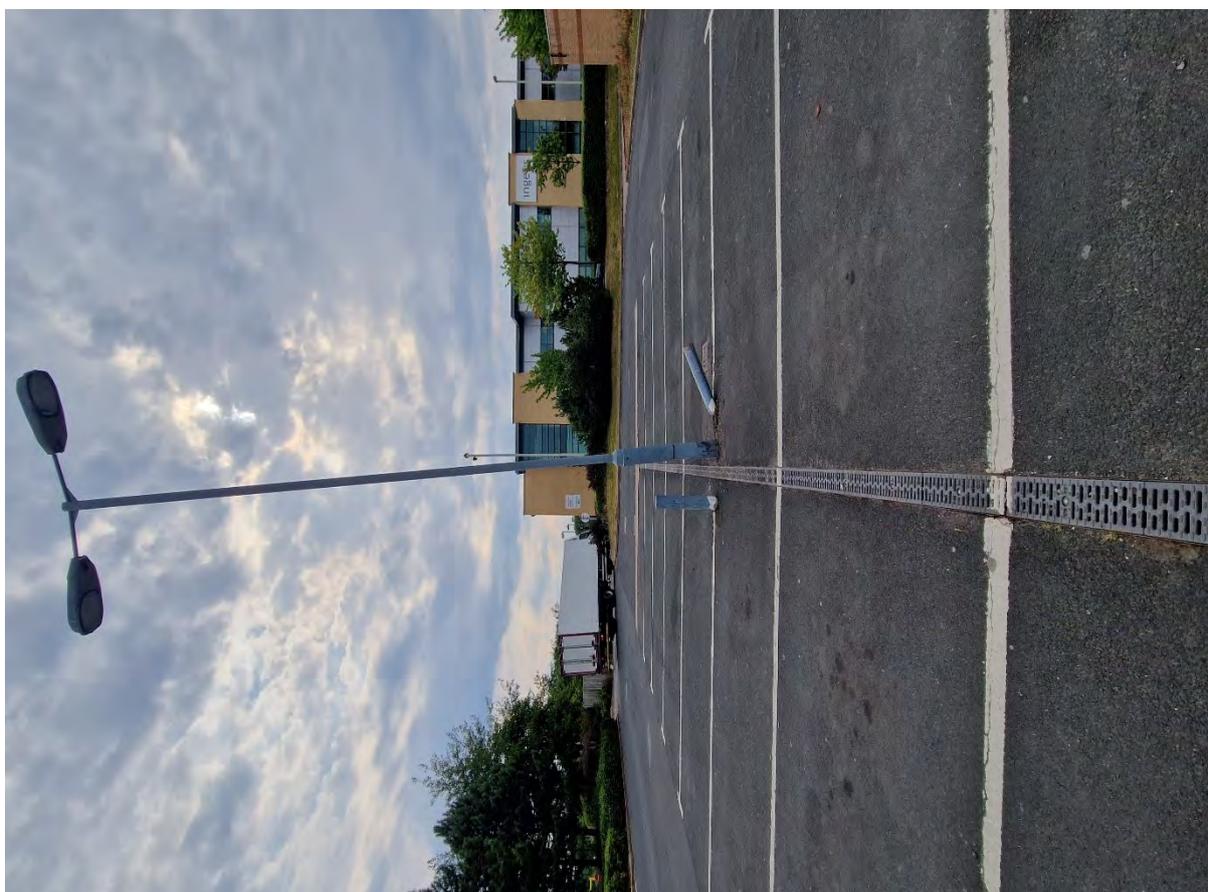
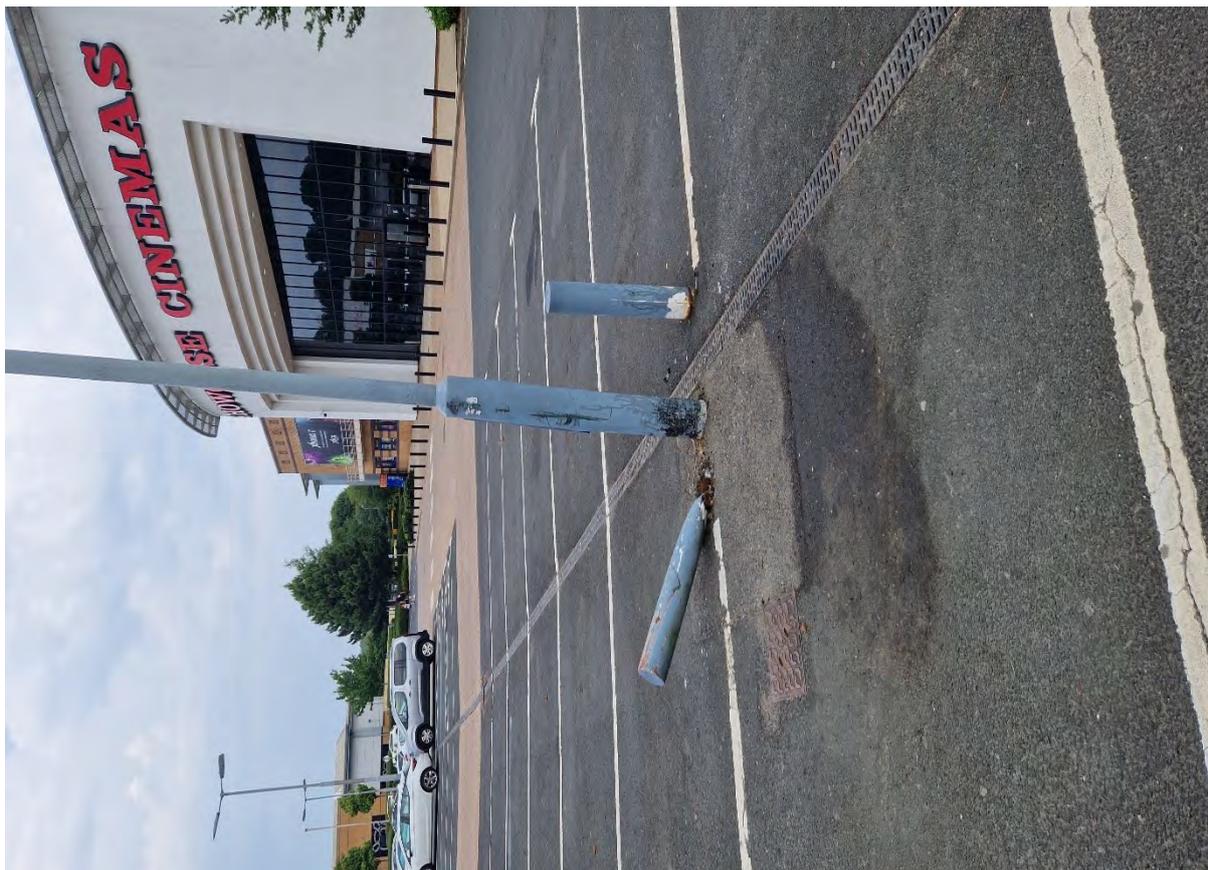
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EXHIBIT RHH8

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
JOHN SLATER-KIERNAN**

I, JOHN SLATER-KIERNAN, of a confidential address, will say as follows:-

1. I am the Manager at Shell Petrol Station, Manor Way, Halesowen,
West Midlands, B62 8RJ.

2. I am providing this statement in regards to issues of anti-social behaviour caused by car cruising in and around Manor Way (A456), Halesowen.

3. Over the last two years it has been brought to my attention from customers and residents living in the vicinity of the petrol station that the forecourt and car park area is being used by car cruisers/street racers as a meeting point, usually on Friday and Saturday evenings. Often it starts with one or two cars coming in for petrol and then more and more arrive and they congregate on the car park for around 20/30 minutes. I have told my staff to call the police if this happens and, when police do arrive, the group always disperse very quickly.

4. Although I have not witnessed it myself, I am aware from conversations with the police, staff and customers that these car cruisers use Manor Way like a race track, speeding along the dual carriageway from one roundabout to the other. I believe that these activities also attracts spectators.

5. I recall one Sunday morning, I do not remember the date but it was within the last 12 months, I received an email from Shell to say that they had received a complaint from a resident living in the vicinity. The resident reported that over the weekend, they had been to the petrol station to take photographs of a large group of approximately 20 vehicles as they had been stress racing and driving dangerously. I checked the CCTV footage for the relevant evening and could see that there was a large

group of cars parked up on the forecourt of the garage. On the CCTV some of the group were doing wheel spins and one was doing donuts.

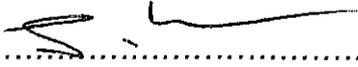
6. At night and into the early hours of the morning Manor Way is usually very quiet and not many cars are around. These car cruisers often have souped up vehicles with loud engines which do cause a lot of noise nuisance. In addition, large numbers of youths congregating on the forecourt and car park is very intimidating and could put off customers from coming to the garage, especially as customers would have to drive past the group in order to get to the fuel pumps.

7. On Sunday 8th May 2022, I was searching our CCTV footage in respect of another matter and noticed that the previous evening, 7th May 2022 at around 11pm, a large group of vehicles pulled into the garage within a few minutes of each other. On viewing the footage, they appear to be mainly young males in high performance cars. They parked up on the forecourt and car park area and remained for around 20 minutes before all leaving together. Although they did not engage in any anti-social behaviour on this occasion it is clear that they were travelling as a group. Also, around the same time the CCTV footage picked up several vehicles driving at high speed on the opposite side of the dual carriageway. Although I cannot say for sure, I believe that it may be same vehicles. A clip of the CCTV footage, which covers 20 minute period and shows the group arriving and leaving is attached as exhibit “**JSK1**” but I have speeded up the footage to make it easier for the court to view.

7. For the above reasons I fully support the application for an Injunction within Dudley and the Black Country.

8. 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 11/05/2022

Print Name in Full :JOHN SLATER-KIERNAN.....

Statement filed on behalf of: Dudley MBC
Statement of: John Slater-Kiernan
Statement No: 1
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- (3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**
- (4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

APPLICANTS

- and -

PERSONS UNKNOWN

RESPONDENTS

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
JOHN SLATER-KIERNAN**

This is the Exhibit referred to as "JSK1" in the witness statement of John Slater-Kiernan

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EXHIBIT JSK1

The document referred to as "Exhibit JSK1" in the witness statement of John Slater-Kiernan dated 11 May 2022 is in fact CCTV footage recorded 7 May 2022 which is available separately.

Statement filed on behalf of:Dudley MBC
Statement of: Chris Southall
Statement No: 1
Dated :
Filed:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO:

BETWEEN:

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APPLICANTS

- and -

PERSONS UNKNOWN

RESPONDENTS

**STATEMENT OF
CHRIS SOUTHALL**

I, CHRIS SOUTHALL, of a confidential address, will say as follows:-

1. I am the Store Manager at Tesco Extra, Birmingham Road, Dudley, DY1 4RP.
2. I am providing this statement regarding issues of anti-social behaviour caused by car cruising in the Tesco car park.

3. I have only been Store Manager at Tesco, Dudley for 10 weeks but since I started in this role staff members have made me aware that there is a culture and history of car cruise/boy racer activity in the Tesco car park. The main activity seems to be focused on the car park situated directly underneath the store, but I believe that it also takes place in the large outside car park also. Staff members informed me that the activity takes place mainly at weekends but occasionally on weekdays too.
4. Whilst many staff members have reported such issues, I have never personally witnessed any such issues due to my usual shift pattern. However, I worked nights in the week commencing Monday 2nd May 2022 and on Wednesday 4th May, Thursday 5th May and Friday 6th May I witnessed a group of youths in cars congregating in the car park. The below store car park takes on a different feel during the evening and it feels very isolated. Each evening as soon as I got out of my car, I noticed 7 or 8 vehicles parked closely together with a group of, mainly male, youths standing around chatting. Immediately I noticed a strong, almost overpowering smell of cannabis coming from their direction. One evening they all had their lights on and were playing with a football in the car park. I can confirm that at least two members of the group were there on each of the three days I observed them in the car park.
5. The store closes at 12.00pm until 6.00am each evening and, except for Friday evenings the store is fairly quiet late at night. On the days that I observed the youths in the car park, whilst working inside the store I

could clearly hear them revving their engines, screeching their tyres and racing at speed in the car park below me.

6. On checking the CCTV footage I noticed that the group of youths I had seen left the store around store closing time but during the night, several other groups of youths in cars pulled into the car park to congregate and drive around at speed. Unfortunately, due to a technical issue we are experiencing at the moment, although I can view the CCTV footage, I cannot copy it to disk to exhibit as evidence. I am hoping to have this issue resolved soon.
7. I did not see it for myself but staff members who regularly work evenings have informed me that they have seen drivers of vehicles doing stunts in the car park, donuts, hand brake turns and drag racing. As this activity is taking place during store opening hours, I am extremely concerned that it poses a serious risk to both staff and customers. Having smelt the cannabis, I am now even more worried as driving at speed is dangerous enough but driving at speed whilst impaired by drugs poses even more risk of an accident occurring. I have been informed that a young girl died on the Tesco car park several years ago and I do not want this to ever happen again.
8. We do not often receive complaints from customers regarding these activities in the car park and I believe that this is because we have fewer families with children or older people shopping in the evening. It tends to be the younger generation who are maybe less intimidated by these

activities. However, it is extremely intimidating for my staff who are leaving the store in the early hours and being confronted by large groups of youths driving dangerously in the car park. When staff are feeling intimidated, we do call the Police for assistance who attend when they are able to but are often unable to come out to us as officers are dealing with other, higher priority, calls.

9. As Store Manager I am actively looking at ways I can stop or at least reduce these activities. We currently have barriers to the under store section of the car park which have not been used for some time. However, we intend to start locking these barriers during the evening to prevent the car cruisers from gathering there and using the car park like a racetrack. Obviously, I have to balance this with the needs of the store regarding the availability of car parking spaces for staff and customers during the evening so a decision is yet to be made as to what time they will be closed.
10. For the above reasons I fully support the application for an Injunction within Dudley and the Black Country.
11. 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 ...Chris Southall..... Date ...13/05/2022.....

Print Name in Full :CHRIS SOUTHALL.....

F. SECTION F - Statements of Councillors, MPs, Residents and Businesses for Sandwell

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. []

URN []

Statement of Sheila POWELL

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation Retired

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: (witness) S Powell

Date 10/06/22

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded [] (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person and I reside [] in [] GLOVER STREET, WEST BROMWICH. I have lived at this address for approximately 20 years. SP

I am providing this statement in relation to current and long standing issues with street racing and car cruising on KENRICK WAY, WEST BROMWICH.

I would describe KENRICK WAY as a Dual carriage way, with a 40 MPH speed limit. The Road is generally very busy with normal vehicles and other road users and is well used during the day, however is much quieter on the night time.

SP

I have lived at my address for approximately 20 years now and I live on the 7th floor. My flat looks out onto KENRICK WAY and the island at the junction of KENRICK WAY and TRINITY WAY. Since I have lived at this address this area has suffered with a large scale Antisocial Behaviour where street racers have been using the road as a race track. They regularly meet on the Weekends Saturday and Sundays between the hours of 8.30pm – 12.00am and sometimes are there until the early hours. They will race up and down all night and their cars are very loud. They do this from the islands at TRINITY WAY and TELFORD WAY and continuously loop around back and forth doing several laps at high speed. These vehicles are very fast and are very loud which is quite intimidating and frightening.

Signature S Powell

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

Crime No. []

URN []

Statement of Sheila POWELL

When the racing is happening i also see large groups of people spectating from the grass verge on KENRICK WAY and right outside my flats and the CRICKETERS ARMS. I have seen spectators urinating by my flats and up the side of the pub. Large groups of cars, sometimes more than 30 park on the roadside and around the traffic islands whilst watching the street racers.

I always see motorbikes as well and they go up and down extremely fast on one wheel which to me is very dangerous and someone is going to get killed at some point.

When the racing is happening i can never get any sleep. the noise that comes from the cars and the spectators is just awful and i am so tired the next day which doesn't help my health condicions as i suffer from arthritis and heart problems.

SP
I did ~~not~~ live here when the last injunction was in place, *and SP* but i fully support a new one as anything has to be better than how it is now.

I ring the police regularly when they are here and always see police in the area and sometimes see the police helicopter and vehicles in the area which makes us feel much safer. I was always reassured by the Police when i contact them regarding their efforts to crack down on this problem, however these street racers are still congregating some weekends and causing a nuisance.

I welcome the new application of the Injunction in the Black Country and fully support the local counsils and police in its application.

Signature

S Powell

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

OFFICIAL – (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. []

URN []

Statement of Ronald Hill

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Retired

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Signature: (witness) *R.J. Hill*

Date 31/05/2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person and I reside on GLOVER STEET, WEST BROMWICH, with my wife. I have lived at the address for approximately 42 years.

I am providing this statement in relation to current and long standing issues with street racing and car cruising on KENRICK WAY, WEST BROMWICH.

I would describe KENRICK WAY as a Dual carriage way, with a 40 MPH speed limit. The Road is generally very busy with normal vehicles and other road users and is well used during the day, however is much quieter on the night time.

KENRICK WAY has suffered over a number of years with a large scale Antisocial Behaviour where street racers have been using the road as a race track. They regularly meet on the Weekends Saturday and Sundays between the hours of 8.30pm – 12.00am and sometimes have been there as late as 2am. They will race in groups or two side by side. They do this from from the islands at TRINITY WAY and TELFORD WAY and continuously loop around back and forth doing several laps at high speed where I suspect they easily exceed 70MPH. I can tell these vehicles are high powered vehicles as they are very loud which is quite intimidating and frightening.

I have been personally driving for around 48 years and it shocks me how dangerous some of them are in their manovers as their driving is putting other road users safety at risk.

Signature *R.J. Hill*

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Investigation No. Case Number

Statement of: Mrs Nicki Wellings

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: Store manager

This statement (consisting of 1 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Date: Saturday, 11 June 2022

Signature:

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person. I am making this statement in relation to the car cruising along the Black country route in Bilston. The racing has been going on for 5 or 6 years, this happens every weekend on a Saturday and Sunday night between 22:00 and 00:15 with cars racing up and down the road and drifting around the island opposite our house. It is mainly the noise which affects us, we are not able to sleep until the racers leave and don't go to bed until it finishes, sometimes very late. We know when the racing is about to start as we see them all park in Withy Road and cut through the gully which goes to the Black country route to spectate. This affects us in our home as the racing dictates what time we are able to go to bed, this is happening every weekend and affects mine and my family's sleep. My daughter is currently doing her GCSEs and my husband has to get up at 04:00 in the morning to go to work, this can really affect them as my husband can sometimes only have a couple of hours sleep a night due to the noise and if my daughter has an exam she needs the rest prior to this.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature:

Signature witnessed by: Matthew Denny 24077

Signature:

Signature witnessed by: Matthew Denny 24077

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. []

URN []

Statement of John Gallagher

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Retired

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Signature:

(witness)

Date 31/05/22

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

My name is John Gallagher and I live at [redacted] in Maria Street, West Bromwich. . I am making this statement in relation to the ongoing street racing that has been occurring daily, on Kenrick Way in West Bromwich.

I have lived at [redacted] in West Bromwich for the past 22 years. The property is a block of flats which located next to Kelvin Way. The Kelvin Way expressway is located off Spon Lane which is an extremely busy dual carriageway leading up to junction 1 of the M5 which enables the cars to drive achieve really fast speeds.

Problems have been occurring with street racing on Kelvin Way for the past 8 years, with a huge number of various cars all of different colours and models racing each other along Kelvin Way. Some of these cars are the type meant for race tracks and wouldn't look out of place at the Monte Carlo. The vehicles numbers range from between 20 and 100 cars, but the majority of the time there is between 35 and 40 cars as I count them when I can.

The noise these cars make is terrible and they sound like fireworks going off. This has happened daily for the last 3 years between the hours of 7.30pm 8.45pm. They appear for around for 15 mins and take up both lanes on Kendrick Way, they tend to head towards West Bromwich and turn at the island by the Cricketers Arms Public House and and head the opposite way along the expressway. This means at times both laness on either side of the road are taken up with street racers.

The manner in which they drive are disgraceful with various vehicles weaving in and out of traffic. This is especially evident when they turn up a bit earlier at 4.30pm as this is the time where people travel. The way that they drive combined with the noise they make is causing me so much stress. I cannot get a good night sleep because of them and the way their exhausts go off and the noise they make to the point where it makes me jump out of bed.

Signature

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

OFFICIAL – (when complete)

MG11

Crime No.

URN

Statement of John Gallagher

It did get better and the cars didn't come around as much, i cant remember when exactly, but i think it was around Covid time. There was noticably no racers on Kendrick Way at this time and my life was peaceful for a short period. Normal service resumed shortly after though with up to 100 cars

The racers' have started to drive from Kendrick Way onto a slip road which leads to a nearby industrial estate that contains steelworks I think. Cars have been parking up for hours at a time smoking joints and I've also seen them smoking shisha pipes. They leave all their rubbish behind and have been observed urinating at the steelworks when parked up which is disgusting.

Obviously the behaviour of the drivers is unacceptable and the noise especially, would really affect the lives of the elderley and babies in the area

I fully support the Councils plans to implement a new injunction. I have recieved letters from councilor Nicola Richards and totally support the plans to get a new injunction put in place. I was aware of a previous injunction and I do think it would be effective, although I do think the signposting needs addressing, as the previous injunction signs were not easily visible and I walked past them on numerous occasions. I would like to see them made bigger so it would be clearer for residents such as myself that the injunction was in place.

The issue has been slowly getting worse, I can think of 3 accidents in the last 2 years at the location, one of which ended with a male needing hospital treatment after a car crash. Due to the congregation of racers, the ambulance couldnt get through initially and had to take a longer route to get to the accident. *g*

Signature

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

OFFICIAL – (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. []

URN []

Statement of Donata Halasa

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Housewife

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: (witness) *Halasa*

Date 10/06/2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person and I reside on the [] of GREENFORD HOUSE, MARIA STREET, WEST BROMWICH, with my husband and two young children aged 12 and 6 years. I have lived at the address for approximately 6 years.

I am providing this statement in relation to current and long standing issues with street racing and car cruising on KENRICK WAY, WEST BROMWICH.

I would describe KENRICK WAY as a Dual carriage way, with a 40 MPH speed limit. The Road is generally very busy with normal vehicles and other road users and is well used during the day, however is much quieter on the night time.

For the whole duration i have lived in GREENFORD HOUSE, KENRICK WAY has suffered with large scale Antisocial Behaviour where street racers have been using the road as a race track. They regularly meet on the Weekends Saturday and Sundays between the hours of 8.30pm – 12.00am and sometimes have been there as late as 2am. They will race in groups or two side by side. They do this from from the islands at TRINITY WAY and TELFORD WAY and continuously loop around back and forth doing several laps at high speed where I suspect they easily exceed 70MPH. I can tell these vehicles are high powered vehicles as they are very loud which is quite intimidating and frightening.

I have been personally driving for around 20 years and have never seen such dangerous driving as some of them are in their manovers as their driving is putting other road users safety at risk.

Signature *Halasa*

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

OFFICIAL – (when complete)

MG11

Crime No.

URN

Statement of Donata Halasa

I have also observed large groups of people spectating from the grass verge on KENRICK WAY and right outside my flats. Large groups of cars, sometimes more than 30 park on the roadside and around the traffic islands whilst watching the street racers. They can be loud and stand there watching and recording the racing on their mobile phones.

When the racing is happening it is fair to say you cannot get any sleep. The noise that comes from the cars and the spectators is horrendous.

My two young children are both of school age and when the racing is happening it wakes them, sometimes at 2am in the morning and my youngest wakes up crying and scared as the noise is so loud and intimidating. This then has a knock on effect the next day as they are both tired and lethargic for school.

It is for this reason I constantly ring the police as it is not fair that my children are subjected to that.

I regularly see police patrols in the area which makes us feel much safer. I was always reassured by the Police when I contact them regarding their efforts to crack down on this problem, however these street racers are still congregating some weekends and causing a nuisance.

I welcome the new application of the Injunction in the Black Country and fully support the local councils and police in its application.

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Signature *Handwritten signature*

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

OFFICIAL – (when complete)



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25 April 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of my constituents in West Bromwich East to express my support for an injunction banning car cruising in the Black Country.

I hear regularly from many constituents about the issues they are experiencing with dangerous car cruising and street racing in my constituency. For example, the residents of Kenrick Way and the surrounding area in West Bromwich are regularly affected by noisy cars, large gatherings and dangerous driving on an evening. The events described to me by constituents are alarming, with clearly organised races taking place on West Bromwich's streets, with large numbers of spectators watching the race, and a well-oiled organisation working to frustrate the police's attempts to control this behaviour and evade arrest.

Since the expiration of the previous injunction, these issues have worsened and there is serious concern amongst residents and law enforcement that this could lead to a serious incident in the future involving drivers, spectators or innocent by-standers.

The issue is not just confined to West Bromwich either, with constituents in other areas of my constituency reporting excessive speeding, street racing and dangerous driving in Great Barr.

In total, 649 constituents of West Bromwich East have signed my petitions related to car cruising or speeding cars in the area, demonstrating that this is a significant issue that is affecting the day to day lives of my constituents.

An injunction would ensure our police have all available tools in the fight against this dangerous behaviour. On behalf of my constituents, I ask that you strongly consider granting an injunction.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Richards MP
Member of Parliament for West Bromwich East

From The Black Country. For The Black Country.

G. SECTION G - Statements of Councillors, MPs, Residents and Business for Walsall

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Investigation No.

Case Number

Statement of: Mrs Simon Pearson

Age if under 18: 0 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation:

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

The statement has been taken over the telephone by Ness Morgan on 28/04/2022. The declaration above has been read over and explained to me and I understand that this statement may be used in court as evidence.

Signature:

Date:

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person and I reside at the address overleaf.

I have been contacted today by PC 23193 MORGAN of West Midlands Constabulary in relation to a call I made to Police back in August 2020, log 3620-140820 refers. The call was in relation to various vehicles racing up and down the street, doing doughnuts and revving their engines near to my place of work. Approx half a dozen very expensive looking vehicles would gather on the bridge above near Birchalls, Walsall. There were normally Lamborghinis, Ferrari's, and high powered BMW's, they would show up during the afternoon mainly. I thought the vehicles looked like hire vehicles as they are such expensive vehicles and there were always lots of them in various colours.

I had a business near there at the time and it really used to stress me out as my customers would leave their vehicles with me for repair then maybe walk into town or get a bus, however when they would need to return to get their vehicles these cars would be racing at very high speeds, doing doughnuts etc and would frighten my customers. I was sure that one day somebody would be killed crossing the road due to their very erratic behaviour. I have since sold the business to developers and I am aware now that the roads have been changed and are narrower in places and have bollards in place however in my opinion I am not sure if this is good or bad as I do not believe that enough has been done to address these issues.

I called the Police lots of times over the issues with the racing cars but it seemed like not much was being done. Although I no longer work there I am aware that these type of vehicles doing this should be clamped down on before someone gets killed.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

Parent/guardian signature:

Reference: TS1053683455

Investigation No.

Case Number

Statement of: Mrs Simon Pearson

Signature:

Parent/guardian signature:

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

Parent/guardian signature:

Reference: TS1053683455

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Investigation No.

Case Number

Statement of: Mrs Kelly Matthews

Age if under 18: over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation: unemployed

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

The statement has been taken over the telephone by Ness Morgan on 28/04/2022. The declaration above has been read over and explained to me and I understand that this statement may be used in court as evidence.

Signature:

Date:

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person and I reside at the address overleaf.

I have been contacted by PC 23193 MORGAN in relation to the boy racers I have reported to the police in the past log 111-230721 refers . This has been an ongoing issue since June 2021 and I have lost count of the amount of time I reported this to the Police but nothing seems to be getting done. It is always the same 5/6 vehicles. 4 Lamborghinis, a green one, red one, white one and blue one along with a grey VW Audi. They race up and down Green Lane, Walsall and are continually revving their engines outside my address between the hours of 1am and 3am and this happens most nights.

I suffer with really bad anxiety, depression, panic attacks and all this is making things worse. I do not get any sleep and neither does my husband. I lost my father on the 9th April 2022 and all these ongoing issues with these cars is not helping me at all.

I live on the 6th floor of a block of flats and the noise is so loud even from that many floors up. I think they do a loop from outside my flat then head towards Birchills, Hospital Street past the Fire Station towards Stafford Street. They drive so fast that there is going to be an accident. They are clearly racing each other as it is always the same cars every time.

I really wish something could be done to stop this and to give me some peace especially at this stressful time with my dad passing away.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement and as amended in any tracked changes [and initialled] are true.

Signature:

Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

Investigation No.

Case Number

Statement of: Mrs Kelly Matthews

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Signature:

Signature witnessed by:

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. []

URN []

Statement of Julia ann westwood

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation House wife

This statement (consisting of Two page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: (witness) J WESTWOOD x NOT SIGNED

Date 13/05/2022.

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above name person and I live at the address overleaf.

I have been asked to give an impact statement in regard to matters of Anti Social Behaviour, caused by car cruising, and incidents of illegal car races on the Black Country Route situated near to Darlaston in the borough of Walsall.

I would like to state that I have lived in the area for 17 years and that my property is approximately 2 miles away from the A463 Black Country Route.

Over the last few years my family and myself have had to put up with the issues attributed to the car cruising scene which blights the area in which we live.

Living near to the Black country route which connects the M6 motorway at junction 10 to the Black Country towns of Bilston, Wednesbury, Tipton, and West Bromwich can at sometimes be like living next to a motorsport track such as the like of Brands Hatch and Silverstone.

In the summer months you can't have your windows open due to the sound of high-powered vehicles using the route as an unauthorised racetrack into the early hours of the next day, the continually popping of the exhausts, the gear changes and the excessive engine revving keeps you awake which impacts on your life.

How anybody has not been seriously hurt or killed I do not know, it's not only the drivers and their passengers who are at risk but also persons who attend and stand around watching the meets.

x NOT SIGNED

Signature J WESTWOOD

Signature witnessed by

OFFICIAL – (when complete)

MG11

Crime No.

URN

Statement of Julia ann westwood

I have been made aware that the local authorities of the area are attempting to put in place an order which would ban such activities, which I would strongly support.

By banning car cruising / racing on the local network of roads not only would it ease the blight of noise nuisance, but more importantly it would make the roads safer for other road user, who also must use the roads for work or social and domestic purposes. x

Signature ^x
J WESTWOOD

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

OFFICIAL – (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No.

URN

Statement of Lee Roden

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation Project Manager

This statement (consisting of Two page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: X (witness)



Date 21/05/2022

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above named person and I live at the address overleaf.

I have been asked to give a impact statement in regards to matters of Anti Socail Behavior, caused by car cruising, and incidents of illegal car races on the Black Country Route situated near to Darlaston / Moxley in the borough of Walsall.

I would like to state that I have lived in the area all my life and also that my property is situated approximately one and a half miles away from the A463 Black Country Route.

Over the last few years my family and myself have had to put up with the issues attributed to the car cruising scene which blights the area in which we live.

Living near to the Black country route which connects the M6 motorway at junction 10 to the Black Country towns of Bilston, Wednesbury, Tipton and West Bromwich has its problems, due to the fact people have took to using the arterial route as a racetrack.

In the summer months mostly at the weekends we have to keep our windows shut your due to the sound of high powered vehicles using the route as a unauthorised race track into the early hours of the next day, this impacts on your life and effects your sleep pattern due to the noise pollution.

The persons attending the events not only use the local road network as a race track, but they also attend trading esates and retail parks near by as a meeting place.

Signature X 

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

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Crime No.

URN

Statement of Lee Roden

I am aware that there was a road traffic collision back in 2018 where by a car crusier colideded with an innocent road user, How anyone has not been killed I don't know

I have been made aware that the local authorities of The west Midlands are attempting to put in place an order which would ban such activities, which I would strongly support.

By banning car cruising / racing on the local network of roads not only would it ease the blight of noise nuisance, but more importantly it would make the roads safer for other road user, who also have to use the roads for work or socail and domestic purposes. X 

Signature 

Signature witnessed by

03/2016

OFFICIAL – (when complete)

WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. []

URN []

Statement of Robert Norton

Age if under 18 OVER 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation *undisclosed*

This statement (consisting of *one* page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: *[Signature]* (Witness)

Date *22/05/22*

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above name person and I live at the address overleaf.

I have been asked to give a impact statement in regards to matters of Anti Socail Behavior, caused by car cruising, and incidents of illegal car races on the arterial routes situated near to Darlaston in the borough of Walsall.

Unfortunately over the last few years the main roads near to my home have become an unnoffical racetrack and the industrial and retail estates have become meeting up point for the persons involved.

Most weekends people attend the meets and from there they race their vehicles along the Black Country route. I Live near to Wesson's Road which is a place where the cruising starts, the noise from the high powered engines and the exhausts causes me sleep deprevation, the racing can keep you up into the early hours and it appears that the police do not have the resources to deal with it.

I have been made aware that the local authorities of the area are attempting to put in place an order which would ban such activities, which I would strongly support.

By banning car cruising / racing on the local network of roads not only would it ease the blight of noise nuisance, but more importantly it would make the roads safer for other road user, who also have to use the roads for work or socail and domestic purposes.

Signature *[Signature]*

Signature witnessed by *[Signature]*

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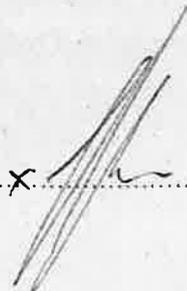
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Crime No.

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Statement of Robert Norton

Signature

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Signature witnessed by

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Criminal Procedure Rules, r 27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B

Crime No. []

URN []

Statement of Ravdeep Khara

Age if under 18 Over 18 (if over 18 insert "over 18")

Occupation payroll senior

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: (witness)

[Handwritten signature]

Date 24/05/22

Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)

I am the above name person and I live at the address overleaf.

I have been asked to give a impact statement in regards to matters of Anti Socail Behavior, caused by car cruising, and incidents of illegal car races on the arterial routes situated in the borough of Walsall.

Unfortunately over the last few years the main roads of Walsall have become an unnoffical racetrack, I am car user and on a daily basis have to negotiate the arterial routes in and around the town.

On the 28/08/20 I was driving on Springhill Road Walsall near to the town centre in the company of my mother, as I approached the six ways island prior to going onto the Birmingham Road I saw a small motor vehicle in the right hand lane next to me. The driver and the front passenger seat were young Asian males.

The vehicle that they were in was traveling at speed and in my assumption to quick to take the right turn at the island. I was worried that it would colide with my vehicle.

I continued to watch the vehicle as it made the manouvre and saw the driver complete a turn / skid on the island. I thought he was going to kill some one or cause damage to something.

I suspect that they may have been either drunk or high on drugs and was left shocked by the standard of their driving.

Signature

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Signature witnessed by

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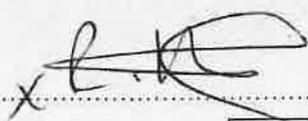
Statement of Ravdeep Khara

I have been informed that a banning order in regards to car cruising / racing is being put in place which I support.

I believe that the main roads in the area will be safer for all with the banning order.



Signature



Signature witnessed by

03/2016

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H. SECTION H - Bundle May 2021

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION
(BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY)

CLAIM NO: H90BM037

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

(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

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1.	Steve Gittins (Team Leader, Community Protection) Witness Statement No 2	13-04-2021	F 1 - F 5
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A. SECTION A - Statement of Case

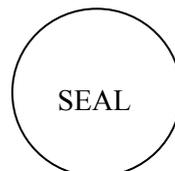


Claim Form (CPR Part 8)

In the	High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, Birmingham District Registry
Claim no.	
Fee Account no.	PBA0082797
Help with Fees – Ref no. (if applicable)	H W F - [] [] [] [] - [] [] [] []

Claimants

- (1) Wolverhampton City Council, Civic Centre, St. Peter's Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RG
- (2) Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, Council House, Priory Road, Dudley, DY1 1HF
- (3) Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury, B69 3DE
- (4) Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, Civic Centre, Walsall, WS1 1TP



Defendants

- (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)

(Addresses not applicable) |

Does your claim include any issues under the Human Rights Act 1998? Yes No X

Details of claim (see also overleaf)

The Claimants seek the following relief:

- (i) An Injunction order;
- (ii) A power of arrest;
- (iii) Declaratory relief; and
- (iv) Further or other relief as the Court thinks fit

Defendant's name and address

Persons Unknown as defined above
(Addresses not applicable)

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Court fee	
Legal representative's costs	T.B.A
Issue date	

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Details of claim (*continued*)

To restrain:

- (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
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The Claim is brought pursuant to the following statutory provisions:

- (i) Sections 111 and 222 Local Government Act 1972
- (ii) Section 130 Highways Act 1980
- (iii) Section 37 Senior Courts Act 1981
- (iv) Section 1 Localism Act 2021
- (v) Sections 6 and 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- (vi) Section 27 Police and Justice Act 2006

Full details of the legal and factual basis for the claim are set out in the attached Particulars of Claim and witness statements filed herewith.

Part 8 Civil Procedure Rules applies to this claim.

The Claimants seek orders for service of the Claim Form and supporting documentation by alternative means pursuant to CPR 6.15 & 6.27. The proposed steps to effect service are set out in the draft Order.

The Claimants will also seek an order dispensing with personal service of the Injunction. The proposed steps to bring the order to the attention of persons likely to be affected by any Injunction are set out in the draft Order.

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Claimant's or claimant's legal representative's address to which documents should be sent if different from overleaf. If you are prepared to accept service by DX, fax or e-mail, please add details.

Statement of Truth

The Claimant understands 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

- I believe that the facts stated in these particulars of claim are true.
- The Claimant believes that the facts stated in these particulars of claim are true. I am authorised by the claimant to sign this statement.

Signature



- Claimant
- Litigation friend (where claimant is a child or a Protected Party)
- Claimant's legal representative (as defined by CPR 2.3(1))

Date

Day

Month

Year

19

April

2021

Full name

David Pattison

Name of claimant's legal representative's firm

Legal Services, Wolverhampton City Council

If signing on behalf of firm or company give position or office held

Director of Governance & Solicitor to the Council

Application for Injunction (General Form)

Name of court High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, Birmingham District Registry	Claim No.
Claimant's Name and Ref. Wolverhampton City Council, LIJ017753P	
Defendant's Name and 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)	
Fee Account no. PBA0082797	

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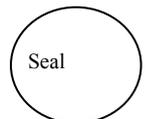
Tick which boxes apply and specify the legislation where appropriate

(1) Enter the full name of the person making the application

(2) Enter the full name of the person the injunction is to be directed to

(3) Set out any proposed orders requiring acts to be done. Delete if no mandatory order is sought.

- By application in pending proceedings
- Under Statutory provision s222 Local Government Act 1972 and s130 Highways Act 1980
- This application is made under Part 8 of the Civil Procedure Rules



This application raises issues under the Human Rights Act 1998 Yes No

The Claimants:

- (1) Wolverhampton City Council, Civic Centre, St. Peter's Square, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RG
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N16A General form of application for injunction (05.14)

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1. The Claimants seeks the following relief:
 - (ii) An Injunction order;
 - (iii) A power of arrest;
 - (iv) Declaratory relief; and
 - (v) Further or other relief as the Court thinks fit

2. To restrain:

(4)Set out here the proposed terms of the injunction order (if the defendant is a limited company delete the wording in brackets and insert 'whether by its servants, agents, officers or otherwise').

- (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

(5)Set out here any further terms asked for including provision for costs

- (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)

(6)Enter the names of all persons who have sworn affidavits or signed statements in support of this application

3. Full details of the legal and factual basis for the claim are set out in the attached Particulars of Claim and witness statements filed herewith.

(7)Enter the names and addresses of all persons upon whom it is intended to serve this application

The grounds of this application are set out in the written evidence of Joanne Mason, Rachel Fanthom, Paul Brown, Police Superintendent Ian Green, PC Jon Edwards, PC Mark Campbell, Sue Haywood, Patricia Bradley, Faye Willetts, Councillor Alan Taylor, Councillor David Vickers, Pardip Sandhu, Steven Gittins, Police Sergeant Richard Phillips, Rajbinder Kaur, Lisa Fox, David England, Hema Hayer and Richard Hardy.

This written evidence is served with this application.

The Claimants seek orders for service of the Claim Form and supporting documentation by alternative means pursuant to CPR 6.15 & 6.27. The proposed steps to effect service are set out in the draft Order.

The Claimants will also seek an order dispensing with personal service of the Injunction. The proposed steps to bring the order to the attention of persons likely to be affected by any Injunction are set out in the draft Order.

(8)Enter the full name and address for service and delete as required

This application is filed by ⁽⁸⁾ Wolverhampton City Council,
 the Solicitors for the Claimants
 whose address for service is **Civic Centre, St Peter's Square,**
Wolverhampton, WV1 1RG



Signed:

Dated: 19.04.2021

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Name and
address of the
person
application is
directed to

To

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This application will be heard by the (District) Judge

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If you do not attend at the time shown the court may make an injunction order in your absence

If you do not fully understand this application you should go to a Solicitor, Legal Advice Centre or a Citizens' Advice Bureau

Claim No.

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

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

PARTICULARS OF CLAIM

Wolverhampton City Council,
Legal Services,
Civic Centre,
St Peter's Square,
Wolverhampton

Ref: LIJ017753P/01201576

Solicitor for the Claimants

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

Claim No.

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
4. WALSALL METROPOLITAN
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimants

-and-

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DRIVING

WITHIN THE BLACK COUNTRY AREA SHOWN ON PLAN A (ATTACHED)

Defendants

PARTICULARS OF CLAIM

Introduction

- 1 Part 8 of the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 applies to this claim.

- 2 In these Particulars of Claim the following definitions have been applied:
 - (1) "The Black Country" the combined local authority areas of all the Claimants. The Claimants areas are shown on the plan annexed hereto (Plan A).

 - (2) "Car Cruising" organised or impromptu events at which drivers of cars race, perform driving stunts, drive dangerously and drive in convoy. Such activities may be noisy, dangerous and illegal, obstructing highways and the premises bordering them, damaging property and putting the safety of spectators and other persons at risk.

 - (3) The "Original Injunction" Injunction granted by HHJ Owen QC on 1 December 2014 and renewed by HHJ McKenna on 9 January 2018 in *Wolverhampton & Others v Persons Unknown* [2014] (Claim No A90BM228) which was in effect from 2 February 2015

- (4) "Stunts" Driving manoeuvres often undertaken as part of car cruising including:
- (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.
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 - (d) "Undertaking" passing a vehicle on its nearside so as to overtake in circumstances not permitted by the Highway Code.

3 The Claimants are local authorities with the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972.

4 The West Midland Police Force ('the Police') serve the area of all the Claimants.

5 Since, at least, 2012 the Claimants have in co-operation with the Police have been attempting to eliminate car cruising in their areas.

6 By this claim the Claimants seek an injunction restraining car cruising across the whole of the Black Country.

Background

7 The Claimants obtained the Original Injunction which was in effect from 2 February 2015 until 1 February 2021.

8 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.

9 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.

Relevant Enactments

10 Section 37(1) Senior Courts Act 1981 provides that:

“The High Court may by order (whether interlocutory or final) grant an injunction or appoint a receiver in all cases in which it appears to the court to be just and convenient to do so.”

11 For the reasons set out in the evidence filed herewith (and the evidence in support of the application for the Original Injunction) the Claimants will contend it is just and convenient for the honourable court to grant an injunction in this instance.

12 Section 111(1) Local Government Act 1972 provides that:

“Without prejudice to any powers exercisable apart from this section but subject to the provisions of this Act and any other enactment passed before or after this Act, a local authority shall have power to do anything (whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions.”

13 Section 222 Local Government Act 1972 extends that power and empowers local authorities to become involved in litigation if so doing facilitates the discharge of their functions and is in the interest of their inhabitants.

14 Section 222(1) Local Government Act 1972 provides that:

(1) “Where a local authority consider it expedient for the promotion or protection of the interests of the inhabitants of their area—

- (a) they may prosecute or defend or appear in any legal proceedings and, in the case of civil proceedings, may institute them in their own name, and
- (b) they may, in their own name, make representations in the interests of the inhabitants at any public inquiry held by or on behalf of any Minister or public body under any enactment.”

15 Further, section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides that a local authority has power to do anything that individuals may do.

16 Accordingly, the Claimants are entitled to bring this claim for the benefit of all inhabitants of the Black Country. Further it is just and convenient and in accordance with the overriding objective for all the Claimants to bring a single claim.

17 By section 130, Highways Act 1980, the Claimants are under a duty to assert and protect the rights of the public to the use and enjoyment of any highway for which they are the highway authority. The injunctive relief sought in these proceedings is necessary to protect the rights of the public to the use and enjoyment of highways within the Claimants' districts.

18 By section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, local authorities must formulate and implement, *inter alia*, a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in their areas (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), which strategy the authorities must keep under review for the purposes of monitoring its effectiveness and making any necessary or expedient changes.

19 Section 17(1) Crime and Disorder Act 1998 provides that:

“Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authority to which this section applies to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.”

20 The Claimants contend that taking measures to combat car cruising falls within and forms part of their statutory function (set out above) to reduce crime and disorder in their areas.

Factual Background

21 The Claimants will rely upon the witness statements filed with this Claim Form and those filed in support of the adjourned application to extend the Original Injunction.

22 In summary the Claimants aver that:

- (1) Persons participating in car cruising meet on highways and areas adjacent to highways. Such areas include industrial estates and carparks.
- (2) The locations for such meetings vary but are to be found throughout the Black Country.
- (3) Such meetings may be publicised in advance via social media or word of mouth or may be impromptu.
- (4) At such meetings some or all of conduct set out above takes place.
- (5) Such conduct affects the safety, comfort, well-being and livelihoods of inhabitants of the Black Country.
- (6) Such conduct diverts the resources of the Police, Ambulance Service and hospitals away from other legitimate matters.

23 The Original Injunction was effective in reducing and inhibiting car cruising.

24 Since 2 February 2021 car cruising has again increased with more events and larger numbers of spectators at such events. The Police are receiving an increased volume of calls relating to such activities.

Justification for an Injunction

25 An Injunction in the terms sought would assist the Claimants in discharging their statutory duties set out above.

26 Such an Injunction would be of benefit to persons generally throughout the Black Country.

27 The proposed Injunction does not interfere with rights and freedoms of the Defendants since the behaviour that it seeks to prohibit is illegal and/or anti-social. The Defendants remain free to attend lawful motor-sports events and exhibitions.

Power of Arrest

28 Section 27 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 provides *inter alia*:

"(1) This section applies to proceedings in which a local authority is a party by virtue of section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972 (c 70) (power of local authority to bring,

defend or appear in proceedings for the promotion or protection of the interests of inhabitants of their area).

(2) If the court grants an injunction which prohibits conduct which is capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person it may, if subsection (3) applies, attach a power of arrest to any provision of the injunction.

(3) This subsection applies if the local authority applies to the court to attach the power of arrest and the court thinks that either—

(a) the conduct mentioned in subsection (2) consists of or includes the use or threatened use of violence, or

(b) there is a significant risk of harm to the person mentioned in that subsection...”

29 The Claimants aver that car cruising causes and is capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to persons in the Black Country and that the car cruising creates a significant risk of harm to such persons.

Service of this Claim Form

30 The Claimants seek orders for service of the Claim Form and supporting documentation by alternative means pursuant to CPR 6.15 & 6.27. The proposed steps to effect service are set out in the draft Order. Such steps are likely to bring this Claim and the hearing of the application for an Injunction to the attention of those persons

who may wish to oppose the making of the order or intervene in the proceedings.

Service of any Injunction Granted

31 The Claimants will also seek an order dispensing with personal service of the Injunction. The proposed steps to bring the order to the attention of persons likely to be affected by any Injunction are set out in the draft.

32 The Claimants submit that such steps are likely to ensure that awareness of the existence of the Injunction will be widespread throughout the Black Country.

And the Claimants claim:

- (1) An Injunction Order in the form annexed hereto;
- (2) A Power of Arrest ancillary to such Injunction;
- (3) Such further or other relief as the Court thinks fit.

MICHAEL SINGLETON

DATED this 19th day of April 2021

The Claimants believe that the facts stated in these Particulars of Claim 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.

I am duly authorised by all the Claimants to sign this statement.

FULL NAME: David Pattison

POSITION OR OFFICE HELD: Director of Governance & Solicitor to the
Council

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Pattison".

SIGNED:

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1. What is your name or, if you are a legal representative, the name of your firm?

Legal Services, Wolverhampton City Council

2. Are you a Claimant Defendant Legal Representative

Other (please specify)

If you are a legal representative whom do you represent?

The Claimants

3. What order are you asking the court to make and why?

Pursuant to CPR r.6.15 and 27, the Claimants ask the Court to make an order that it be permitted to serve its Part 8 Claim Form, N16A Claim Form, Particulars of Claim, Application for an Injunction and Power of Arrest (and substituted service thereof), application for alternative service and supporting witness statements by the alternative service methods specified in the draft order.

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4. Have you attached a draft of the order you are applying for?

- Yes (inc. in Draft Injunction Order)
 No

5. How do you want to have this application dealt with?

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6. How long do you think the hearing will last? Is this time estimate agreed by all parties?

Hours Minutes

- Yes No

7. Give details of any fixed trial date or period

13 May 2021

8. What level of Judge does your hearing need?

High Court Judge, or s.9 if practicable

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.

10. What information will you be relying on, in support of your application?

the attached witness statement

the statement of case

the evidence set out in the box below

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 - c) 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;
 - d) 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;
 - e) 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;
 - f) Publication on social media reminding people of the deadline before which to submit comments to be presented as evidence to the court;
 - g) Issuing of media release to print and broadcast media giving notice of the hearing on 13 May. Providing interviews for broadcast media as required;
 - h) Issuing of media release to print and broadcast media on outcome of hearing and next steps including date of implementation of injunction if approved.
4. The Claimants therefore invite the court to grant an order in the terms of the draft order attached hereto, or in such terms as the court thinks fit.

Statement of Truth

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.

I believe that the facts stated in section 10 (and any continuation sheets) are true.

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The Claimants

3. What order are you asking the court to make and why?

Pursuant to CPR r.81.4(d), the Claimants asks the Court to make an order that it be permitted to serve any injunction and power of arrest granted by the alternative means specified in the draft injunction

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Before Her Honour Judge Kelly 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 on 13 May 2021

UPON hearing Counsel for the Claimants and upon considering an application for an injunction pursuant to section 222 Local Government Act 1972 and the Court exercising its discretion to grant injunctive relief pursuant to section 37(1) Senior Courts Act 1981

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

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 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

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5. A Power of Arrest pursuant to section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 shall apply to clauses 1 & 2 of this Order.

6. This Order & Power of Arrest shall come into effect at midnight on 11.59 pm on 27 May 2021, provided that the Claimants, by their proper officer have given to the court written notice that the steps identified at paragraph 7 below have been completed. [Such notice shall be by a witness statement from the Claimants’ proper officer (solicitor or administrative staff official)].

7. This Order & Power of Arrest shall, expire at 11.59 pm on 27 May 2024 unless it is extended, varied or discharged by further the court.

8. Service of the Claim Form, Particulars of Claim and Application Notice has been effected pursuant to CPR 6.15 & 6.27 as the Claimants have:
 - (a) placed a copy of the Claim Form, Particulars of Claim and Application Notice and all associated paperwork on the Claimants' websites;

- (b) made available hard copy of the Claim Form, Particulars of Claim and Application Notice and all associated paperwork at the front desks of the Claimants' main offices, and police stations throughout the Black Country; and
 - (c) advertised that these proceedings have been issued in the Dudley, Halesowen, Stourbridge, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton editions of the Express & Star newspaper (setting out where the Application Notice and associated paperwork can be obtained.)
9. Personal service of this Injunction & Power of Arrest is dispensed with pursuant to rule 81.4(2)(d) of the Civil Procedure Rules.
10. Service of this injunction and accompanying power of arrest shall be effected namely upon 27 May 2021, from which date this 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 5 above:
- (a) Facebook advertising campaign targeted at users who best fit the car cruising demographic.
 - (b) 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.)
 - (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 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 stating "Warning No car cruising in Black Country area HIGH COURT INJUNCTION in force"

- (f) 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.

11. 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 their experience with the publication, operation and enforcement of the order, including for example, breaches, warnings or problems, if any arising out the extended order (including the Power of Arrest).

Ordered by:

On: 13 May 2021

**INJUNCTION - SECTION 37(1) SENIOR COURTS ACT 1981 –
(PROCEEDINGS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO SECTION 222 LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ACT 1972) - POWER OF ARREST**

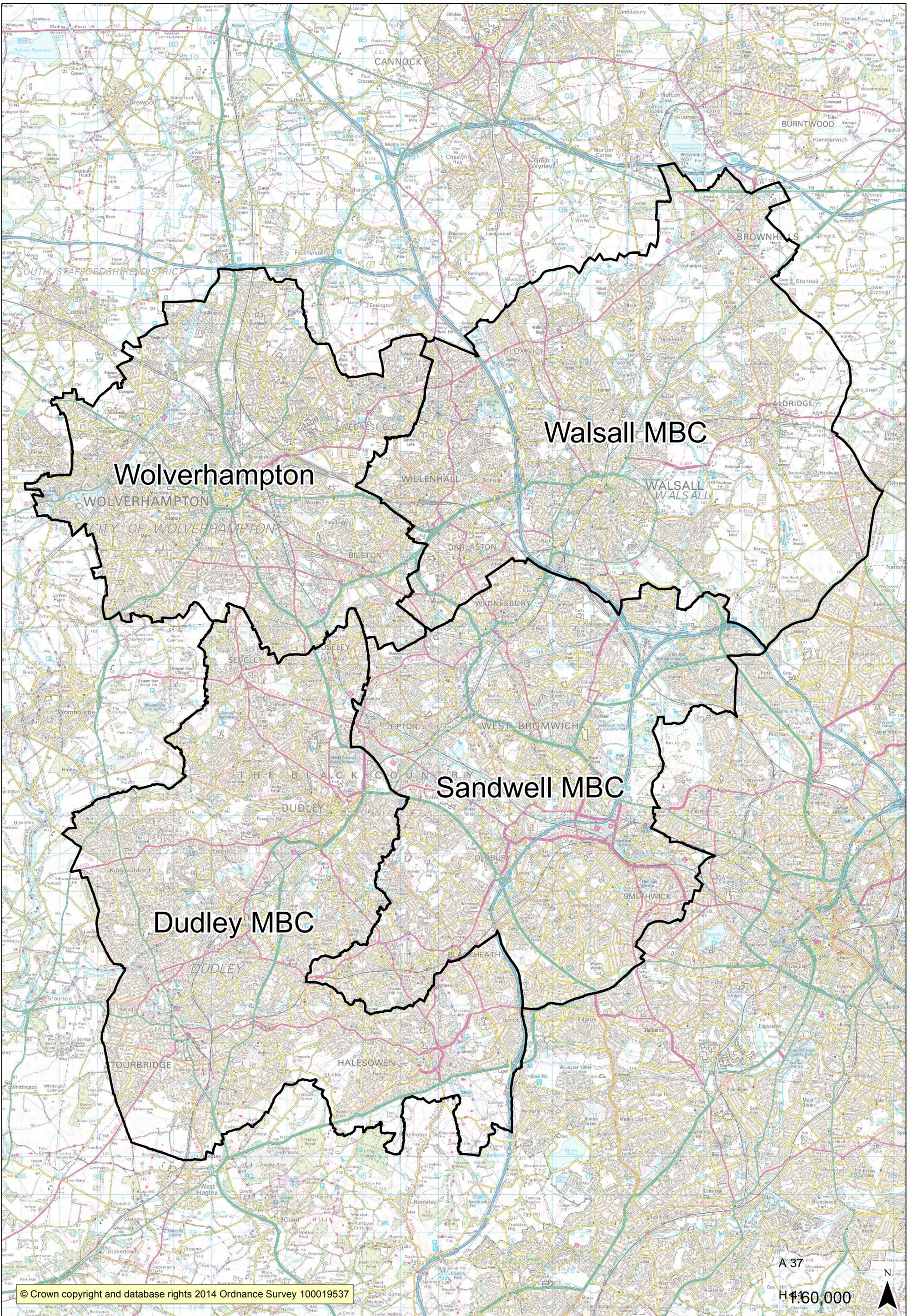
Under section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, QUEEN’S BENCH DIVISION, BIRMINGHAM
DISTRICT REGISTRY**

<p>(1) Wolverhampton City Council (2) Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (3) Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (4) Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council</p>	<p>Claimants</p>
<p>(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)</p>	<p>Defendants</p>

<p>(Here set out those provisions of the order to which this power of arrest is attached and no others)</p> <p>(Where marked * delete as appropriate)</p> <p>POWER OF ARREST</p>	<p>The court orders that a power of arrest under section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 applies to the following paragraphs of an order made on 13 May 2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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 <hr/> <p>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.</p>
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<p>This power expires at 11:59 p.m. on</p>	<p>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.</p> <hr/> <p>27 May 2024.</p>
<p>Note to arresting officer</p>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Ordered by</p> <p>on</p>	<hr/> <p>13 May 2021</p>



Wolverhampton

Walsall MBC

Sandwell MBC

Dudley MBC



B. SECTION B - Witness Statements on behalf of Wolverhampton City Council

i) Statement of: J Mason
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated: 19.04.2021
v) Exhibits: JM1-JM16

**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 JOANNE MASON

I, Joanne Mason, on behalf of Wolverhampton City Council, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Joanne Mason and I am employed as Head of Housing Operations at Wolverhampton Homes. I have held this post since November 2020. Prior to that I was manager of Wolverhampton Anti-social Behaviour team; I held this post from May 2013.
2. This injunction application is a joint enterprise and, so far as I make representations on matters solely affecting the other local authority areas of Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall, I confirm I have discussed these representations with my counterparts in the other authorities and they have confirmed the same as accurate.

Background to previous injunction granted which was in place from 2 February 2015 to 1 February 2021

3. I was involved with the preparation of proceedings in relation to an 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 previous injunction was granted by His Honour Judge Owen QC, sitting as a high court judge, on 1 December 2014 and came into force on 2 February 2015. An application to extend the injunction for a further three years was granted on 9 January 2018 by His Honour Judge McKenna. The injunction lapsed on 1 February 2021.

4. In 2014, adopting the terminology from other injunctions restraining car cruising, His Honour Judge Owen QC explained “car cruising” as:

“Car cruises are ... in essence... events [which] attract the drivers of cars, including what are colloquially known as ‘Boy Racers’ who show off to crowds of ‘car cruise’ supporters by racing their cars and performing driving stunts and timed trials. The vehicles that are used include high performance cars and cars which have been modified in terms of their power. The activities in which drivers engage are noisy, dangerous and illegal, obstructing highways and the premises bordering them, damaging property and putting spectators or other road users at risk of injury or worse. They attract those to whom such anti-social behaviour is an excuse, if they need one, for other types of anti-social behaviour, including the harassment and intimidation of law abiding citizens, the threatening and abuse of those who challenge them and the activities in which they are engaging, the use of foul language and the misuse of drugs. By its very nature, those attending car cruising events, whether as drivers, passengers or spectators, will vary from day-to-day and event-to-event. However, the total number of attendees will regularly run into several hundred people. They are attracted by advertising on the internet and in magazines as well as word of mouth.

5. As described in the evidence presented to the court in 2014 at the original injunction application hearing, car cruising had been a regular bone of contention with local residents, motorists and businesses in areas in the Black Country for many years.

My personal knowledge of the issue dates from evidence gathered from January 2013 to the present date.

6. From the evidence I gathered for the 2015 injunction application, I gleaned that 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. Huge numbers of spectators gather to watch the car cruising and children are often present amongst these spectator groups. Rowdy behaviour, shouting, foul language, criminal damage and littering are often a by-product of the car cruises.
8. As outlined in the evidence presented to the High Court in 2014, in the Black Country area these gatherings involved a large number of car cruisers who regularly raced their vehicles along the Black Country Route and Black Country New Road as well as other roads and areas in Dudley, Walsall, Sandwell, and Wolverhampton. The activity typically occurred on Sunday evenings and, on occasions, as many as 250 vehicles were witnessed participating in these car cruises with huge crowds of spectators lining 'the route'.
9. During 2013 and 2014, I was provided with over 100 witness statements from members of the public who were complaining about the car cruising. These witness statements were provided to the court with the bundle of documents filed in support of the application in 2014 for an injunction to prevent car cruising in the Black Country area.
10. I do not intend to trouble the court to read through all the original 2013/14 statements; instead, in this statement I will make reference to a small sample of witness statements in order to provide the Honourable Judge with some context as to the nature and scale of the car cruising issue that led to the original application to the High Court in 2014. Outlined below is a summary of the negative impact car cruising was having on residents living in the affected areas prior to the original injunction being granted in 2014. Also detailed below is the impact the activity was having on police resources at the time.

Victim impact on residents; noise/sleep deprivation, harassment, fear, intimidation, nuisance, obstruction, dangerous driving and risk of harm prior to 2015 injunction

Noise/sleep deprivation

11. From the large number of witness statements provided by members of the public during 2013 and 2014, it was clear that car cruising activity was having a significant detrimental impact on local residents. Residents were continually subjected to loud levels of noise nuisance from engines (that had often been modified resulting in increased noise levels) being revved, cars being raced around as well as loud music from car stereos and shouting from spectators who lined the route.
12. Prior to the previous injunction coming into force in February 2015, it was reported that car cruising activity often started on Sunday evenings and went on until the early hours of Monday mornings. Many residents reported sleep deprivation because of the noise which they said impacted on their performance at work the following day.
13. During 2013/14 in Walsall:
 - In their witness statements, residents in the Brickyard Lane area of Walsall complained about the noise from revving of engines, loud music and shouting by the car cruisers and spectators which disturbed residents' sleep and detrimentally impacted on their quality of life.
 - Residents living in Walsall town centre reported noise from gatherings of car cruisers on Tesco car park. The residents complained of disturbed sleep from the screeching tyres, speeding vehicles and loud music.
 - In the Moxley area, residents regularly complained about the car cruisers who congregated on the Aldi car park. Residents living nearby stated that the revving of engines and cars being raced disturbed their sleep.
 - Residents reported large gatherings of vehicles on the Maybrook industrial estate in Walsall which proceeded to race each other along Brownhills Road. They complained about the noise of revving engines, screeching tyres, vehicles backfiring, all of which resulted in residents not being able to sleep because of the noise.
14. During 2013/14 in Wolverhampton:

- Residents living in the Sedgemoor Park area of Wolverhampton complained about car cruising along the Black Country route near to their homes. They reported high levels of noise which deprived them and their families of sleep.
- One witness, Lisa Fox, stated that it caused articles within her house to shake and vibrate. This information is provided in the witness statement of Lisa Fox (dated 29/7/14) that was filed in the 2014 application for an injunction and which is provided as **Exhibit JM1**.
- Another witness, Jennifer Bateman, who lives in the Sedgemoor Park area told me that she went away almost every weekend, returning to her home on a Monday; she did this solely to escape from the noise because she knew she would not get any sleep if she stayed in her home.

Harassment, intimidation, fear and nuisance

15. Prior to the High Court granting the previous injunction, in 2013/2014 several members of the public complained about harassment and intimidation from drivers, passengers and spectators involved in car cruiser gatherings.
16. These reports included incidents in Sandwell where members of the public had been shouted at, sworn at, and on one occasion a passenger in one of the vehicles pulled his trousers down and exposed himself to passers-by. This particular incident is detailed in the witness statement of Peter James (dated 09/11/2013) paragraph 5, which is provided as **Exhibit JM2**.
17. On another occasion in 2013, residents of Brickyard Lane in Walsall reported they attempted to take the registration numbers of vehicles involved but were met with verbal abuse from the car cruisers. Details of this incident can be found in the witness statement of Carl Yeomans (dated 07/11/2013), paragraph 4 which is provided as **Exhibit JM3**.
18. As described in a witness statement of David Clarke, Health and Safety Co-ordinator of Johnson Controls (now called Adient), members of staff who were merely attempting to access their place of work, were subjected to verbal abuse – including derogatory sexual comments to female employees – by ‘car cruisers’ obstructing access in and out of the plant. These incidents are detailed in the witness statement of David Clark (dated 12 March) paragraph 14, that was filed in the 2014 application for an injunction and is provided within **Exhibit JM5**.

Obstruction, dangerous driving and risk of harm

19. In 2013/2014, witnesses reported car cruisers approaching an island by Hallens Drive, Wednesbury driving at 60-70 mph. At that time residents and businesses reported that on Sunday evenings Hallens Drive and surrounding roads were turned into a 'race track' by those involved in car cruising. It was said that the car cruisers sometimes used spray paint to write the word "START" on the highway.
20. On 18 May 2014, an officer from Wolverhampton City Council was travelling on her way to work when she noticed several markings on the road in Hallens Drive, Wednesbury, indicating the road had been used as a 'race track' the previous evening (Sunday). This Council employee, Lisa Parmar, provided a statement detailing what she had witnessed which is provided as **Exhibit JM4**.
21. In 2013/2014, members of the public reported car cruisers driving in convoy around a roundabout, doing several laps, and thus obstructing other drivers from accessing the roundabout. One witness reported approximately 25 cars doing this, each car carrying 3-4 people, all of whom were laughing at the chaos they were causing. This same witness reported one occupant of a vehicle pouring liquid onto the road surface from a passenger door, presumably to make the cars skid better. These particular incidents are detailed in the witness statement of Peter James (dated 09/11/2013) paragraph 2 – 4, which is provided as **Exhibit JM2**.
22. During 2013/2014, complaints were also being regularly received from local businesses about car cruising. The witness statements of David Clark, Health and Safety Co-ordinator of Johnson Controls (now called Adient) - one of the largest employers in Wednesbury (Sandwell) – detailed car cruisers obstructing access in and out of the plant, verbal abuse towards staff, and criminal damage to delivery vehicles. Not only did car cruising impact on production deadlines at Johnson Controls, because of the chemicals used in the production processes, it also posed a significant and wide-reaching health and safety risk to the general public should there have been a collision between a car cruiser and a delivery vehicle. These incidents are detailed in the two witness statements of David Clark (dated 12 March 2014 and 17 July 2014) that were filed in the 2014 application for an injunction and are provided as **Exhibit JM5**.

23. In 2013/14, other residents stated they had curtailed their recreational activities. One witness said that she used to enjoy a Sunday evening walk with her partner along the A41 in Wednesbury. However, this stopped when she was shouted at in an aggressive manner by passenger in one of the boy racer convoys. Details of this incident are provided in the witness statement of Lydia Pulford (dated 11/11/2013), paragraphs 5 and 6, which is provided as **Exhibit JM6**.
24. Another witness reported in 2013 how he used to enjoy fishing on Sundays on the canal at Hallens Drive in Wednesbury. However, because of the disruption caused by the car cruisers, including noise, dangerous driving and littering, he had stopped this recreational activity. Details of this matter are provided in the witness statement of Peter James (dated 09/11/13), paragraph 9, which is provided as **Exhibit JM2**.
25. Another witness who provided evidence in 2014, when the previous injunction was being sought, described inadvertently getting caught up in car cruising activity and having to pull her car over into SMA Car Auctions on the Black Country Route in Wolverhampton to escape. She described herself as “physically shaking and petrified from this experience which was frightening and horrid”. In her statement, she goes on to state; “This was a terrible experience which I do not want to go through again. I have been driving for 25 years and have never seen an incident like this before.” This information is provided in the witness statement of Fenella Bird (dated 23 November 2014) that was filed in the 2014 application for an injunction and is provided as **Exhibit JM7**.
26. In addition, several police officers provided witness statements to support the previous application. For example, on 10 March 2013 two cars were involved in a collision at Springvale Retail Park, Bilston, Wolverhampton; it was suspected that these cars had been involved in a street race that evening. This incident is detailed in the witness statement provided by PC Jonathon Harford, dated 16 November 2013 and is provided as **Exhibit JM8**.

Environmental impact, damage to businesses and economic loss to businesses prior to 2015 injunction

27. Prior to the 2015 injunction businesses in the Hallens Drive area of Wednesbury reported large volumes of litter left by the car cruisers and spectators which had a huge detrimental impact on the area.

28. As well as littering, residents and businesses in Brickyard Lane, Aldridge, reported those attending urinating in the porches of buildings, damage to buildings and fences, oil spillages and debris from crashed vehicles. Cleaning of the surrounding area was a very costly exercise. Businesses in the Brickyard Lane area were paying thousands of pounds in repair bills and they had also seen their insurance premiums increase significantly. The cost of replacing a crash barrier for one company in Brickyard Lane was £600. Prior to the 2015 injunction, car cruising was having a serious detrimental impact on business operations in the Brickyard Lane area. Details relating to this matter are explained in the witness statement of Richard Hardy (dated 06/11/2013) paragraph 13, which is provided as **Exhibit JM9**.
29. As outlined in paragraph 22, a company that operates in Hallens Drive is Adient (formerly Johnsons Controls) which is a multi-national company and one of the largest employers in Sandwell Borough. The plant operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Prior to the 2015 injunction, most Sunday evenings the Hallens Drive area of Wednesbury was 'transformed' into a 'race track' by car cruisers, with roads and gates to sites completely blocked. Because delivery vehicles were unable to get in and out of the plant, this caused significant delays to the production process; the consequence was that production deadlines were often missed which was costing the company money. Detail on this matter is contained in the witness statement of David Clark (dated 12/3/14), paragraph 17, which is provided as **Exhibit JM4**.
30. Other nearby business operations in the Hallens Drive area, for example Warburtons Bakery and the Ring and Ride service, were experiencing the same issues that were severely hampering their ability to run their operations. Witness statements to this effect were provided by employees of Warburtons and Ring and Ride in the application for the 2015 injunction.

Impact on police resources prior to 2015 injunction

31. At the injunction hearing in 2014, Inspector Julie Mason of West Midlands Police (now retired) provided a summary dealing with criminal behaviour and the impact the ongoing issue of car cruising was having on police resources, on medical resources and accident and emergency services. Inspector Mason's statement is provided as **Exhibit JM10**.

Evidence of effectiveness of the previous injunction prohibiting car cruising in the Black Country area (2 February 2015 to 1 February 2021)

32. Since the previous injunction came into force in February 2015, whilst evidence gathering for annual review hearings, I have monitored reaction to the injunction. When speaking to many members of the public they told me that they were hugely relieved that the car cruising injunction was in place and that their quality of life had improved significantly.
33. As stated above, car cruising activity took place across all four of the Black Country local authority areas. I deliberately use the past tense here because since the previous injunction came into force in February 2015, following a carefully orchestrated extensive publicity campaign and effective 'policing' of the affected areas, I can report that on the whole the injunction had a positive impact across the four Black Country Local Authority areas. The injunction significantly reduced the problem, although car cruising did not stop altogether.
34. In late 2020, prior to the application to renew the previous injunction being made to the High Court, in order to gauge the success of the injunction, I requested witness statements from members of the public and businesses across areas that had experienced problems with car cruisers at the time when the previous injunction was sought in 2014. I also requested updates from the local authority lead officers as well as West Midlands Police. A summary is detailed below.

Wolverhampton

35. In late 2020, two residents living in the Ettingshall/Springvale area of Wolverhampton, who had previously suffered from the anti-social activity of car cruising, reported a significant reduction in car cruising since the injunction came into force.
36. However, in her witness statement resident Lisa Fox, who lives in the Springvale area of Wolverhampton, stated that for three weeks during July and August 2020 she did see an increase in car cruising in her area; she goes on to state that this had since stopped. I understand the statement of Lisa Fox will be included at page G22 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application

37. Similarly, in her witness statement resident Rajbinder Kaur (page G20), who also lives in the Springvale area, also reported that since Covid-19 'lockdown' in March 2020 she had noticed there had been times when there had been noise from car cruising. I understand the statement of Rajbinder Kaur will be included at page G20 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.
38. The most recent incident of car cruising that was subject to committal applications in Wolverhampton was in October 2018, and which concluded in May 2019. Following this incident, additional signage was placed in Springvale Avenue in Wolverhampton.
39. I have recently become aware of an incident that took place on 5 July 2020 on the Black Country New Road in Wolverhampton and onto Birmingham New Road towards Dudley. Police traffic officers were aware that car cruisers had gathered for a 'meet' on or near to Springvale Avenue in Wolverhampton. Police traffic officers, who were looking out for dangerous driving in relation to this car cruise 'meet', witnessed two vehicles that appeared to be racing each other.
40. I now refer to **Exhibit JM11** which is video footage recorded by West Midlands Police relating to the incident mentioned in paragraph 39 above. I now describe what can be seen on the footage.
- At sixteen seconds into the footage, it appears that two cars are racing each other along the Black Country Route/New Road; the police go in pursuit of the vehicles.
 - At thirty-six seconds into the footage, cars can be seen parked on the side of the road at the traffic island.
 - During the pursuit, the police vehicle was travelling at 109 miles per hour trying to keep up with a Vauxhall Corsa when the driver refused to stop.
 - Whilst being driven at high speed along Birmingham New Road, at one minute and thirty-four seconds into the footage the Corsa can be seen veering across the dual carriageway and onto the wrong side of the road where it continued for a third of a mile.
 - At one minute and thirty-eight seconds into the footage an innocent driver who is attempting to turn right onto the dual carriageway can be seen to brake sharply to avoid a collision with the Corsa being driven on the wrong side of the road

- The Corsa then turns right off the dual carriageway and into a residential side street and continues to travel at high speed. Parked cars can be seen on the right-hand side of the road, meaning there was only enough room for one car to get through. Had another car come from the opposite direction, this may well have resulted in a serious collision.
 - A police helicopter was deployed to the incident and was able to guide the police officers to enable them to block the Corsa.
 - The driver, Anthony Barnes was arrested, and it transpired that he only had a provisional driving licence and was not insured to drive the vehicle. Mr Barnes was subsequently charged, convicted, and given a six-month suspended prison sentence and banned from driving for two years.
40. Having viewed the footage of this incident, it is evident that the driving is extremely dangerous to other road users, pedestrians and to the police officers in pursuit. Furthermore, having dealt with car cruising for the past eight years, in my professional opinion the gathering of parked vehicles adjacent a traffic island in a known 'hotspot' location in the Springvale area of Wolverhampton, together with vehicles racing each other at speed, are the hallmarks of an organised car cruise 'meet'.

Walsall

41. In late 2020, in his witness statement a Walsall resident, Jeffrey Differ, reported a vast improvement overall in relation to the nuisance of car cruising in the Moxley area. I understand the statement of Jeffrey Differ will be included at page G30 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.
42. In his witness statement Richard Hardy, who is a director of a business operating in Brickyard Lane, Walsall, reported that since the injunction came into force in 2015, he had seen a significant reduction in vehicle activity in Aldridge, with less noise and less anti-social behaviour. Mr Hardy stated that it has made a difference and he said in his statement that he feared if the injunction were to be removed then the problem may well return to the pre-2015 level of anti-social behaviour and nuisance. I understand the statement of Richard Hardy will be included at page G32 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.

43. In his witness statement provided in late 2020, Steven Gittins, who is a Team Leader in Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council's Community Protection Team, stated that whilst there are still some problems associated with car cruising across the borough, reports to both the police and council remain significantly reduced since the injunction came into effect. Mr Gittins stated that although the number and frequency of incidents had reduced, there were still areas of concern, particularly on and around the Black Country Route which runs between the Moxley, Darlaston and Willenhall areas. Nevertheless, Mr Gittins contended that overall the injunction continued to have a positive deterrent effect on addressing the problems associated with car cruising in Walsall. I understand the statement of Steven Gittins will be included at page G13 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.

Sandwell

44. In regard to Sandwell, in late 2020, a witness statement provided by David England, who is a representative of business, highlighted that since the injunction had been in place there had been a significant reduction in car cruising/racing in and around Warburtons Bakery. Mr England stated that he was not aware of any significant gatherings/car cruising meets since he made his last statement for the 2020 injunction review hearing. I understand the statement of David England will be included at page G24 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.

45. In her witness statement provided in late 2020, Hema Hayer who is a resident living near to the Hallens Drive area of Wednesbury (Sandwell), reported experiencing noise and intimidation by "boy racers" for ten years. Mrs Hayer remained concerned that car cruising would return to the scale it was before the injunction was granted and she wanted a longer-term solution to address the problem. I understand the statement of Hema Hayer will be included at page G26 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.

46. In his first witness statement of 14 October 2020, Pardip Sandhu, who is an anti-social behaviour officer at Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, stated that he believed the injunction was having a positive impact on residents, local businesses, partner agencies and the police as he stated that there had been a marked reduction in car cruising across the borough.

47. However, Mr Sandhu went onto state that the problem had not gone away altogether as there had still been incidents when the council had taken further action against perpetrators, including sending tenancy warning letters to local residents.
48. Mr Sandhu also reported increasing problems with illegally ridden motorbikes, and that the injunction was being utilised to tackle this issue. I understand the statement of Pardip Sandhu will be included at page G10 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.

Dudley

49. In Dudley, in her witness statement provided in late 2020, Sue Haywood, who is the Head of Community Safety at Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, stated that whilst car cruising activities appeared to have reduced the problem of car cruising, it had not gone away altogether and had spread to new areas within the borough.
50. Ms Haywood stated that there were seven areas within Dudley where car cruising continued to take place. These were: Flood Street car park, Tesco car park - Burnt Tree Island, Dudley car park, Stourbridge Ring Road, Priory Road in Dudley, the Showcase Cinema car park - Castlegate and Morrisons car park, Kingswinford. I understand the statement of Sue Haywood will be included at page G4 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.
51. In his witness statement provided in late 2020, PC Jonathan Edwards confirms the issues at the locations in Dudley identified by Ms Haywood in paragraph 50 above. I understand the statement of PC Edwards will be included at page C5 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.
52. The statements of both Ms Haywood and PC Edwards both refer to fatalities in the Dudley borough. Ms Haywood stated that since April 2016, three young people had died in road traffic accidents in Dudley and that she believes that activities prohibited by car cruising may have been a factor in at least one of these fatalities.
53. One fatality in Dudley relates to an incident on 26 December 2016 (Boxing Day) at 22:30 hours whereby a young woman fell from the bonnet of a moving car on the car park of Tesco Extra and sustained a serious head injury. The young woman died

eight days later. I would ask the court to note that the opening hours for Tesco, Dudley on Boxing Day 2016 were 09:00 hours to 18:00 hours; I would therefore suggest that the people in the cars on the Tesco car park referred to in an Express & Star report about the incident were not there to shop as the store was closed at the time the incident happened. Furthermore, as stated by Sue Hayward in paragraph 50 above, Tesco Extra in Dudley is a known 'hotspot' location for car cruise 'meets'. I now reference **Exhibit JM12** which is a report published on the Express & Star website on 15 August 2018 in relation to the fatality and the conviction and sentencing of those involved.

54. In her witness statement, Faye Willetts, who is a resident living in Halesowen, reports that during the latter part of Summer 2020 she noticed that the noise from Manor Way had increased considerably during weekend evenings and, in particular, on a Sunday evening. She states that the noise sounded like numerous individuals were engaging in road racing activities, revving engines and driving at very high speeds. Mrs Willetts goes on to state that it is clear to her 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. Mrs Willetts states that these events appear 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. I understand Faye Willetts' witness statement will be included at page D41 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this matter.
55. In her statement Sue Haywood refers to the fact that, in conjunction with West Midlands Fire Service and West Midlands Police, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council had started to run driver safety courses in Dudley for individuals they consider may have breached the injunction. The authorities assess the seriousness of the allegation and whether the individual would be a suitable candidate to attend a driver safety course.
56. On Monday 19 October 2020, I attended a meeting of representatives of the four Black Country local authorities as well as a solicitor from Birmingham City Council to discuss the Black Country and the Birmingham car cruising injunctions. At the meeting, Julian Boyle who is a solicitor from Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, updated the group on the driver safety courses referenced in paragraph 55 above. It was agreed by representatives from Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton

Councils that they would review the impact of the driver safety course being run in Dudley in 12 months' time and then, dependent on the evidence of its effectiveness in reducing car cruising in Dudley, consider adopting this model across the other Black Country boroughs.

'Policing' of the previous injunction (February 2015 to February 2021)

57. As far as 'policing' the injunction is concerned, as outlined in the statement of Sergeant Richard Phillips of West Midlands Police, since the previous injunction commenced in February 2015, West Midlands Police have carried out a number of regional car cruise operations supporting the three injunctions that existed across the Force area.
58. In his statement, Sergeant Phillips details the number of calls for service across the four Black Country areas. He goes on to state that since the previous injunction went 'live' in 2015, there were seven deaths across the Black Country linked to car cruising activity involving both motorbikes and vehicles racing.
59. Sergeant Phillips goes onto state that while there had been a decrease in car cruising since the previous injunction came into force in 2015, the data confirms that it had not ceased altogether. Concerningly, Sergeant Phillips highlights a rise in reports of car cruising across the region during the period of Covid-19 'lockdown'. Sergeant Phillips attributes this increase to there being less traffic on the roads which has presented more opportunities for street racing to take place. The increase in reports of car cruising during Covid-19 restrictions highlighted by Sergeant Phillips tallies with the observations of Lisa Fox (referred to in paragraph 36 above), Rajbinder Kaur (referred to in paragraph 37 above) and Faye Willetts (referred to in paragraph 54 above) who, in their witness statements, all refer to a rise in car cruising during this period.
60. Sergeant Phillips states that he continues to lead on the Black Country response to car cruising. He goes on to highlight West Midlands Police's usage of new technology in the form of drones which, he states, have proven effective in providing a cost-effective means of deterrence and of gathering high quality video evidence of breaches of the previous injunction. Sergeant Phillips firmly believes that the previous injunction was a success. I understand Sergeant Phillips' statement will be

included at page G1 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this matter.

61. In his witness statement, Chief Superintendent Ian Green, who is the West Midlands Police Force strategic lead for anti-social behaviour and illegal street racing and car cruising, highlights that this has been a significant Force issue for the past few years. He states that street racing is generating one of the largest anti-social issues across the West Midlands and wider. I understand the statement of Chief Superintendent Ian Green will be included at page C1 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.
62. Chief Superintendent Green goes on to state that West Midlands Police have been seeking to tackle the issue of street racing for the past two years through targeting drivers, passengers and crowds through numerous high-profile policing operations. He highlights that where there have been breaches of the injunctions across Birmingham, Solihull and Wolverhampton, the police have adopted a proportionate, escalating response, ranging from warning letters, contact with insurance companies through to summons and arrests. This approach had seen a 30 percent reduction in street racing prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.
63. Chief Superintendent Green states that he has been leading on the West Midlands Police response to policing the Covid-19 pandemic. He states that illegal street racing and gatherings have been a considerable threat to the UK's fight against Covid-19.
64. Chief Superintendent Green highlights that since Covid-19 'lockdowns', the police 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. This again tallies with the evidence provided in the witness statements of Sergeant Richard Phillips and the residents Lisa Fox, Jennifer Bateman and Faye Willetts – as highlighted in paragraph 59 above.
65. I would now like to bring to the attention of the court the issue of spectators attending car cruise events/gatherings. The court will be aware that, in addition to the Black Country injunction previously in place, there are also injunctions in force in Birmingham and in Solihull. However, both the Birmingham and Solihull injunctions

contain a clause prohibiting spectating; there was no such prohibition contained within the previous Black Country injunction. I understand copies of the Birmingham and Solihull injunctions will be included in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.

66. Through attending regional meetings in regard to car cruising, it has come to my attention that spectating in the Black Country area has become a particular cause for concern to West Midlands Police.
67. In his first witness statement, PC Mark Campbell, who is the single point of contact in regard to car cruising/street racing issues within the West Midlands Force area, states that in the last twelve months police have seen an increasing number of locations where large numbers of people are attending to spectate car cruising/street throughout the Black Country area. PC Campbell goes on to state that on a number of occasions police officers have witnessed between 100 to 150 plus spectators lining the roads and roundabouts on Duncan Edwards Way - Dudley, Kenrick Way - Sandwell and the Black Country Route.
68. PC Campbell states that the sheer volume of spectators attending these car cruising 'meets' is causing a real danger, not only to themselves but to members of the public simply trying to go about their business. PC Campbell reports that spectators are often standing in the roads or at junctions, and with the speed the street racers are travelling at, the risk of harm to these spectators is massively increased.
69. To accompany his witness statement, PC Campbell exhibits video footage and still images capturing spectators attending locations in the Black Country. The video footage not only highlights the potential dangers caused by the spectators, but also how their actions can lead to increased risks being taken by the drivers of the racing cars. PC Campbell goes on to state that the spectators themselves record the car cruising and post it onto social media, thus glorifying street racing.
70. PC Campbell also exhibits video footage of a collision involving spectators in the Birmingham area where it shows one of the spectators was hit by a vehicle and sustained injuries. As PC Campbell states, it was sheer luck that the spectators were able to move out of the way in time and that the collision did not result in a fatality. Whilst I appreciate that this incident was outside of the Black Country area, the purpose of PC Campbell including this evidence is to demonstrate what can happen

when spectators are present at car cruising meets/gatherings. I understand the first statement of PC Mark Campbell will be included at page G15 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.

71. I would also draw the attention of the court to an incident reported in the national media in 2019 where in Stevenage, Kent, nineteen bystanders were injured when a car ploughed into the crowd at a car cruising 'meet' whilst doing a 'donut' manoeuvre. I now refer to **Exhibit JM13** which is screenshot taken from The Hertfordshire Mercury which reported on the Stevenage incident at the time. This incident further demonstrates what can happen at so-called car cruise 'meets' where large crowds of spectators are in attendance.
72. Concern about spectators is also raised by Chief Superintendent Ian Green in his statement, where he references the inherent dangers of this activity, as borne out by the serious incident in Stevenage (as highlighted in paragraph 71 above).
73. From a community safety perspective, in order to reduce the risk of serious harm or fatalities, when considering the application for an injunction to prohibit car cruising across the Black Country area, I would respectfully request the court to include a prohibition relating to spectators.

Feedback from members of the public

74. As part of the application to renew the previous car cruising injunction, publicity about the hearing taking place in January 2021 was issued through various media channels. On 21 January 2021, 30 responses had been received. Twenty-seven members of the public and one Member of Parliament (MP) responded to say they were in support of the renewal of the injunction, there was one mixed response and there were two negative responses. **Exhibit JM14** details the comments received from members of the public and the MP.

The current situation in the Black Country since the lapse of the previous injunction

75. A hearing of the application by the four Black Country Councils to renew the previous injunction was held on 27 January 2021. The hearing was adjourned and a new hearing date listed for 13 May 2021. Her Honour Judge Kelly, sitting as a High Court judge, refused the application to continue the injunction in the interim period and thus the injunction, which came into force in February 2015 for three years and was renewed in February 2018 for three years, expired at 23:59 hours on 1 February 2021.
76. In his second witness statement, PC Mark Campbell details the impact as a result of the lapse of the previous injunction banning car cruising in the Black Country. PC Campbell states that West Midlands Police have seen a large increase in street racing/anti-social use of vehicles reported to the police.
77. In his statement, PC Campbell notes the social media comments that followed media reports of the previous injunction ending on 1 February 2021. These include the following:
- “The Black Country is going to get smashed now.”
 - “Free to race, the police can’t do shit now.”
78. PC Campbell goes on to provide data detailing the calls for service to the police from members of the public in the four Black Country local authority areas. This data seems to suggest that the ‘threats’ posted on social media from would-be car cruisers detailed in paragraph 77 above have come to fruition.
79. PC Campbell notes that the main areas of concern currently are Dudley and Sandwell. As detailed in PC Campbell’s statement, in February 2021 (following the lapse of the previous injunction on 1 February 2021), in Dudley the calls to police reporting car cruising have more than doubled when compared to calls received in January 2021. In Sandwell, the calls in February 2021 tripled when compared to the calls received in January 2021. I understand the second statement of PC Mark Campbell will be included at page C23 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.
80. In his statement (page C1), Chief Superintendent Green states that since the lapse of the Black Country injunction on 1 February 2021, West Midlands Police 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. It is thought that

some 'car cruisers' believe that all three injunctions have ended, when in fact it is only the Black Country injunction that has lapsed.

81. Chief Superintendent Green reports that there are huge numbers of members of the public who are reaching the end of their tether and are emailing the police, complaining about the health and mental impact of the noise and danger caused by those intent on racing illegally and dangerously. In his statement, Chief Superintendent Green provides a quote from one resident detailing the impact on the mental health of the whole family due to sleep deprivation from the noise of the vehicles racing. The resident states: "... we now fear that it has the potential to lead to serious consequences for some vulnerable people".
82. Chief Superintendent Green goes on to state that West Midlands Police have seen an increase in accidents associated with illegal street racing and that it is "sheer luck" there has not been a fatality from either the group or an innocent member of the public caught up in the activity.
83. Since the previous injunction lapsed on 1 February 2021, Wolverhampton City Council has been contacted by resident, Mrs Jennifer Bateman, who lives near to the Black Country Route. Mrs Bateman provided a witness statement to support the previous injunction application in 2014. In her 2021 statement, Mrs Bateman reports a significant increase in car cruising activity since the previous injunction lapsed on 1 February 2021. I understand the statement of Jennifer Bateman will be included at page B118 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this matter.
84. On Sunday 11 April 2021, I received a message from Mrs Rachel Fanthom who is an anti-social behaviour officer in Wolverhampton Anti-social Behaviour team. Mrs Fanthom alerted me to an incident of car cruising she had witnessed the previous evening, Saturday 10 April 2021. Mrs Fanthom has subsequently provided a witness which I understand will be included at page B115 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.
85. In her witness statement, Mrs Fanthom describes that at 23:05 hours on 10 April 2021, as she was travelling from her home to McDonalds restaurant in Bilston, Wolverhampton, she observed groups of vehicles parked up at various locations along the Black Country Route in Springvale, Bilston, revving their engines.

86. Mrs Fanthom states that as she drove along the Black Country Route towards Springvale Avenue, a green Audi came up alongside her and started revving as if they wanted her to race with them. Mrs Fanthom ignored them and continued as normal, so the Audi drove off at speed in front of her onto the roundabout and beyond, out of sight.
87. Mrs Fanthom goes on to describe that on arrival at McDonalds, Bilston, when she tried to place her order the operative struggled to hear what she was saying due to the noise from vehicles parked on the car park. When Mrs Fanthom got to the payment window, the operative apologised for the noise; she told Mrs Fanthom that the noise from the cars was often an issue, but that this evening was particularly bad.
87. Mrs Fanthom states that she then parked up on the car park and observed approximately thirty cars parked on the car park, headlights on, revving engines, some beeping horns and some driving recklessly around the car park. Mrs Fanthom observed that most of the vehicles had some kind of performance specification or modification and that a couple of motorbikes were there also.
88. Upon leaving McDonalds' car park, Mrs Fanthom changed her route to go back home in order to avoid the Black Country Route and risk inadvertently get caught up in the vehicles racing. However, she states that even then she could see cars racing each other around the main Bilston roundabout and she could hear cars further down the road too.
89. The location of the incident described by Mrs Fanthom is very near to the home of the witness Jennifer Bateman who, as outlined in paragraph 83 above, has reported a significant increase in noise from car cruising since the previous injunction lapsed on 1 February 2021.
90. On Saturday 17 April 2021 at 23:43 hours, I received an email from resident Lisa Fox who lives near the Black Country Route in Springvale, Wolverhampton, stating: "Hi Jo. Racing like mad at minute down black country route. Saturday 17th 23.30". On Monday 19 April 2021 at 08:55 hours, I received a further email from Mrs Fox stating: "Hi Jo. They was racing again last night [Sunday 18 April 2021] around midnight.". I exhibit the emails from Mrs Fox as **Exhibit JM15**.

91. Although at the time of writing I have not had the opportunity to speak to Mrs Bateman about the events of the evening of 10 April 2021, I am in no doubt she and her husband would have been exposed to the noise of the engines, modified exhausts and horns. I remain very concerned for the well-being of Mr and Mrs Bateman, Mrs Fox and her family as well as all the other residents whose lives are being made a misery because of the anti-social activity of car cruising.
92. In regard to Dudley, in her witness statement Faye Willetts reports a similar situation in the Halesowen area. Mrs Willetts states that since the injunction lapsed at the end of January 2021, she has noticed that in addition to the weekend events, there have also been regular incidents whereby she is woken at around 2am by the sound of vehicles racing along Manor Way. Mrs Willetts states that during the week commencing 15 March 2021, she and her husband were woken by these activities on Monday, Wednesday and Sunday evening. She states that on each occasion the racing continued for around an hour and she believes that it stopped only when the police arrived, having been called by Mrs Willetts' husband and other residents.
93. Mrs Willetts says that she believes that the Shell Petrol Station on Manor Way, Halesowen, is being used as a meeting point for these individuals and that residents have reported seeing 'donuts' being performed on the forecourt. Mrs Willetts states that she is concerned about this because, 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.
94. Mrs Willetts goes on to say that the noise from this street racing is distressing to her as the loud engines/exhausts make it hard to relax or sleep; she states this situation is making her anxious and, as the activity is happening so often, she is finding it hard to function at work, which is extremely stressful to her. She reports that 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. She is also worried that there may be a crash due to the dangerous and high-speed driving. I understand Mrs Willetts' witness statement will be included at page D41 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this matter.
95. The second statement of Sue Haywood, Head of Community Safety at Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, dated 13/04/2021 confirms the issues being reported

by the residents of Halesowen. Mrs Haywood reports that she attended a newly formed residents' association meeting on 9 April 2021, chaired by James Morris MP. At this meeting, the residents expressed their concern about the gatherings of racers, which they said, was happening two or three times per week, especially at weekends. The residents stated that there are often up to fifty vehicles involved. It is felt that they are 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 2021. Ms Haywood states that there is also concern from residents about the spectators that this car cruising activity attracts.

96. At the residents' meeting on 9 April 2021, Mr Morris MP expressed real concern at the behaviour and offered to lend his support in whatever way he could. Mr Morris MP has provided a letter of support which is exhibited in Ms Haywood's second statement. Ms Haywood states that 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, Ms Haywood goes on to say that it was strongly felt by all that such measures would better supplement the injunction rather than operate in its stead. I understand the second statement of Sue Haywood will be included at page D1 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.

97. In his second witness statement dated 13/04/2021, PC Jonathan Edwards references car cruising incidents in and around Manor Way in Halesowen outlined in paragraphs 90 to 94 above. PC Edwards states that following the lapse of the previous injunction, between 3 February 2021 and 5 April 2021 there were 196 police logs relating to vehicles excessively speeding, racing, being driven aggressively and revving of engines. Of these logs, 154 relate to car cruise activities along Manor Way, Halesowen and include references to 'boy racers'. In his statement, PC Edwards provides a brief summary of each of the logs. I understand the second statement of PC Jonathan Edwards will be included at page C5 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.

98. Also in Dudley, in her witness statement of 11/04/2021 local resident Pat Bradley reports ongoing issues with car cruising around the Merry Hill Centre. She states that for the past year she has regularly been disturbed by the noise of cars racing, revving engines and screeching tyres around a nearby industrial estate and on the dual carriageway past the Merry Hill Centre. Ms Bradley goes on to state that there is no particular pattern, but that the activity usually takes place at weekends. She reports that the nuisance behaviour has been less frequent during 'lockdown' but that it is still happening. Ms Bradley says that she finds the nuisance distressing and that it is hard for her to relax and to sleep. She also states that she is worried someone could be seriously injured or killed. I understand the witness statement of Pat Bradley will be included at page D37 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.
99. In his third statement dated 09/04/2021, Pardip Sandhu from Sandwell Metropolitan Council provides an update on the current situation from the perspective of Sandwell residents who gave witness statements in 2013/2014 to support the first injunction application. During week commencing 05/04/2021, Mr Sandhu contacted five of the original complainants and all five are in support of an injunction to prohibit car cruising. Two of the residents report that they can hear the associated noise; two have moved out of the area but still support the injunction because of concerns for the residents still living there.
100. Mr Sandhu reports the issue with car cruisers is having an impact throughout the borough of Sandwell and that the Council continues to receive reports of noise nuisance and car cruisers in all of the six towns in Sandwell. I understand the third statement of Pardip Sandhu will be included at page E25 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.
101. As far as Walsall is concerned, Steve Gittins, Community Protection Team Leader at Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council has provided a second statement in regard to updates from residents and business owners he has been in contact with during early April 2021.
102. Mr Gittins states that 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 when compared to pre-2015 levels. Of the seven individuals contacted by Mr Gittins in April 2021, only one person reports noticing

an increase in noise from cars racing recently. However, all six of them fear that without an injunction in place it is only a matter of time before the situation deteriorates to what it was pre-2015 when the previous injunction came into force. I understand the second statement of Steven Gittins will be included at page F1 in the bundle of documents available to the court filed in support of this application.

The regional and national 'picture' and risk of displacement

103. The court will be aware that there are currently injunctions in place prohibiting car cruising (including 'spectators') in both Birmingham and Solihull.
104. In 2019, I attended a multi-agency meeting of 'Operation Hercules' (Operation Hercules is West Midlands Police's response to tackling car cruising/street racing across the region). At that meeting, Chief Superintendent Ian Green informed those present that after Birmingham and Solihull had obtained their car cruising injunctions – thus meaning that, with the exception of Coventry, the entirety of the West Midlands Force area was covered by anti-car-cruising injunctions – “would-be West Midlands car cruisers” were travelling to Cheddar Gorge to engage in car cruising.
105. As outlined in the second witness statement of PC Campbell and supported by the witness statements provided by residents and local authority officers, the Black Country has already seen a significant increase in incidences of car cruising since the previous injunction lapsed on 1 February 2021. I am concerned that if there is no injunction in place in the Black Country, this problem will only get worse with displacement from other areas. I know from my investigations into reports of breaches of the previous injunction that would-be car cruisers travel into the Black Country area from as far afield as Wales and Leicestershire.
106. In regard to the national 'picture', over the past four years, Wolverhampton City Council has received several enquiries about our approach to tackling the car cruising issue in the Black Country from local authorities and police forces across England and Wales, including Essex, Cambridgeshire, Manchester and South Wales.
107. In December 2019, at the request of Newport City Council (Gwent), representatives from Wolverhampton City Council's Legal Services and I were guest speakers at an All-Wales Anti-social Behaviour Forum where we outlined the work undertaken in

the Black Country area to combat the menace of car cruising. The delegates who attended reported that many areas of Wales are experiencing similar issues and were very keen to hear how the Black Country had tackled the issue.

108. Incidents reported in the media include the one in Stevenage referenced in paragraph 71 above. More recently, an incident was reported to have occurred during the recent Easter weekend 2021 in Essex. I now reference **Exhibit JM16** which is a press report of the recent car cruise 'meet' in Essex that attracted around 450 cars in a blatant breach of the Public Space Protection Order that is in place as well as Covid-19 regulations.
109. The conversations that have taken place with colleagues across England and Wales, together with national media coverage, has led us to the conclusion that car cruising is not confined solely to the West Midlands; it is in fact a national problem.

Seeking a longer-term solution to the problem of car cruising

110. Therefore, the City of Wolverhampton Council has commenced work on a project to seek a national solution to the problem of car cruising. The project is at an early stage; public consultation has been undertaken and evidence is currently being gathered from first responders regionally and nationally (police, fire and ambulance services). This project is being pursued with an open mind and the case for various solutions and the merits and practicalities of different options is being considered.
111. These options, whilst entirely hypothetical at the time of writing, involve consideration of whether a change in the law through primary legislation should be considered, whether such legislation should make car cruising a criminal offence and how that would be policed, whether such legislation should be a "bespoke" injunction or whether the existing tools and powers (such as injunctions pursuant to section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972, or even public spaces protection order pursuant to section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 are sufficient).
112. Once all data and evidence are available, if the conclusion is that further or new tools and powers are required, a business case led by the City of Wolverhampton Council on behalf of the constituent authorities in the West Midlands Combined Authority area (Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and

Wolverhampton) will be put to the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office (PCC), promoting the dangers and negative impact of car cruising on their agendas and seek to persuade bodies such as the WMCA and PCC to lobby the powers that be to effect the changes that may be required to curb and control incidences of car cruising on a national level.

Conclusion

113. In summary, witness statements provided by members of the public and businesses and police data from February 2015 to 1 February 2021 (when the previous injunction was in force) showed a significant reduction in car cruising in most areas across the Black Country.
114. Concerningly, police data and witness evidence show there has been a significant increase in car cruising activity since the injunction lapsed on 1 February 2021.
115. I would request the court to consider the experiences of the over 100 local residents and businesses who provided witness statements in 2013/14 outlining their suffering due to the anti-social and dangerous activity of car cruising. There is no doubt that these people will not want to see a return to pre-2015 levels of anti-social behaviour from car cruising. For the residents who have made contact with us so far in March and April 2021, I am seriously concerned about the impact on their mental health and well-being. I firmly believe it is the duty of the authorities to protect law-abiding citizens from this behaviour.
116. I would also ask the court to note that in 2016 injunctions banning car cruising were granted for the whole of Birmingham and Solihull local authority areas. It is vital therefore that the the Black Country area has an injunction in place in order to avoid any possible displacement of car cruising from these areas into Walsall, Sandwell, Dudley and Wolverhampton.
117. I believe it is vital that we have an injunction in place across the Black Country area to enable West Midlands Police and the four Black Country councils to continue to tackle the dangerous and anti-social activity of car cruising. As stated in paragraph 73 of my statement, when considering this injunction application, I respectfully request the court to consider the inclusion of a prohibition on spectators for the

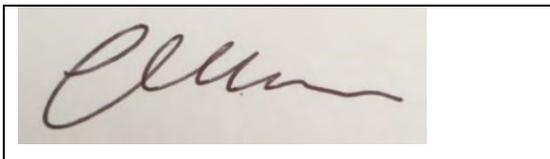
reasons outlined in paragraphs 65 to 72 above, including the evidence provided by PC Mark Campbell and Chief Superintendent Ian Green.

118. To conclude, I wholeheartedly feel that the previous injunction was successful in significantly reducing the menace of car cruising across the Black Country area. While the previous injunction was in place, there was, and continues to be, a strong partnership approach to this issue between West Midlands Police and the four Black Country councils to tackling the issue of car cruising, and this will continue. There is overwhelming support for an injunction from local residents and businesses who, prior to the previous injunction being in place, had all suffered for many years and who are concerned that, without an injunction in place, the scale of the car cruising issue will return to the levels experienced pre-2015.

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



Date 19.04.2021

Print name in full JOANNE MASON

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

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Claimants

and

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

EXHIBIT JM1

This is the document referred to as "Exhibit JM1" in the witness statement of Joanne Mason dated 19 April 2021.

i) Statement of: Lisa Fox
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimant
iv) Dated: 02.11.2013
v) Exhibits: -

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF LISA FOX

I Lisa Fox of 16 Finneywell Close, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV14 9XN, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am a resident living at the above address.
2. This statement is in relation to boy racers who congregate on a Sunday night for the past year on the Black Country Route near to The Elizabeth Arms Public House. Over the last year after about eight o'clock in the evening on Sunday evenings a large gathering of noisy vehicles are parked up to the rear of my address.
3. The property is a modern double glazed address and whilst my family are inside the property we can hear the excessive noise from the vehicles' engines causing us unnecessary anti-social noise. Articles within the property will shake and vibrate from this noise. My young daughter, who is aged 10 years old, cannot sleep from this noise. On particular evenings this will continue beyond eleven o'clock at night.

4. I would estimate that our address from the Elizabeth Arms Public House is about 300 yards from where they are parked.
5. The situation has become so bad that I have called the police on two occasions this year complaining of the excessive noise.
6. My first log was on 13th January 2013 at 21:04 hours (Ref: 1815) when I made a call to the police complaining of vehicle revving and racing.
7. I made a second call on 24th February 2013 at 21:58 hours (Ref: 2084) which was again a complaint of noise from vehicles.
8. I would support a police injunction against these road racers to stop the noise and inconvenience that the vehicles are causing on a Sunday night to my life.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Full Name: Lisa Fox

Name of Claimant: Wolverhampton City Council

Signed 

Print Name LISA FOX

Dated 2. 11. 13

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

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EXHIBIT JM2

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF PETER JAMES

I, Peter James of 72 Moor Street, Wednesbury, West Midlands, WS10 0QR, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Peter James and I am a resident living at the above address.
2. At about 22:45 hours on Sunday 2nd September 2012 I had driven down Dudley Street, Wednesbury in my car accompanied by my girlfriend, it's actually her car not mine. I was facing downhill and was approaching the island at the A41 Black Country New Road. I had to stop at the island because I was unable to flow into traffic due to approximately 25 boy racers in modified cars driving around the island. I could see that they were all together as a group because they were all behind each other. The cars consisted of Golfs, Subarus, etc. I saw cars with spoilers fitted to the back, skirts to the side with neon lights on, tinted windows and really loud exhausts.
3. My girlfriend made a comment complaining about the boy racers being here again. We were at the island for about two minutes until we were able to get

on. Most of the cars went around the island about 5-6 times and it's quite a big island. This just held us all up as other cars were waiting to get on. There were approximately 3-4 people in each car and they were all laughing. It was frustrating as there was no need to drive in the manner in which they did.

4. Every Sunday this happens, I am just glad I don't live by it. Whilst these cars were driving around the island more cars were turning up coming along the A41 from my left and going down the filter lane into Hallens Drive, they were all boy racers travelling at ridiculous speeds.
5. As I got a chance to get on the island to turn left (1st exit) I continued to the next island which the 3rd exit into Leabrook Road (I was going to Bannister Road). I reach the next island and saw 5-6 vehicles travelling around the island and they were again repeatedly driving around the island flicking the 'Vs' up at the motorists who were trying to go about their business. One of them had pulled his trousers down and was exposing himself whilst going round the island.
6. The main concern at that time was a metallic blue Vauxhall Astra where the passenger was pouring a liquid onto the road surface from an open passenger door whilst the vehicle was in motion. This worried me as it was just dangerous for everybody. They eventually all split, some went off to Hallens Drive and some drove off up the A41 towards Great Bridge at the Asda. They are a pain when they gather there as well because they go from the Asda at Great Bridge back and forwards to Hallens Drive in Wednesbury.
7. I eventually got onto the island taking great care because I didn't know what had been poured onto the road and entered Leabrooke Road turning right into Bannister Road, where my girlfriend lives.
8. The whole situation of the boy racers meeting every Sunday is depressing and annoying. They gather in large numbers and they are doing something they shouldn't and it's causing a nuisance to all other road users and I presume residents and workers, especially in Hallens Drive. It's been going on for years now and I am just fed up with it.

9. I am a keen fisherman and have enjoyed going fishing for a long time. I used to fish regular on the canal at Hallens Drive in Wednesbury, it's a nice little spot. But as time has gone on I got to a Saturday and thought I would go fishing down by Hallens Drive but then I would remember that that would be Sunday and the boy racers would be there so I wouldn't go then. I didn't want to go because the noise of the cars, listening to them skidding around the island by the canal, doing doughnuts, etc. Also there's lots of kids on the canal bank, kids on the towpath on motorbikes, there's litter getting dropped as well. I just stopped going down there to go fishing because of them and I enjoyed it down there. Now I just walk the dog instead of going down there.
10. All in all they cause a nuisance every Sunday, they have stopped me from enjoying my past time. My girlfriend at the time used to freeze with fear when she was driving as they all came speeding past.
11. The police do what they can but they can't always be there every Sunday. I just hope that something gets done about it to reduce the dangers and the numbers that turn out.
12. I've had some nice times fishing down there and I look forward to returning one day if the boy racers disappear.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Full Name: Peter James

Name of Claimant: Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed Peter James.
Print Name PETER W JAMES.
Dated 9/11/13

i) Statement of: Joanne Mason
ii) Statement No: First
iii) For: Claimant
iv) Dated: 19 April 2021
v) Exhibits: JM1-JM12

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

EXHIBIT JM3

This is the document referred to as "Exhibit JM3" in the witness statement of Joanne Mason dated 19 April 2021.

i) Statement of: Carl Yeomans
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated: 07.11.2013
v) Exhibits: -

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QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO:

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF CARL YEOMANS

I, Carl Yeomans of 238 Field Road, Bloxwich, WS3 3HZ, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Carl Yeomans and I live at the address stated above.
2. On 15th July 2013, I provided a witness statement to West Midlands Police regarding ongoing incidents of large gatherings of youths in motor vehicles, playing loud music, revving engines and racing around the industrial estate at Brickyard Road, Aldridge.
3. On Sunday 28th July, I again had cause to contact the police as there was a large gathering of vehicles in Brickyard Road from 21.30 hours onwards. Up to around 30 vehicles had attended this location, they were again playing loud music, several of these vehicles were racing each other around the estate. I reported this as it is ongoing and our quality of life is being affected, every Sunday for the past few weeks, I along with several other residents in the area, have had to put up with this anti-social behaviour.

4. I also had cause to contact the police the next Sunday evening, being 4th August 2013, as again a large gathering of youths in motor vehicles had attended Brickyard Road, again around 21.00 hours in the evening, they were racing around the estate, making it unsafe for us to travel, and difficult to rest as most of us had work early on Monday morning. On this evening I, along with another resident, went into Brickyard Road and started taking number plates of these vehicles that were racing, when they saw me do this, some of the youths became abusive and beeping horns at us.

5. I have provided PC 6571 Pemberton with details of these vehicle registrations that I have obtained at 17.30 hours on Friday 9th August 2013, at Aldridge Police Station.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Full Name: Carl Yeomans

Name of Claimant: Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed Carl Yeomans

Print Name CARL YEOMANS

Dated 7/11/13

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

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EXHIBIT JM4

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- iii) For:
- iv) Dated:
- v) Exhibits:

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF LISA PARMAR

I, Lisa Parmar of 55 Short Street, Wednesbury, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Lisa Parmar of 55 Short Street, Wednesbury. I have lived at this address for 15 years.
2. I am employed by Wolverhampton City Council as a Neighbourhood Safety Co-ordinator covering the South East of the City. I have held this post for 13 years.
3. I am aware of the problems caused by 'car cruising' along the Black Country Route as this issue has been raised by residents attending Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings in Bilston East and Ettingshall and is also currently a live issue being discussed at the Ettingshall Neighbourhood Tasking meetings.
4. In a personal capacity, I have heard the noise when in my own property, predominantly on Sunday evenings over the past couple of years. There are

occasions when the car cruising has also taken place on Friday and Saturday evenings as well and continues until approximately 1.00am on some occasions. Whilst I hear more noise when the cruising is taking place in the Hallens Drive area I can also hear the noise when this is happening in the Moxley area mainly around the location of the Aldi supermarket.

5. On Sunday 18th May, noise associated with the car cruising was evident to me from approximately 10.00pm until approximately 12.30am.
6. My route into work takes me down Patent Drive and into Western Way. On Monday 19th May at approximately 9.50am as I travelled down Western Way approaching the traffic island, I noticed markings in the road. I travelled to my work location at 58 Bank Street, Bradley, Bilston. I dealt with a few matters in the office and returned to Hallens Drive at approximately 11.30am where I took 6 photographs. I sent these photographs to Joanne Mason, Wolverhampton Anti-social Behaviour Team Manager and Inspector Akeel Najib from Sandwell Local Policing Unit.
7. Exhibit shows a wall at the side of the road on Hallens Drive on the approach to the island. The street name has been painted over and the words 'Dreams Racing' and 'Bad Boys' has been painted onto the wall.
8. Exhibit shows markings on the road - '30 MAX. SLOW DO..'. These markings are on the road as the island is approached from Hallens Drive.
9. Exhibit is the same location but taken from a slightly different angle to show more of the words that had been sprayed, which are 'SLOW DOWN. DRIFTING AHEAD ↑'.
10. Exhibit shows the 'start' line that has been painted on the entry into Hallens Drive from the island.
11. Exhibit is painted on the road in between the exit from Patent Drive and the entry into Hallens Drive. The markings are 'MAX SPEED 150'.
12. Exhibit shows 'FUCK THE PIGS' which was painted on the pavement.

13. All of the above have been identified on an aerial view of the area [Exhibit].

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Full Name: Lisa Parmar

Name of Claimant: Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed L. Parmar

Print Name LISA PARMAR

Dated 22/5/14

i) Statement of: Lisa Parmer
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated: 22/05/2014
v) Exhibits: LP1-LP7

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EXHIBIT LP1

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ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
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EXHIBIT LP2

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i) Statement of: Lisa Parmer
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iii) For: Claimants
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EXHIBIT LP3

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i) Statement of: Lisa Parmer
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v) Exhibits: LP1-LP7

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EXHIBIT LP4

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i) Statement of: Lisa Parmer
ii) Statement No: 1
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iv) Dated: 22/05/2014
v) Exhibits: LP1-LP7

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i) Statement of: Lisa Parmer
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated: 22/05/2014
v) Exhibits: LP1-LP7

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Defendants

EXHIBIT LP6

**This is the document referred to as Exhibit LP6 in the witness statement of
Lisa Parmer dated 22.05.2014**



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i) Statement of: Lisa Parmer
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated: 22/05/2014
v) Exhibits: LP1-LP7

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EXHIBIT LP7

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Exhibit 1
 Green
 and road sign
 posted on

Exhibit 2
 markings in
 road, 110 was

Exhibit 3
 Same location
 as Exhibit 2
 showing more
 road marking

Exhibit 4
 Road markings
 showing start
 line.

Exhibit 6
 Opposite
 marking on
 pavement

Exhibit 5 road markings on
 pavement at street light

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i) Statement of: Joanne Mason
ii) Statement No: First
iii) For: Claimant
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EXHIBIT JM5

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i) Statement of: David Philip Clark
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimant
iv) Dated: 12.03.2014
v) Exhibits: DPC1 - DPC2

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WITNESS STATEMENT OF DAVID PHILIP CLARK

I, David Philip Clark of Johnson Controls Automotive (UK) Limited, Hallens Drive, Wednesbury, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am David Clark and I am employed by Johnson Controls (UK) Limited, Hallens Drive, Wednesbury, as a Health & Safety Co-ordinator. I have worked at Johnson Controls for 16 years.
2. I am making this statement in relation to the problems that the gatherings of 'boy racers' are causing in the Hallens Drive area and the impact it is having on our business.
3. Johnson Controls is a large, multi-national corporation whose international head office is in Milwaukee, USA. Johnson Controls is one of the largest employers in the Wednesbury area, having approximately 340 employees. We are a first line automotive supplier, manufacturing foam for car seating for the vast majority of the UK car industry.

4. Since at least 2011, 'boy racers' have been gathering and illegally racing in Hallens Drive and the surrounding area on most Sunday evenings from around 10.00pm. Typically, these gatherings involve up to 250 vehicles that are either parked or are racing around the area causing traffic congestion. The cars race each other at high speeds up and down Hallens Drive, often filming each other.
5. The gatherings also attract a large number of spectators; I would estimate up to 300 people of all ages, including families. The spectators stand close to the road cheering the 'boy racers' on, which is extremely dangerous given the speeds at which the vehicles are racing each other.
6. There has already been a serious accident when one of the cars crashed and a young man had to be cut free from the vehicle by the emergency services. I believe it is only a matter of time before there is a fatality, either a 'boy racer', a spectator, an employee of Johnson Controls or delivery driver, or a member of the public.
7. When these gatherings occur, both sides of Hallens Drive have vehicles parked on either side of the road. This obstructs and causes a danger to vehicles trying to access and exit Johnson Controls site. This also impacts on other businesses in the area, including Warburtons.
8. Johnson Controls' plant operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to meet manufacturing deadlines. We have chemical tankers arriving at and leaving the plant night and day. Due to the hazardous chemicals involved in our manufacturing process, Johnson Controls is classed as a lower tier Control of Major Accidents and Hazards (COMAH) site. The chemicals we use are mainly toluene diisocyanate and metamethane.
9. If there were to be a collision involving a chemical tanker this would have serious consequences for the safety of the general public and would be a major incident for the emergency services. This is because if these hazardous chemicals escape into the atmosphere they could potentially cause fatal breathing problems and would involve immediate evacuation not only of the Johnson Controls' plant itself but, depending on the severity, evacuation spanning a 5 mile radius of the site.

10. Access to Johnson Controls' site main gate is often blocked by spectators and when the 'boy racers' are all in convoy or are racing each other up and down Hallens Drive it makes it extremely difficult for the delivery vehicles to get on and off the site. There have been occasions when members of staff from Johnson Controls have had to go out onto Hallens Drive and attempt to stop the traffic themselves just to enable the tankers to get in and out. This in itself is extremely dangerous. The DVD accompanying this statement [Exhibit D/t_v] shows a vehicle attempting to leave our site; the headlights of the 'boy racers' passing in convoy are clearly visible. Although the footage was captured on 7 October 2011, I would point out that in 2014 this activity continues to be typical Sunday evening in Hallens Drive.
11. Many of the tankers/delivery vehicles come from all over mainland Europe and are on tight timelines for ferry crossings and tachograph restrictions. The delays the drivers are experiencing when trying to deliver to Johnson Controls site are having a serious detrimental impact on their businesses. In fact some of the companies are telling us they do not want to deliver to us anymore because of the problems they are experiencing.
12. In addition to the danger posed by these 'boy racer' gatherings and the detrimental impact this is having on our business and that of our suppliers, I am also extremely concerned about the criminal and anti-social behaviour of some of the individuals.
13. I produce photographs [Exhibits D/p/c₂] that show the criminal damage that was done to a delivery vehicle when a plastic barrier was thrown at the windscreen by someone attending one of these gatherings. The driver was in the cab of his vehicle when the damage was done.
14. Approximately a quarter of Johnson Controls (Wednesbury) employees are females. I have received numerous complaints from female staff who state that males attending the 'boy racer' gatherings regularly abuse them with comments of a sexual nature when they are arriving at work to start their shifts on Sunday evenings. Understandably, the women find this behaviour towards them extremely intimidating and upsetting. I am concerned that a partner of one of the women when dropping her off at work will take exception to this behaviour and that this may result in an altercation.

15. Of further annoyance is the amount of littering that occurs at these gatherings Spectators turn up with take-away food, drinks, cans, etc and just discard them in Hallens Drive. This is extremely unsightly and reflects badly on the area.
16. The local police attend when they can which helps at the time but, as soon as the police leave the location, the 'boy racers' return.
17. In summary, the behaviour of these 'boy racers' and the spectators who attend these gatherings are posing a serious threat not only to Johnson Controls employees and delivery drivers, but also to employees of other companies in the local area, the general public and other road users. The behaviour is also adversely affecting our manufacturing process which our UK head office is aware of.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Full Name: David Philip Clark

Name of Claimant: Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed  _____

Print Name DAVID P. CLARK

Dated 12th MARCH 2014.

i) Statement of: David Phillip
Clarke
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated: 12.03.2014
v) Exhibits: DPC1 – DPC2

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EXHIBIT DPC1

This is the document referred to as Exhibit DPC1 in the witness statement of
David Phillip Clarke dated 12.03.2014

EXHIBIT DPC1 is a DVD of Video
Footage taken at Johnson Controls,
Hallens Drive, Wednesbury on 07
October 2011

i) Statement of: David Phillip
Clarke
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimants
iv) Dated: 12.03.2014
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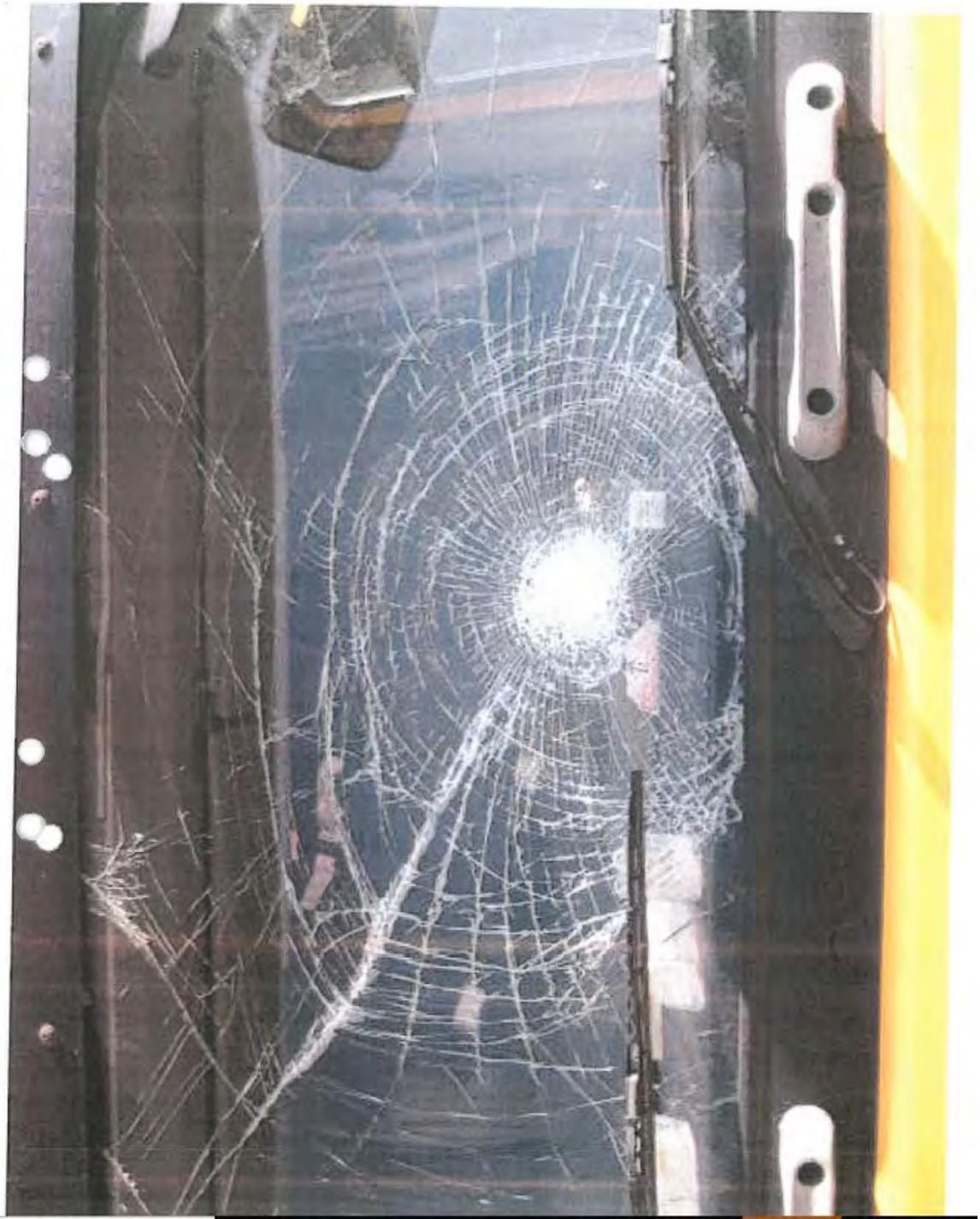
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EXHIBIT DPC2

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David Phillip Clarke dated 12.03.2014**

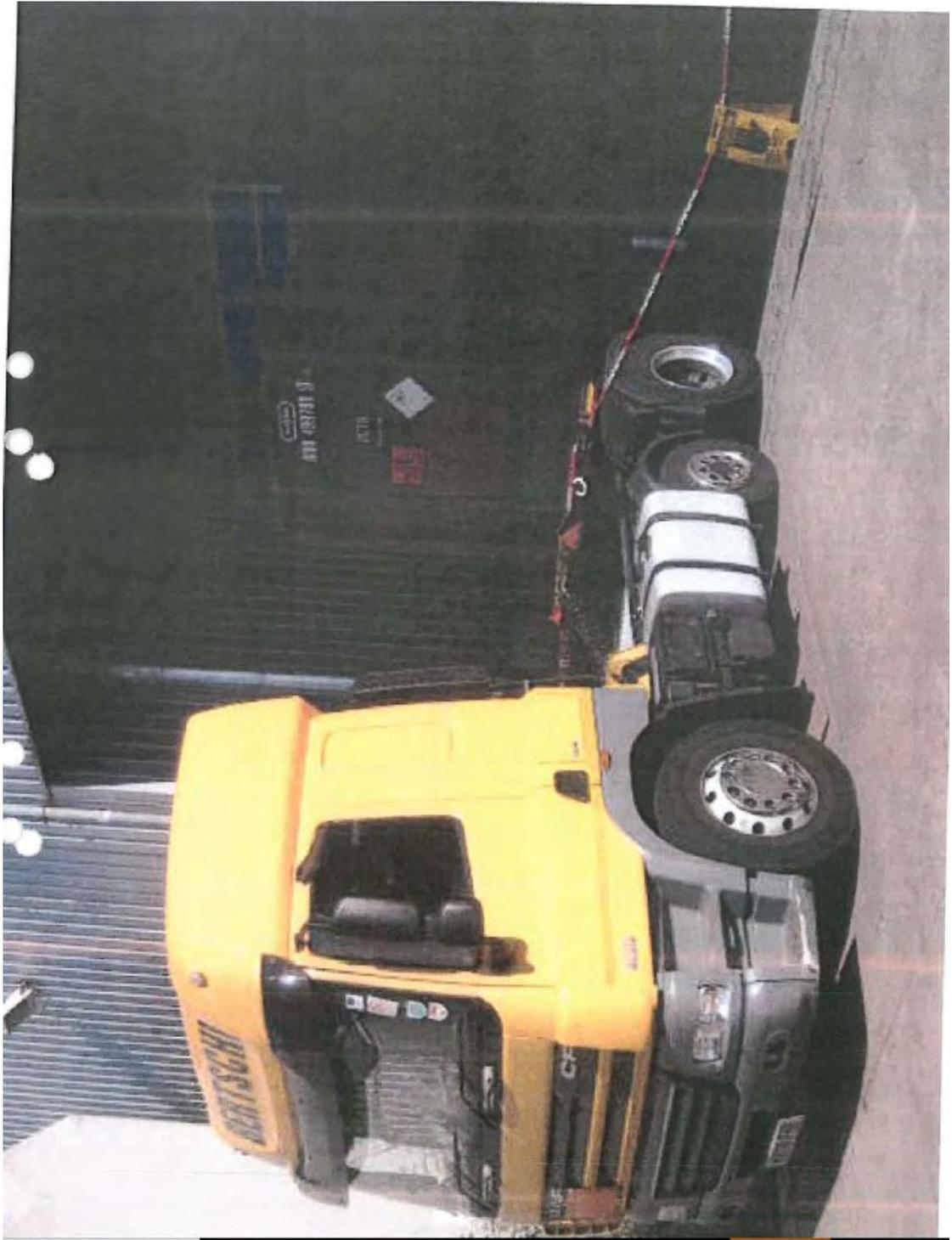


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i) Statement of: *David Phillip Clarke*
ii) Statement No: *2*
iii) For: *Applicant*
iv) Dated: *17/07/2014*
v) Exhibits: *OPC 1*

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Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF DAVID PHILIP CLARK

I, David Philip Clark of Johnson Controls, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am the above named person and work at Johnson Controls in Wednesbury as a Health and Safety Coordinator. The company itself manufactures the foam for car seats. We are a large company and employ 314 people. At any one time there are just over 100 people due to us having three shift changes.
2. This is the second statement I am making regarding the problems we have in relation to the boy racers that attend Hallens Drive.
3. We have at times approximately 300 people lined up and down the road. They stand and watch the cars racing up and down. They drive dangerously and exceed the speed limit. Somebody will be killed one day.
4. We have problems such as obstructions to the entrance to our site. This is where on a Sunday night the entrance gates are blocked by the boy races that park there. People we employ cannot get in our out of the site due to this. They also get verbal abuse from the spectators when they try and get out.

5. This itself brings about a health and safety issue. If we need to evacuate the site due to the dangerous chemicals we hold on the site, we would not be able to exit easily due to the obstructions. We have tanks full of very dangerous chemicals, we have had an incident where one tanker driver parked up Hallens Drive and the boy racers smashed his window screen because he had parked in the road they wanted to race on.
6. The boy racers also removed some of the road signs from the road in Hallens Drive.
7. With all the spectators along Hallens Drive there is always a large amount of litter left by the next day. It has a negative impact on the area especially to the police who visit our site.
8. We basically have a big problem every Sunday night due to the boy racers. It is business interruption that affects every aspect. The people we employ have made lots of complaints to us which then causes more work for us internally. The main thing for me is the verbal abuse my staff get from the boy racers and also the safety aspect of not being able to evacuate the site satisfactorily.
9. These issues are current still and have been going on for several years. It has been a constant problem for us and how nobody has been killed before now is beyond me.
10. With this statement I exhibit the G4S security report for the second of June 2014 [Exhibit]. This states that the security guard had problems with boy racers on that night.
11. We have made several complaints to the police service over the last few years. They have been able to have an impact on the boy races when they have been present to police the matter. However, as soon as the police go the boy racers return.
12. We are very keen for the issues of the boy racers to be removed from the area on Sunday evenings. We work in an industrial area suitable for our industry and we share it with other large companies such as Warburtons and Amazon. It is not designed for spectators and street racing.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Full Name: David Philip Clark

Name of Claimant: Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed  _____

Print Name DAVID P CLARK

Dated 17/7/2014

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
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION**

CLAIM NO:

B E T W E E N:

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(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Claimants

and

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

EXHIBIT JM6

This is the document referred to as "Exhibit JM6" in the witness statement of Joanne Mason dated 19 April 2021.

i) Statement of: *Lydia Pulford*
ii) Statement No: *1*
iii) For: *Claimants*
iv) Dated: *11.11.2013*
v) Exhibits: *-*

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'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

and

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF LYDIA PULFORD

I, Lydia Pulford, of 305 Holyhead Road, Wednesbury, WS10 7DQ, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am a resident living at the above address where I have lived for approximately two years and I live with my partner.
2. When I got here with my partner we started going for walks in the evenings. We would go any evening until we went walking on a Sunday evening when we experienced the boy racers.
3. Our walk consists of going from the island at the A41 Black Country New Road with Patent Drive. From there we would walk down Patent Drive to the next island, left there onto Hallens Drive. We would continue along until the next island, still in Hallens Drive and continue on past Fitness First to Patent Shaft Island, again at the A41 Black Country New Road. Basically it's a circular route.

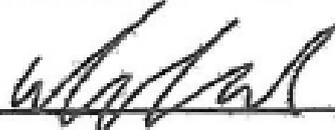
4. From living in the area for the last two years I know that the boy racers use Hallens Drive and Patent Drive to race and meet up. Patent Drive and Hallens Drive are very wide, single carriageway roads with a 30 mph speed limit.
5. Going back to the first Sunday evening when we decided to go for a walk we started to walk down Patent Drive from the A41 island (downhill) towards Hallens Drive island and completed our circular walk. It was about 16:00-17:00 hours; it was still daylight. As we came out onto the A41 by Fitness First we continued up the A41 on the left hand side. I heard some noisy cars coming up the road from behind us so I remember turning round. There were about six cars in total, they were boy racers because I remember the cars having tinted windows, lowered suspension, etc. They were all small cars like Saxos or Clios.
6. As they drove past I could see that the cars were carrying 4-5 people and each car had their windows down and I remember that one of them was leaning out of the window and we were shouted at in an aggressive manner by this person hanging out of the car. This really took me back and shocked me; to be honest it scared me even though I was with my partner. I think the reason this person shouted was to frighten us and to show off to his mates who were behind them.
7. I have been present in a car as a passenger in Hallens Drive when the boy racers had met on a Sunday evening. This was about 12 months ago. I found it very intimidating because there were mini-motorbikes, cars (lots of them), people all stood at the side of the road watching us and videoing with their phones. It was just horrible. There were hundreds of people and cars parked along Hallens Drive and also up into Moorcroft.
8. Nowadays if it's a Sunday we just don't drive down there and certainly don't walk, so it's correct to say that the boy racers gathering and meeting there has affected how we plan our recreation (walking).

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Full Name: Lydia Pulford

Name of Claimant: Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed 

Print Name L. PULFORD

Dated 11 / 11 / 13

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

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CLAIM NO:

B E T W E E N:

**(5) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(6) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(7) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(8) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Claimants

and

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

EXHIBIT JM7

This is the document referred to as "Exhibit JM7" in the witness statement of Joanne Mason dated 19 April 2021.

- i) Statement of: F Bird
- ii) Statement No: 1
- iii) For:
- iv) Dated: 23.11.14
- v) Exhibits:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: A90BM228

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 FENELLA BIRD

I, Fenella Bird of 30 St Jude's Road West, Wolverhampton WV6 0TA ,
WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Fenella Bird and I live at the above address.
2. This statement relates to a frightening experience involving boy racers on the Black Country Route which occurred

on Sunday 16th November 2014 at about 22:20 hours when I was travelling from Bilston along the Black Country Route towards Birmingham New Road.

3. At the time of this incident I was on my own driving my silver Toyota Yaris. On approaching the Black Country Route near the Halfords island, I suddenly became aware of a large group of people standing on the pavement near the island. On exiting the island continuing on my journey I suddenly saw to my right about 5 or 6 cars at speed on the outer carriageway racing and also a vehicle behind me approach with full beam headlights on. This vehicle behind me frightened me so I put my hazard lights on and slowed immediately.

4. At this point I was very scared and started to look for somewhere to park. I again saw lots of further people standing on the road side to my left which was the entrance to SMA Car Auctions. I felt threatened and confused by this vehicle behind me so I turned left into the car auction car park and called the police about the people and car racing on the Black Country Route. I was physically shaking and petrified from this experience which was frightening and horrid.

5. I made the call to the police and waited a few minutes. In that time the crowd in the entrance to the car auction quickly dispersed. I continued on my journey and came to the next exit island which is Sedgemore Park. I saw a police marked vehicle with its blue lights flashing dealing with one of the vehicles on the Black Country Route.

6. This was a terrible experience which I do not want to go through again. I have been driving for 25 years and have never seen an incident like this before.

7. I have been informed by the police that an injunction is to be asked for later this year in an attempt to stop this happening on public roads. I would support any legal preventative measures that the police take to stop this illegal activity.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Full Name: Fenella Bird

Name of Claimant: Wolverhampton Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed F. Bird

Print Name FENELLA BIRD

Dated 23-11-2014

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
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION**

CLAIM NO:

B E T W E E N:

(10) (9) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
(11) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
(12) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN
Respondents

EXHIBIT JM8

This is the document referred to as "Exhibit JM8" in the witness statement of Joanne Mason dated 19 April 2021.

i) Statement of: PC Jonathan Harford
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: Claimant
iv) Dated: 16th 2013
v) Exhibits: -

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

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Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF JOHNATHAN PHILIP HARFORD

I, PC 20135 Harford of West Midlands Police, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am PC 20135 Harford of West Midlands Police, currently stationed at Bilston Police Station, Railway Street, Bilston, West Midlands.
2. On Sunday 10th March 2013 at approx. 21:30 hours I was on uniformed mobile patrol with PC 20218 Dove when we attended the Black Country Route, Bilston, Wolverhampton to the report of a number of vehicles at the location speeding and racing along the road.
3. We arrived on the Black Country Route and drove up to the Springvale Retail Park where intelligence from previous incidents suggested the cars were gathering. We arrived at the industrial estate and I could see a number of vehicles gathered on the road at the entrance to the retail park called Springvale Way. They were all parked up and at no stage on this occasion did I witness any of the vehicles speeding. Some of the occupants of the vehicles were standing outside and talking to each other.

4. There appeared to be more than twenty vehicles gathered at the location. The vehicles were of all makes and models and some appeared to be modified with alloy wheels and different exhaust systems.
5. I was joined by other officers at the scene and, because of the problems with vehicles speeding along the Black Country Route that had occurred in the previous weeks, a decision was taken to record the details of all the vehicles and occupants present at the scene.
6. As we began to record the details I became aware of a road traffic collision that had occurred between two of the vehicles on Springvale Way. I did not witness the collision occur but as I walked over to the occupants of the vehicles I could see they were discussing the matter and pointing at the minor damage caused to the bodywork of the vehicles. The two vehicles involved were a Blue Peugeot 207, VRM J6YLB and a Red Ford Fiesta, VRM SL08 WWG. Both of the drivers exchanged vehicle and insurance details and then left the scene. No persons were injured during the collision.
7. Following on from this all of the vehicles and occupants at the gathering then left the scene after their details had been recorded by the police officers in attendance.

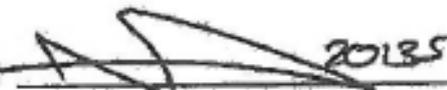
STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Full Name: Johnathan Philip Harford

Position: Police Constable

Name of Claimant: Wolverhampton City Council

Signed  2013

Print Name JOHNATHAN PHILIP HARFORD

Dated 16/11/13

i) Statement of: Joanne Mason

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

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Respondents

EXHIBIT JM9

This is the document referred to as "Exhibit JM9" in the witness statement of Joanne Mason dated 19 April 2021.

i) Statement of: *Richard Hardy*
ii) Statement No: 1
iii) For: *Claimants*
iv) Dated: *06.11.2012*
v) Exhibits: -

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

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Claimants

and

PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF RICHARD HARDY

I, Richard Hardy of 58 Aldridge Road, Little Aston, Walsall, West Midlands, WS9 0PE, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am a resident living at the above address.
2. I am the Managing Director of K R Harding Estates Limited who own a large number of properties situated along Brickyard Road and also Empire Industrial Estate, as well as Aldridge Marina – this being a canal boat mooring facility – residential. The following statement relates to gatherings of nuisance vehicles along Brickyard Road, Aldridge.
3. Brickyard Road is the main road that services the above and is also used as a cut through connecting road towards the A461 Lichfield Road. It has a 30 mph speed limit and, as stated, is mainly industrial but also has a small number of residential premises.

4. In my position of owner and landlord I can state that I receive numerous complaints and have personally witnessed on numerous occasions the behaviour of these gatherings over a prolonged period.
5. I would associate the nuisance to be concerned with street racing along the length of Brickyard Road and the behaviour of the persons that this attracts.
6. On these occasions, large numbers of young motorists, that are referred to as "Boy Racers", gather on the communal areas of car parks and factory frontages.
7. This alone creates its own problems regarding litter and on many occasions using the area as a toilet, urinating in the buildings' porches and covered areas.
8. There is also debris left from any damage that has been caused to their own vehicles, the car parks and the buildings, together with oil spillages.
9. We have the continual job of cleaning up general refuse of empty cans, foil wrappers, cigarette packets and other litter following such meetings from the various areas of our estate and disinfecting areas which is unwelcome and adds up to being a costly expense.
10. In addition to the above, street racing occurs along the length of the roadway. At such times "look-outs" have been seen posted at each end of the road and the racing of cars occurs, usually two a breast, utilising both lanes of the road in one direction at the same time.
11. On numerous occasions the private fencing and walls to the junction of Brickyard Road and Northgate Way has suffered damage by the racing vehicles being unable to stop. A private motorway tyre barrier has been installed which itself has suffered damage.
12. We have had to go to the expense of fencing off our own entrance yard at Empire House with costly fencing and gates to prevent the congregating of the vehicles and spectators.

13. This practice is creating a dangerous activity which is quite likely to result in injury to innocent victims who would not be expecting to meet two cars travelling towards them at speed, with at least one in the wrong direction of travel.
14. Other premises have also had to use some form of physical barrier(s) being gates or chains across their entrances which have subsequently been damaged.
15. Our canal boat moorers who live adjacent to the Aldridge Marina boatyard suffer noise nuisance in respect of highly revving engines and tyre screeching which is very annoying to them.
16. Access to properties along Brickyard Road during such "race meetings" is also restricted due to the potential dangers of such events.
17. I wish to complain regarding this matter, and can also, as stated, complain on behalf of my tenants, both residential and commercial.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

I believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Full Name: Richard Hardy

Name of Claimant: Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed Richard Hardy

Print Name RICHARD HARDY

Dated 6th NOVEMBER 2013

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

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Claimants

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Respondents

EXHIBIT JM10

This is the document referred to as "Exhibit JM10" in the witness statement of Joanne Mason dated 19 April 2021.

i) Statement of: Police Inspector Julie
Mason
ii) Statement No:
iii) For:
iv) Dated:
v) Exhibits:

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Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF INSPECTOR 5945 JULIE MASON

I, Inspector 5945 Mason of the West Midlands Police, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Inspector 5945 Mason of the West Midlands Police currently stationed at Dudley.
2. I have been made aware of issues of car cruising within the Dudley Policing area and although other areas have been targeted, incidents reported in Flood Street car parks in Dudley Town Centre have been the most serious.
3. Since the end of 2011, mainly on Sunday evenings, we have experienced large groups of vehicles and pedestrian onlookers congregating on Flood Street car parks with between 50 and a few hundred vehicles at any one time. Some of these vehicles have committed various offences including driving at excessive speed and dangerous driving on both the roads and car parks with some incidents witnessed by the Police. In addition we and the Council had noise, anti-social behaviour and

litter to contend with and as a result received various complaints from members of the public.

4. Police logs from 6 August 2012 to 6 June 2013 relating to complaints about boy racers are detailed below.
5. Police log 6 August 2012: 50 – 70 cars have met up on Flood Street car park and are racing around.
6. Police log 1 October 2012: In excess of 100 cars have gathered at Floor Street car park, revving of engines.
7. Police log 12 October 2012: Birmingham New Road – ASB driving, speeding, throwing bottles at cars.
8. Police log 28 October 2012: Excess of 200 cars at Flood Street.
9. 2 x Police logs 28 October 2012: Loads of boy racers at car park New Mill Street – it's gridlocked.
10. Police log 5 November 2012: In excess of 60 cars racing around island at New Mill Street/Flood Street.
11. Police log 14 November 2012: Cars blocking road by King Arthur public house.
12. Police log 14 November 2012: Traffic chaos at Birmingham New Road A4123/Priory Road Foxyard. 2 x vehicles have their hazard lights on in the filter lane with their engines running.
13. Police log 3 December 2012: 100 – 150 boy racers on Flood Street car park.
14. Police log 3 December 2012: 2 x calls reporting approximately 250 boy racers at Oakeywell Street, Dudley driving at ridiculous speed around car park and up and down dual carriageway.

15. Police log 7 January 2013: 3 x boy racers in road traffic accident. 2 vehicles failed to stop. Vehicles collided after leaving Flood Street car park. Excess of 100 vehicles at Flood Street.
16. Police log 7 January 2013: In excess of 150 boy racers on Floor Street car park. Organised meet with Japanese cars owners club as advertised on Facebook.
17. Police log 20 January 2013: Two cars blocking road side by side with hazards on.
18. Police log 20 January 2013: Loads of cars have pulled up alongside each other on the hill at Blowers Green Road, Dudley and all talking to each other and blocking the road.
19. Police log 13 March 2013: Erratic driving from boy racer on Castle Hill, Dudley.
20. Police log 24 March 2013: 150 vehicles at Flood Street.
21. Police log 7 April 2013: 50/60 modified cars racing around Flood Street car park and nearby roads.
22. Police log 14 April 2013: 20 boy racers at Birmingham New Road/Sedgley Road West – caller says this happens every week.
23. Police log 28 April 2014: 2 x calls of 200 boy racers racing on underground car park at Tesco Burnt Tree. Cars doing doughnuts and speeding.
24. Police log 28 April 2014: Approximately 100 boy racers gathering at Flood Street car park.
25. Police log 28 April 2014: Boy racers coming down from Castle Gate island, spinning around at the junction.
26. Police log 16 June 2013: Flood Street, Dudley, modified vehicles with big wheels, exhausts, speeding in groups of 4 – 5, doing 70-80 mph on 40 mph road.
27. Police log 16 June 2013: boy racers racing at Beans Road, Tipton.

28. There is also a new housing development currently under construction adjacent to Flood Street which will be severely impacted upon should these events be allowed to continue.
29. There was no named organiser with events being organised through social media and because of the uncertainty of when they might occur we had no way of gauging an appropriate response.
30. In addition to this we had a group of Japanese car enthusiasts known as the JDM collective congregating on the Flood Street car parks on Sunday evenings once a month with up to 400 cars attending at any one time. This group advertised their meetings via social media and their own website jdmcollective.co.uk. They were very organised with a named co-ordinator, professional photographers, vendors selling refreshments and their own marshalls who would only let Japanese car owners onto the car parks.
31. The organiser accepted that his event was attracting additional 'car cruisers' who were coming to and from the event along public roads and blatantly disregarding the law. He is currently seeking a private location for his meetings.
32. Various policing tactics have been utilised to tackle the issues but experience has shown that enforcement of the Road Traffic Act will deal with a small number of offenders but will not stop in my view the large numbers congregating. To deal with these large numbers we would need a large number of officers which is clearly not sustainable.
33. We have previously deployed a large number of officers which has prevented most of the activity in the area but this has then led to us pushing the problem over to another policing area. Providing a small number of officers has simply been ineffective in addressing issues affecting the wider road network.
34. The Police have a variety of priorities that are severely affected by the redeployment of officers to police these events and there is a large cost implication that also needs to be considered.

35. As a medium term solution, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council agreed to staff locking down the car parks each Sunday evening using barriers that were permanently fixed to the entrances/exits of the car parks. These barriers had been constructed several years ago due to previous car cruising issues.
36. This has worked very well for the last 5-6 months reducing incidents and enabling Police Officers to be more appropriately deployed but I am led to believe that this is not a long term measure. Together with this, other neighbouring Police areas have deployed a pro-active approach to car cruising.
37. Car cruising and the subsequent inappropriate use of public roads and car parks by car drivers, motorbike riders and onlookers has led to many serious incidents in the Dudley Borough and there have been several fatal and life changing collisions.
38. I have concerns that displacement from other Local Authority areas could cause significant issues if Dudley does not progress with an injunction application and our neighbouring authorities do. I believe that an injunction would be a powerful long term strategy that could, where appropriate, lead to enforcement. An injunction could deal with those meeting in large numbers in addition to those driving inappropriately.

STATEMENT OF TRUTH

believe that the facts stated in this Witness Statement are true.

Full Name: Julie Mason

Position: Police Inspector

Name of Claimant: Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

Signed

Print Name

Dated



J. MASON

23/7/14

i) Statement of: Joanne Mason
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Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

EXHIBIT JM11

This is the document referred to as "Exhibit JM11" in the witness statement of Joanne Mason dated 19 April 2021.

EXHIBIT JM11 IS VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE CAR CRUISING
INCIDENT/'PURSUIT' THAT TOOK PLACE IN JULY 2020 ON
BLACK COUNTRY NEW ROAD AND BIRMINGHAM ROAD
(shared on One Drive)

i) Statement of: Joanne Mason
ii) Statement No: First
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Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

EXHIBIT JM12

This is the document referred to as "Exhibit JM12" in the witness statement of Joanne Mason dated 19 April 2021.

Ellie Underhill: Seven-year sentence for driver after car bonnet fall death

By [Marion Brennan](#) | [Dudley](#) | [Crime](#) | Published: Aug 15, 2018 | Last Updated: Aug 15, 2018

Ellie Underhill died days after falling from the bonnet of a car driven outside Tesco Extra in Dudley on Boxing Day 2016



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A teenager who caused the death of a friend when she was thrown from the bonnet of his car outside a supermarket as a prank has been locked up for almost eight years.

Luke Hickman drove at speeds of 30-40mph with Ellie Underhill clinging on to the windscreen wipers until a handbrake turn sent her hurtling to the ground, causing extensive head injuries, a court heard.

But instead of calling an ambulance or taking her to nearby Russells Hall Hospital, Hickman, 19, and two others drove her to a McDonald's further away where they tried to clean her up with tissue.

It was not until an hour and 13 minutes after the incident on Boxing Day 2016 that Miss Underhill was admitted to hospital.

She died from her injuries in hospital a few days later.

Staff were told she had fallen after drinking, with 19-year-old Elly Phillips doing most of the talking, said prosecutor Mr Robert Price.

Hickman, Phillips and Ross Bingham, 21, who had all been at the Tesco Extra car park on Birmingham Road in Dudley that night, then went to Miss Underhill's home in Brierley Hill to tell her parents she was in hospital, Stoke on Trent Crown Court heard.

West Midlands Police said that the group repeatedly lied to the family and even visited Ellie's family on several occasions over a number of days.

The friends even accompanied Ellie's brother to show him where Ellie had allegedly fallen.

However the pressure got too much for them and, over a week after the incident, Bingham opened up to her brother to reveal exactly what had happened.

The family appealed for information on social media and on January 5 Phillips and Bingham were arrested.

When asked why it took so long to get her to hospital, police say Hickman made up an excuse that he was doing a drugs 'drop off'.

Hickman's girlfriend Hana Edwards, 19, texted him to warn him to delete his messages.

Sentences

Hickman, of Wassell Road, Wollescote, Stourbridge, admitted causing death by dangerous driving and a further count of dangerous driving and associated charges on June 6.

Phillips, of Seymour Road, Wollescote; Bingham, of Hagley Road, Edgbaston, and Hickman admitted conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

These three were sentenced on Tuesday.

Hickman was sentenced to seven years and 10 months in a young offender's institution, Phillips got six months in a young offender's institution, while Edwards of Grove Road, Wollescote, was given an 18-month community order and 150 hours of unpaid work after admitting perverting the course of justice.

Bingham was sentenced to four months in prison on Wednesday.

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EXHIBIT JM13

This is the document referred to as "Exhibit JM13" in the witness statement of Joanne Mason dated 19 April 2021.

Stevenage car meet crash: Police name two men charged after 19 people hurt in horror crash

The incident took place almost a year ago during a car meet event



By **Alice Cunningham** Multimedia Journalist
16:55, 1 JUL 2020

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Crowds had gathered for the charity car meet (Image: SWD Media)

Two men have been charged in connection with a horror crash in Stevenage that saw 19 people injured.

On July 18 last year, police were called to **Monkwood Way** at around 9.45pm to reports that **two cars had been driven into a large crowd** of people.

The crash happened during a local car meet event.

Witnesses at the time described how they saw people "fly" into the air when the cars hit the crowd.

After emergency services arrived at the scene, they found that a total of 19 people had been injured, some seriously.

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It was understood at the time that the crash happened during the weekly meet of the modified car club Cruise Herts, which aimed to help raise money for charity.

Almost a full year later, two men have now appeared in court in relation with the crash.

Dominic Brown, 21 of Park Street Lane in **St Albans**, and Julian Castano-Perez, 21 of Fitzwalter Place in Dunmow, Essex, appeared at Stevenage Magistrates' Court earlier today (July 1).

Both men were charged with eight offences of serious injury by dangerous driving and 11 offences of wanton/furious driving.

The two men are now due to appear in St Albans Crown Court for a plea and direction hearing on August 3.

Following the incident, Stevenage Council planned to ban future car meets and the organiser of the event revealed that the meets were finished with.

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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 decibels, 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 quieter than normal. We assume that the people responsible for organising these gatherings are aware that the police are stretched, 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 realistically be done about this, apart from what you have done so far. Signs being displayed in prominent 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 couldn't 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 extension for the 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 quieter 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 Injunction 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 “**Exhibit 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Richards'.

Nicola Richards MP
Member of Parliament for West Bromwich East

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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
- iii) For: Claimant
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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.

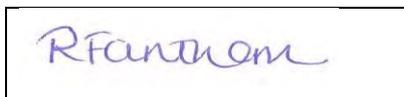
9. When I left the car park I decided to go a different way home so as not to get caught up in anything that was going on on Black Country Route so I went via Millfields Road instead. Even as I went that way I could see cars seemingly racing each other around the main Bilston roundabout and could hear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



Date

13.4.2021

Print name in full RACHEL FANTHOM

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- iv) Dated:
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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 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.

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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

Print name in full JENNIFER BATEMAN

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:

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.
2. The City of Wolverhampton Council is the authority leading a joint application of the Councils of Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall (hereinafter referred to as the "Black Country Boroughs") seeking injunctive relief to restrain 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. I previously led on communications around the car cruising injunction which was in force between 2015 and 2021.

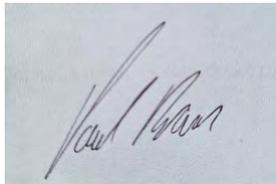
4. In collaboration with my colleagues, Joanne Mason (Coordinator Anti-Social Behaviour Team) and Adam Sheen (Senior Solicitor, Legal Services) a communications plan has been developed to publicise the application for a new car cruising injunction, to be heard on 13 May 2021.
5. Assuming the court is 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.
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.

11. 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 and honest belief in its truth

Full Name: PAUL STEVEN BROWN Position: COMMUNICATIONS
MANAGER

Name of Claimant: Wolverhampton City Council

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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
3. 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.	22 April 2021	CWC Communications Team *
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
5. 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.	29 April 2021	CWC Communications Team
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

<p>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.</p>	<p>Date injunction comes into force</p>	<p>CWC Communications Team * CWC Legal Services *</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Date injunction comes into force</p>	<p>CWC Legal Services *</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Upon renewal</p>	<p>West Midlands Police</p>
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injunction comes into force • Appeals for witnesses to incidents • Terms of the injunction • Prosecutions • Update on impact of injunction 	<p>Regular messaging throughout life of injunction</p>	<p>CWC Communications Team</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Regular messaging throughout life of injunction</p>	<p>CWC Communications Team *</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Four week period from date injunction comes into force</p>	<p>CWC Communications Team</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Date injunction comes into force</p>	<p>CWC Communications Team</p>

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
QUEEN’S BENCH DIVISION**

CLAIM NO: H90BM037

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

SECOND 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:

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.
2. The City of Wolverhampton Council is the authority leading a joint application of the Councils of Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall (hereinafter referred to as the “Black Country Boroughs”) seeking injunctive relief to restrain 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. I previously led on communications around the car cruising injunction which was in force between 2015 and 2021.
4. In collaboration with my colleagues, Joanne Mason (Coordinator Anti-Social Behaviour Team) and Adam Sheen (Senior Solicitor, Legal Services) a communications plan has been developed to publicise the application for a new car cruising injunction, to be heard on 13 May 2021.
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

www.facebook.com/wolverhamptontoday

www.facebook.com/OurWalsall

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

17. 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 29 April, 2021, with Sandwell and Walsall Councils publishing slightly revised versions for their local audiences.

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

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 pursuing 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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Full Name: PAUL STEVEN BROWN

Position: COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Name of Claimant: WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

Signed

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Print Name Paul Brown

Dated 4 May 2021

ExhibitPB2

Websites:



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

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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.

People are invited to submit comments and observations regarding the car cruising injunction, and the application for a new injunction, by emailing litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk by 4pm on Tuesday 04 May 2021. Comments received will be presented as evidence to the High Court.

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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- promoting events
- organising events
- publicising events

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

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What will the injunction prohibit?

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

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- 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
- causing an obstruction on a public highway, whether moving or stationary

Anyone who ignores this injunction may:

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Car cruising



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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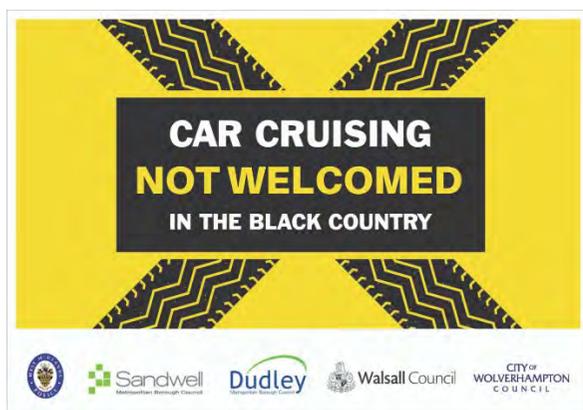
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First Media Release:



Councils and police seek new ban on car cruising in region

Released: Thursday 22 April, 2021



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 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.

David Pattinson, the City of Wolverhampton Council's Director of Governance, said: "Car cruising is noisy, dangerous and illegal and some events have resulted in serious injuries and even death.

"Over the last few years, councils and the police have received hundreds of complaints about dangerous driving, excessive noise, littering and people and vehicles obstructing highways and residential or business properties.

"Law abiding drivers can also feel intimidated when they inadvertently find themselves in the middle of a street race.

"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."

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/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

Car cruising injunction hope as councils joining forces

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,

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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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"We are naturally keen to see this new injunction granted by the High Court, which will then be introduced as soon as possible."

The hearing on Thursday, May 13 at Birmingham High Court 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, May 4.

Also see:

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

First Social Media (selected examples):

Wolverhampton Today
Published by Orlo @ · 22 April at 13:01

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 th... See more



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Dudley Council - Play your part - #protectDudley Retweeted

Wolves Council @WolvesCouncil · Apr 22

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Our Walsall

Published by Melinder Kaur · 16 m ·

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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.

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>



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

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3:07 PM · Apr 22, 2021 · Twitter Web App

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



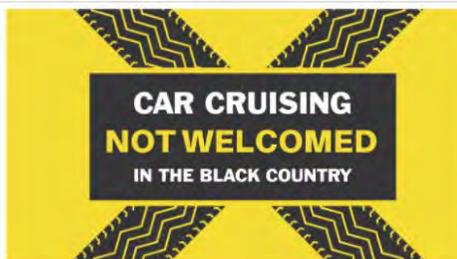
Our Walsall

22 April at 13:11 ·

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22 April at 15:12

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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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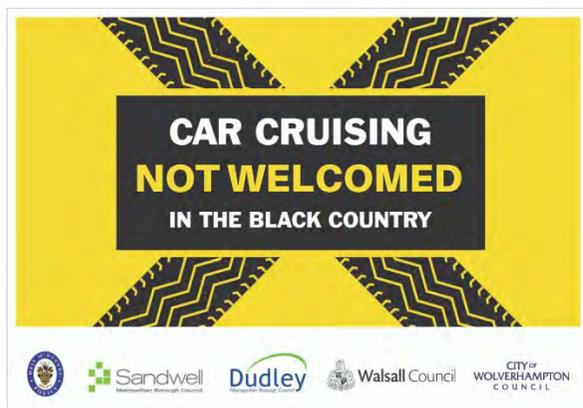
Second Media Release:

Media Release

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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.

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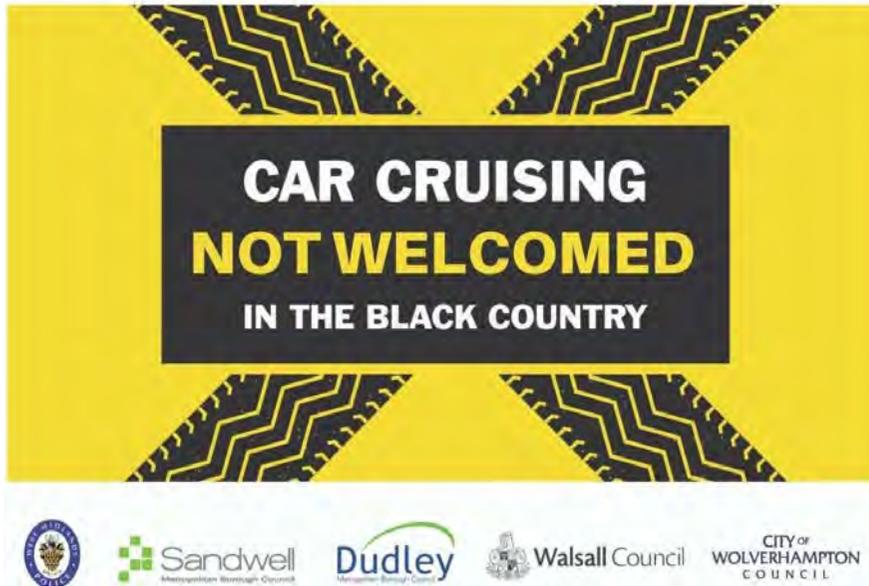
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https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/news/article/6009/still_time_to_have_say_on_court_application_to_ban_car_cruising

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

Second Social Media (selected examples):





Dudley Council - Play your part - #protectDudley @d... · Apr 29

All the latest on car cruising injunctions in the Black Country

Wolves Council @WolvesCouncil · Apr 29
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Dudley borough

29 April at 14:06

All the latest on car cruising injunctions in the Black Country



Wolverhampton Today

29 April at 09:06

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Sandwell
29 April at 14:26 · 🌐

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To do so, please email litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk and comments received will be presented as evidence to the court.

Sandwell, Wolverhampton, Dudley 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 ca... [See more](#)



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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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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”)**

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- (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

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”)**

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- (4) 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**
- (5) 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**
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 (“Defendants”)**

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.

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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



Chris Simmonds

Solicitor

For and on behalf of Head of Legal Services

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Email to Citizen's Panel

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CITY OF
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Car cruising new injunction



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Email your comments to litigation@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Comments received will be presented as evidence to the court.

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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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Shannon Harris (F):

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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

 Catherine Belsten
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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

 Michael Westwood
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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

B 159
H 201

Lajia Simpson (F):

Car Cruising Injunction

 Lajia Simpson
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 22/04/23

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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 conjunction with Sandwell Council.

I would like to submit my request for a new car cruising injunction 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 injunction for these roads.

Thanks

Lajia Simpson



Dan Swales (F):

Car cruising

 Daniel Swales
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 22/04/23

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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 illegal 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

 Faisal Amin
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 22/04/23

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Thu 22/04/21 22:36

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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

B 160
H 202

Sandra Jones (F):

Car cruising



sandra.jones
To: Litigation

Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 01/05/23

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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



Adie Harris
To: Litigation

Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 23/04/23

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Fri 23/04/21 18:58

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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)



To: Litigation

Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 23/04/23

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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

B 161
H 203

Craig Garbett (F):

Boy racers and car cruising

 **craig garbett**
To: Litigation
Retention Policy 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

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Sat 24/04/21 08:41

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Hello

I wish to comment on the epidemic that has become car cruising 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 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 were sitting with their 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 exhausts, 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 reckless 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

 **EM**
To: Litigation
Cc: Alan Marriott
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Sat 24/04/21 11:08

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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 Oxbarrow 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

 **IR**
To: Litigation
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Thu 22/04/21 12:44

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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

B 162

H 204

Lenneke van der Houwen (F):

Car cruising

 Lenneke van der Houwen
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 25/04/23

Mon 25/04/21 13:02

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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 control 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 safety 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 Cruising

 christocostin
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 25/04/23

Sun 25/04/21 22:28

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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 little deterrent 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 fatalities already, how long before there is another.

Kind Regards
Miss Christine Costin



John Dickinson (F):

Car Cruising

 John Dickinson
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 26/04/23

Mon 26/04/21 16:51

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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

B 163
H 205

Robert Adams (F):

Car cruising injunction

 To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 30/04/23

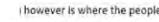
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Mon 29/04/21 15:39

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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  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.

 Lawrie mulheron
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

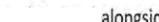
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Fri 30/04/21 08:55

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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 Cruising and Speeding

 Jason Scott
To: Litigation
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Expires: 24/04/23

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Sat 24/04/21 09:32

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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.

B 164
H 206

Shamil Patel (F):

Car cruising

 To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years) Expires: 26/04/23

Mon 04/04/21 08:29

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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 7-8 vehicles, 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

 To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years) Expires: 30/04/23

Mon 04/04/21 08:29

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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 sapped 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

 To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years) Expires: 26/04/23

Mon 26/04/21 10:03

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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 often when it goes wrong it is other innocent lives that are ruined or lost

Jim PRICE

B 165
H 207

Jennifer Sadler (F):

A456 Manor Way Halesowen car cruising



Jennifer Sadler
To: Litigation

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Expires: 26/04/23

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Thu 25/04/21 11:54

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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 32 years and have been very noisy and left 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 cliché, it 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 walking 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 videoped 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 car-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 stooping 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
To: Litigation

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Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 15:40

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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
To: Litigation

Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 07/04/23

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Tue 27/04/21 06:05

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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

B 166
H 208

Jane Tarnowski (F):

Car cruising

 Jane Tarnowski
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years) Expires: 03/04/23

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30/04/21 08:09

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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

 Lisa Palmer
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years) Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 15:33

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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

 Ann Lanni
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years) Expires: 29/04/23

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Thu 30/04/21 10:33

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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

 Robert Walker
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

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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 of 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 occasions 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

 Lynn Jackson
To: Litigation
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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 cruising

 gwenamick
To: Litigation
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Tue 27/04/21 15:11

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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 evenings.

B 168
H 210

Councillor Shaukat Ali (F):

Re: Black Country Car Cruising Injunction

 Cllr. Shaukat Ali
To: Litigation
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Mon 03/02/21 12:38

Expires: 03/02/21

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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

 Aishwarya Kainth
To: Litigation
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Fri 30/04/21 15:34

Expires: 30/04/21

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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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Fri 30/04/21 11:55

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It should be banned and cars taken and blacked out plates

B 169

H 211

Gary Brown (F):

Car cruising



gary brown
To: Litigation

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Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 11:04

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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



Sandra McShane
To: Litigation

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Expires: 30/04/23

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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



Mel
To: Litigation

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Expires: 01/05/23

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Sat 01/05/21 10:04

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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

B 170
H 212

Robert Grierson (F):

Car noises and excessive speeding

 Robert Grierson
To: Litigation
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Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 17:04

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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

 michael wevill
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 02/05/23

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Sun 02/05/21 20:13

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I wish to voice my support for the injunction being sought by West Midlands Councils 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

 Trevor Woodfield
To: Litigation
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Thu 29/04/21 13:06

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

B 171
H 213

Craig Wilson (F):

Brook Road race track

 Craig Wilson
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 11:21

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Hi I'm a resident in [redacted]. 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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Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 12:50

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I live in [redacted]. 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: [redacted]
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.. !!!!!!!

B 172
H 214

Keith Bracey (F):

Car Cruising is anti social and should be banned

 Keith Bracey
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 17:54

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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

 Michael Clarke
To: Litigation
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Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 18:03

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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

 Paul Hulme
To: Litigation
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Fri 30/04/21 15:07

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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 WV1 It happens on a regular basis from souped up , loud and noisy cars in both directions up hill and down hillspeed bumps required desperately

B 173
H 215

Bob Henderson (F):

Car Cruising - New Injunction

 Bob Henderson
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 03/05/23

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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

 Stephen Potter
To: Litigation
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Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 16:13

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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

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Fri 30/04/21 15:43

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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

B 174

H 216

Neil and Ann Malcolm (F):

New injunction on car cruising



Neil Malcolm
To: Litigation

Retention Policy 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 03/05/23

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Moh 03/05/21 16:01

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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



Jonny Browning
To: Litigation

Retention Policy 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 15:59

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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



Dave Hill
To: Litigation

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Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 15:54

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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.

B 175
H 217

Jade Trueman (F):

Help with complaint



Jade Trueman
To: Litigation

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Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 22:05

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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



Mary Bracey
To: Litigation

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Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 17:39

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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



Marjorie Bamford
To: Litigation

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Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 22:41

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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.

B 176

H 218

Carol O'Donnell (F):

Car cruisin

 Carol O'Donnell
To: Litigation

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Sat 01/05/21 22:18

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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

 Pete Monk
To: Litigation

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Sat 01/05/21 10:43

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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

 Pete Grocutt
To: Litigation

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Fri 30/04/21 15:15

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Yep, ban it. Too many idiots already raving about.

B 177
H 219

Richard Platt (F):

(no subject)



richard.platt
To: Litigation

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Expires: 02/05/23

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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 cruising



Tina Wood
To: Litigation

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Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 17:17

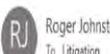
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I really hope you put another car injunction out..because we live in a block of flats where nearly every evening at very late hrs there are over 20 cars plus doing irratic speeds it's been ongoing for yrs now we need to put a closure on these idiots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



Roger Johnstone (F):

Car Cruising - Application for New Injunction



Roger Johnstone
To: Litigation

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Sat 01/05/21 09:37

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

Roger Johnstone

B 178
H 220

Keith Reynolds (F):

(no subject)



Keith Reynolds
To: Litigation

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Sat 01/05/21 13:17

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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



Sue Edgington
To: Litigation

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Fri 30/04/21 18:52

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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



Innocentia Lewis
To: Litigation

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Expires: 30/04/23

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Fri 30/04/21 18:11

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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.

B 179

H 221

David Ryley (F):

Car Cruising



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



carol brown
To: Litigation

Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

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Fri 30/04/21 18:57

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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



John Smith
To: Litigation

Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

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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

B 180
H 222

Car Cruising Email Responses

AGAINST

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Simon Hughes (A):

Proposed extension of ban on car cruising

 Simon Hughes
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 23/04/23

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Fri, 23/04/21 08:12

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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)

 josh turner
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 30/04/23

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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

 Erin Kelly Huggins
To: Litigation
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Expires: 29/04/23

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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.

B 182
H 224

Aarondeep Gill (A):

Car cruising injunction

 Aaron Gill
To: Litigation
Retention Policy: 2 Year Retention Policy (2 years)

Expires: 22/04/23

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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

 Kirk Tony
To: Litigation
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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

 Lee Harris
To: Litigation
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Follow up: Start by 18 Apr

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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
To: Litigation
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Fri 23/04/21 10:49

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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=GDd5090y8B4>

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3657835/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
To: Litigation
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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
To: Litigation
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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_3953506458030619	2021-04-22T14:40:27+00:00	Adrian Gilmore	Adrian Gilmore	Rampant drug dealing and stabbings but sure at least car cruisings illegal here ðŸ™, #keepingpeople safe
5703_3953162394731692_3953510958030169	2021-04-22T14:42:35+00:00	Mustafa Hussain Chaudhry	Mustafa Hussain Chaudhry	Roh Raj ðŸ™,
5703_3953162394731692_3953511014696830	2021-04-22T14:42:37+00:00	Sam Pearce	Sam Pearce	Priorities...
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 cruising
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 ðŸs:
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_3953777201337328	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 ðŸs: 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 excessive) 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_3953818201332778	2021-04-22T17:08:15+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Basically tge police have a open check on how harsh they want to enforce something. 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_3953820781332520	2021-04-22T17:09:22+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	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 excessive) 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_3953762241338374	2021-04-22T16:41:21+00:00	Joy Adams	Joy Adams	Basically tge police have a open check on how harsh they want to enforce something. 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_3953748931339705	2021-04-22T16:35:21+00:00	Dhani Morris	Dhani Morris	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 . 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 Dhani Morris so the council and police are telling lies about car cruising then as the following is an extract from their post.
5703_3953162394731692_3953868161327782	2021-04-22T17:29:53+00:00	Mike Melville	Mike Melville	"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_3953162394731692_3953874237993841	2021-04-22T17:32:43+00:00	Jackie Rohn	Jackie Rohn	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 the public roads
5703_3953162394731692_3953874011327197	2021-04-22T17:32:39+00:00	Toby Bradshaw	Toby Bradshaw	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_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.
5703_3953162394731692_3953828271331771	2021-04-22T17:13:05+00:00	Tom Poole	Tom Poole	They wouldn't stop someone doing 100mph on the motorway and give them a cruising ban
5703_3953162394731692_3953831887998076	2021-04-22T17:14:40+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston dickheads in cars need attention. If they werent dickheads, they'd not get the attention. Tom Poole Agreed SOME people are.
5703_3953162394731692_3953825944665337	2021-04-22T17:11:56+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	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? Tom Poole That's not car cruising and is actually reckless/ dangerous driving or breaking a speed limit. They are laws and are endorsable. Totally different.
5703_3953162394731692_3953831591331439	2021-04-22T17:14:32+00:00	Florin Frunza	Florin Frunza	This ban is more of a "I think you are doing something, but we can't leaally prove anything and it wouldn't stand in court, we will hit you with a ban" 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.
5703_3953162394731692_3953841747997090	2021-04-22T17:18:48+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston	Florin Frunza 100%. It's 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_3953851671329431	2021-04-22T17:22:32+00:00	Gary Nock	Gary Nock	It's like hanging someone for murder, before a court case.
5703_3953162394731692_3953860557995209	2021-04-22T17:26:16+00:00	Luke Smith	Luke Smith	Luke Smith cruising quickly becomes racing. Been there and seen it. 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.
5703_3953162394731692_3953876011326997	2021-04-22T17:33:36+00:00	Jon Gallant	Jon Gallant	Rather than a park up and abuse of local roads. 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 ðŸs: 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.
5703_3953162394731692_3953879214660010	2021-04-22T17:35:07+00:00	Elizabeth Charley Farley	Elizabeth Charley Farley	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™"
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
5703_3953162394731692_3953902977990967	2021-04-22T17:46:14+00:00	Gary Nock	Gary Nock	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. 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,reachin%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 cruise 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!!!
			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.
5703_3953162394731692_3953925164655415	2021-04-22T17:56:26+00:00	Matthew Kingston	Matthew Kingston
			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.
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5703_3953162394731692_3953597658021499	2021-04-22T15:24:16+00:00	Florin Frunza	Florin Frunza

				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?
5703_3953162394731692_3956462257735039 5703_3953162394731692_3956452237736041	2021-04-23T15:28:49+00:00 2021-04-23T15:24:49+00:00	Simon Wesley Charlton Chris Hulse	Simon Wesley Charlton Chris Hulse	Should we ban bars and clubs because some bad eggs start fights? Dean Clarke didn't Phil Aston organise a huge modified car meet this Sunday at Dudley Tesco's for 7pm? 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. Can you stop calling it car cruising?
5703_3953162394731692_3956483867732878 5703_3953162394731692_3956479104400021 5703_3953162394731692_3956478724400059 5703_3953162394731692_3956493271065271 5703_3953162394731692_3956667224381209	2021-04-23T15:37:51+00:00 2021-04-23T15:35:46+00:00 2021-04-23T15:35:36+00:00 2021-04-23T15:41:58+00:00 2021-04-23T16:57:17+00:00	Pau DM Faye Towell Faye Towell Faye Towell Matt Hill	Pau DM Faye Towell Faye Towell Faye Towell Matt Hill	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. Simon Hughes I don't think the law abiding one's are the issue. It's the ones who are racing. If the ones causing the nuisance are already breaking the law then what good is a high court injunction to do?
5703_3953162394731692_3956780134369918 5703_3953162394731692_3956854011029197 5703_3953162394731692_3956941071020491	2021-04-23T17:48:44+00:00 2021-04-23T18:22:33+00:00 2021-04-23T19:06:25+00:00	Janet Krzesinska Robin Hughes-Ally Marilyn Chaffey	Janet Krzesinska Robin Hughes-Ally Marilyn Chaffey	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_3956930184354913	2021-04-23T19:00:58+00:00	Andrew Woezy	Andrew Woezy	I was under the impression this ban 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. 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 Woezy	Andrew Woezy	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 5703_3953162394731692_3957206447660620 5703_3953162394731692_3957205644327367 5703_3953162394731692_3957277727653492	2021-04-23T21:20:49+00:00 2021-04-23T21:24:02+00:00 2021-04-23T21:23:35+00:00 2021-04-23T21:51:31+00:00	Jack Locke Jack Locke Jack Locke Marilyn Chaffey	Jack Locke Jack Locke Jack Locke Marilyn Chaffey	Loi what a joke Drive to conditions of the road and what's ahead Marilyn Chaffey honestly dead of night no one on the road same with motorways nothing wrong with doing 100 t/h. 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 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 doesn't cover and itâ€™s already been noticed, with attendances going from 20 or so people to well over a 100.
5703_3953162394731692_3958230177558247 5703_3953162394731692_3958337350880863 5703_3953162394731692_3953553601359238 5703_3953162394731692_3958319890882609	2021-04-24T06:28:25+00:00 2021-04-24T07:20:31+00:00 2021-04-22T15:03:01+00:00 2021-04-24T07:11:53+00:00	Dave Timmins Xander Greenwood Dhani Morris Xander Greenwood	Dave Timmins Xander Greenwood Dhani Morris Xander Greenwood	Andrew Woezy it's the terminology that's used, car cruising is not anti social. Street racing is and always has been illegal. 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. 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 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 5703_3953162394731692_3958805237500741 5703_3953162394731692_39588434744635174 5703_3953162394731692_3958864240828174 5703_3953162394731692_3958923060822292 5703_3953162394731692_3961844907196774	2021-04-22T21:02:34+00:00 2021-04-24T10:44:40+00:00 2021-04-23T11:06:26+00:00 2021-04-24T11:03:54+00:00 2021-04-24T11:33:51+00:00 2021-04-25T11:44:58+00:00	Graham Comrie Andrew Woezy Andrew Woezy Tracy Wilkes Leo Lennard Louie Barrett	Graham Comrie Andrew Woezy Andrew Woezy Tracy Wilkes Leo Lennard Louie Barrett	Himmm, 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. Dave Timmins That is correct. 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. 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 Glad you lot have your priorities right ðŸ˜ˆ, 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 Simon Hughes I think you will find that there wasn't a Yuman Rights Act in 1978 and assemblies prohibited by law (I 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_3961682933879638 5703_3953162394731692_3961706033877328 5703_3953162394731692_3954821864565745	2021-04-25T10:19:18+00:00 2021-04-25T10:32:17+00:00 2021-04-23T02:03:54+00:00	Gary Nock Simon Hughes Simon Hughes	Gary Nock 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? 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.
5703_3953162394731692_3961756113872320	2021-04-25T10:57:29+00:00	Gary Nock	Gary Nock	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. "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/
5703_18766224615080_3953162394731692	2021-04-22T12:01:55+00:00	Wolverhampton Today	Wolverhampton Today	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. 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/2lBcW6mIL9 . More info: https://t.co/YCfHSOr9FH (1/3) https://t.co/BIFkcyIWrd
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_138525555879612416	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.

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5703_3972834382764493_3977575928957005	2021-04-30T22:51:24+00:00	Ni Faoláin Andriana	Ni Faoláin 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 !! 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_3975445635836701	2021-04-30T05:29:19+00:00	Sue Tom Hall	Sue Tom Hall	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_3978189892228942	2021-05-01T05:01:28+00:00	Laura Pullen	Laura Pullen	Mick O'Mahoney there is places. Called race tracks. Not public streets
5703_3972834382764493_3972927162755215	2021-04-29T08:57:31+00:00	Wayne Brown	Wayne Brown	Cruising is fine racing is the issue
5703_3972834382764493_3972940489420549	2021-04-29T09:04:28+00:00	Reece Sewell	Reece Sewell	Wayne Brown then you donâ€™t understand what cruising is
5703_3972834382764493_3973098676071397	2021-04-29T10:30:38+00:00	Keith Bond	Keith Bond	The definition of cruising.
5703_3972834382764493_3973217276059537	2021-04-29T11:30:58+00:00	Zeus Maximus	Zeus Maximus	It's not just kids...I've seen 40yera old blokes taking part !
5703_3972834382764493_3973380422709889	2021-04-29T12:49:58+00:00	Andy Finch	Andy Finch	Get it every night on the Upper High Street in Cradley Heath. Do we see the police about? Do we heck!
5703_3972834382764493_3974184825962782	2021-04-29T18:46:50+00:00	David Matthey	David Matthey	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. I feel for the next generation
5703_3972834382764493_3974605805920684	2021-04-29T22:23:42+00:00	John Kennedy	John Kennedy	Instead of banning everything why not find a way for these kids to do their thing ?
5703_3972834382764493_3972919349422663	2021-04-29T08:52:54+00:00	Mick O'Mahoney	Mick O'Mahoney	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_18766224615080_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 āži	MuslimShamir	@WolvesCouncil @dudleymbc @sandwellcouncil @WalsallCouncil @WMPolice Hello
5700_1387717079881723906	2021-04-29T10:35:09+00:00	ðŸ+³ðŸ+– ðŸ danny is not BAME ðŸ ceðŸ+ 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	Mattfrontline1	@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 cruising 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

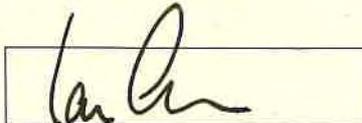
full-time. She suffers from fatigue as well as many other symptoms, however she is trying to make the best of life as she can and is currently also studying as part of an apprenticeship. She is, however, struggling to be able to cope with getting up for work and study due to the lack of sleep this car 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



Date

7/4/21

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
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CLAIM NO: A90BM228

BETWEEN:

- (1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL**
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- (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	Tack Farm Rd, Wordsley	Male racing car at rear of houses.
	1	Aston Road, Dudley	Road rage, fighting and cars racing.
	2	Manor Way, Halesowen A456	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	Duncan Edwards Way, Dudley	Officers issued Sec 59 warning for excess speed
	4	Manor Way, Halesowen A456	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	Bath Road, Stourbridge	Report of 3 cars speeding and jumping red traffic lights.
	1	Manor Way, Halesowen A456	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	Manor Way, Halesowen A456	Four reports of vehicles racing at speed, doing circuits along the dual carriageway.
	1	Tesco Extra, Castle Gate Way, Dudley	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	Manor Way, Halesowen A456	Report of boy racers
	1	Sedgley Golf Course, Sandyfields Road, Sedgley	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	Manor Way, Halesowen A456	Report of vehicles racing along Manor Way
	1	Windsor Grove, Wordsley	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	Fountain Pub, Temple Street, Lower Gornal	Report of large group of Europeans racing around a in a car
	2	Manor Way, Halesowen A456	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

25.03.21	1	Hillfields Road, Brierley Hill	Report of street race – vehicles racing between Hillfields Rd and Peters Hill School.
	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

27.03.21	1	and Halesowen Rd, Netherton 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".

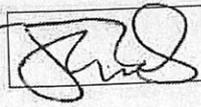
8. On 21st February 2021 and 3rd April 2021, Officers from West Midlands Police carried out dedicated Operation Hercules Patrols at Mill Race Lane, Stourbridge and Manor Way Halesowen in response to multiple complaints of street racing in these areas. No street racing activities were observed during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

Statement filed on behalf of: Dudley MBC
Statement of: JJ Edwards
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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CLAIM NO: A90BM228

BETWEEN:

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- (2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
- (3) SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
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The following document is referred to in the Statement of PC Jon Edwards as
"JJE1"

Stourbridge / W
February 11, 2021 11

Boy racers targeted in crackdown

"JJEI"

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
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

CLAIM NO: F90BM019

B E T W E E N:

- (1) WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
- (2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
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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	Sandwell	Walsall	Wolverhampton
		Calls to service	Calls to service	Calls to service	Calls to service
2021	January	36	44	26	14
	February	89	137	12	21
	March(to 19 th)	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



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
Statement No: 1
Exhibits "SH1 – SH5"
Dated :
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CLAIM NO: A90BM228

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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.

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 within 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

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to be 'S. Haywood' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Date

13/4/21

Print name in full SUE HAYWOOD

10. The number of students who are enrolled in the school and who are also members of the school's sports team is 120. The number of students who are enrolled in the school but are not members of the school's sports team is 180. The number of students who are members of the school's sports team but are not enrolled in the school is 30. The number of students who are neither enrolled in the school nor members of the school's sports team is 150.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
SANTA ANA COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

"SHI"

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 cruise 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 occasions.

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 intelligence 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

"SHI"

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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CLAIM NO: A90BM228

BETWEEN:

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- (2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
- (3)SANDWELL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
- (4)WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

APPLICANTS

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RESPONDENTS

EXHIBIT NOTICE

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

"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 opportunity to express my feelings regarding the explosion of car cruising 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 injunction expired 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 excess of 130mph.

yours sincerely,

David Palmer

Statement filed on behalf of:Dudley MBC
Statement of: S Haywood
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"SH13"

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

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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_x1zcs0K4B-IExKDtXB8xAaoDe0AW6xsW1BD2U2TDtFFf0i6YM

Regards Rachel Palmer

Sent from my iPhone

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The following document is referred to in the Statement of Sue Haywood as "**SH4**"

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

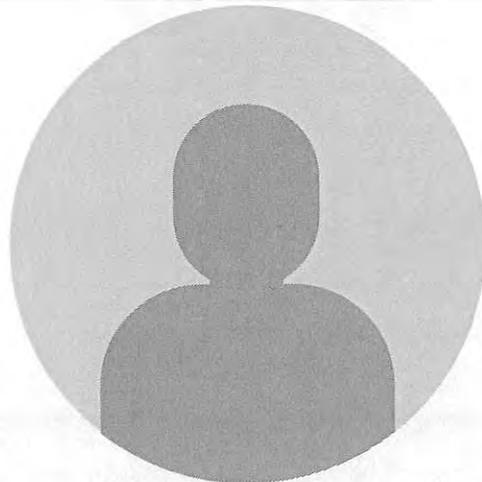
1 month ago

750 supporters

3 months ago

Rachel P started this petition

Reasons for signing



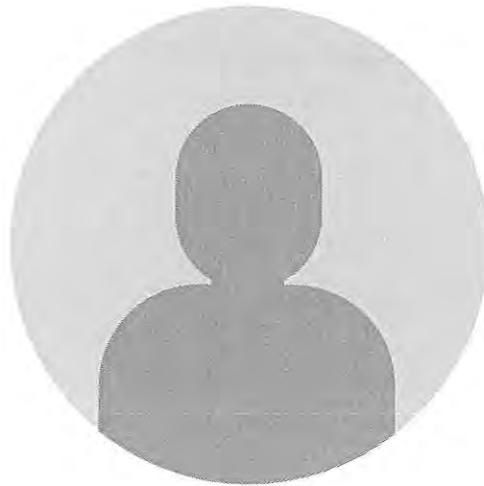
'SH4'

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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View all reasons for signing

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Last name
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Dudley, DY1
United Kingdom

Yes! Tell me if this petition wins, and how I can help other relevant petitions No. I do not want to hear about this petition's progress or other relevant petitions.

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Promoted by 1,206 supporters

Stop the Denmark Dolphin and Whale Killing Festival!

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EXHIBIT NOTICE

The following document is referred to in the Statement of Sue Haywood as "SH5"



"SHTS"

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
E-mail: james.morris.mp@parliament.uk Website: www.jamesmorrismp.com

Statement filed on behalf of: Dudley MBC
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.

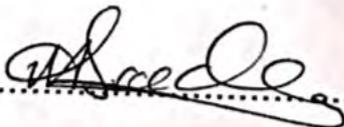
3. Robin Hood Road, where I live, overlooks the Industrial Estate opposite the Merry Hill Centre. A few years ago, I was aware that racing cars was a big problem around the Merry Hill area, but this improved when the barriers were installed around the Centre. However, during for the past year or so I 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 to 10.30pm. 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 heartedly 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

7. I can confirm that I whole heartedly 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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APPLICANTS

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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 reinstated.

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 –
- 5 Date
- 6)

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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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EXHIBIT "PS2"

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

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Car cruisers face landmark court ban

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

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jordan.harris@expressandstar.co.uk

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 com-

plaints 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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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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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.

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



Elias Mattu

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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EXHIBIT "PS3"

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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.



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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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Mark Clay

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

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Les Woolf

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

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Andrew lezzi

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 lezzi** you're too old to be classed as a boy racer 😊

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Ranjit Singh

About time something was done about it

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Mark Clay

I bet more deaths are caused by mobile phones and poor vehicle maintenance and ba

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Sandwell

Mark, we wouldn't hold that information, you might want to try the police.

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Mark Clay

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 r

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

Just like sunday league football, cubs, scouts, anglers, geeks, Bands etc all have to! V

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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 young

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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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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

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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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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.



The AstraZeneca Vaccine - Nicola's View

Thursday, 8 April, 2021

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.

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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.**

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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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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	<p>Email from resident to me as attached -</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>I sometimes feel like I am banging my head against a brick wall!</p> <p>Mrs Adams.</p>	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 loud 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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>I know the link ways they use from Charlemont Farm, Ray Hall Lane and I would like something to be done to stop them.</p> <p>I have also emailed Sandwell Council to offer a solution in terms of &quot;kissing gates&quot; or barriers to stop them crossing from one section to another.</p> <p>This needs all parties to come together to find a solution to put an end this ASBO is causing to fed up residents.</p> <p>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.</p>	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 children passengers on bikes with no helmets . Litter and rubbish 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	<p>Almost every day for the last year (if not longer!) between the hours of at least 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.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	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	<p>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.</p> <p>I'll message the log number as soon I get it from 101. Can someone please do something about this?!</p>	yes
65390	Neighbour 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

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

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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.

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

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**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

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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 brought 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

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION**

CLAIM NO.

BETWEEN:

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

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

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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, there 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
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PERSONS UNKNOWN

Respondents

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF STEVEN JOHN GITTINS
SJG3**

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Signed



Steven John Gittins

Dated this 13th day of April 2021

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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

BETWEEN:

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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.
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
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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION**

CLAIM NO: F90BM019

B E T W E E N:

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(2) DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
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(4) WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Claimants

and

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

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION**

CLAIM NO. F90BM019

BETWEEN:

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Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

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

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



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

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION**

CLAIM NO: F90BM019

B E T W E E N:

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Claimants

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 hit 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.

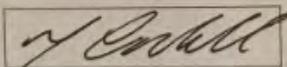
12. I feel that varying the Black Country car cruising injunction to include spectators will enable the Police to enforce the injunction against the attending spectators and, in turn, this will have a knock-on effect of dissuading the racing. It has become quite clear to me that the street racing has 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 include 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



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 :-

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Claimants

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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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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

Rajinder K

Date

31/1/2020

Print name in full RAJBINDER KAUR

- 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 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.

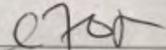
5. Therefore, I can say that the injunction has been a success and I provide my complete support for the continuation of this valuable piece of law to stop road racing in my area.

Statement of Truth

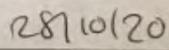
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Name of Claimant: Wolverhampton City Council

Signed



Date



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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Claimants

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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



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**

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Claimants

and

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



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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Claimants

and

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



Date



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**

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Claimants

and

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.

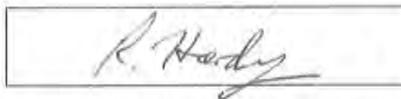
4. At times, the vehicles will take part in drag racing also as the road the premises is on is straight and well suited to this type of activity. This creates a dangerous proposition for both vehicles and persons taking part and also other road users as the estate is regularly used as a cut through to 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



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.

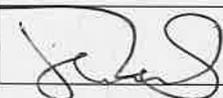
3. I understand that Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council is in the process of ordering replacement foam signs for this hotspot location.
4. Throughout 2020 I have had reports of car cruising at Tesco Extra Car Park, Dudley, Showcase Cinema Car Park, Stallings Lane, Kingswinford (Morrisons Car Park), 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

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Date

19/10/20

Print name in full JONATHAN EDWARDS

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H. SECTION H - Court Orders

INJUNCTION

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
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY	
Claim no:	A90BM228
Claimants	WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL & OTHERS
Defendants	PERSONS UNKNOWN

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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.

- 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.**

- (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.

**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

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.
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Claimants

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Defendants

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

Claim no: A90BM228



Claimants WOLVERHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL & OTHERS

Defendants PERSONS UNKNOWN

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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

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.)**

- (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

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

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 nuisance);
 - (f) playing music (as to cause a 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 risk of damage to property;
 - (d) risk of harm;
 - (e) nuisance; and
 - (f) annoyance.

**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)

(Where marked * delete as appropriate)

POWER OF ARREST

This power expires at 11:59 p.m. on

Note to arresting officer

Ordered by

on

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 and extended on 9th January 2018:

- 1. IT IS FORBIDDEN for anyone to participate in “car cruising” (as defined in the Schedule attached hereto) anywhere within the Black Country Area (being the area comprising the Claimants’ combined local authority areas as illustrated on the map attached hereto marked “Annexe A”)**

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.

01 February 2021.

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.

His Honour Judge McKenna

9th January 2018

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