

(1) Birmingham City Council
(2) Claimant
(3) Statement of Oliver Humpidge
(4) Dated: 19th February 2025

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

Claim No: KB-2022-BHN-000221

In the matter of an application for an injunction under s.37(1), Senior Courts Act 1981, s.1, Localism Act 2011, s.222, Local Government Act 1972 and s.130, Highways Act 1980.

B E T W E E N:

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Claimant

and

(1) D1 AHZI NAGMADIN & Others

Defendants

WITNESS STATEMENT OF

Oliver Humpidge

I, Oliver Humpidge, Community Safety Partnerships Manager for Birmingham City Council, WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am Oliver Humpidge and I am making this statement on behalf of Birmingham City Council in relation to the first yearly review of the current the Birmingham Section 222 High Court Street Cruising Injunction, which was granted on the 27th February 2024. I have worked within community Safety for Birmingham City Council for 20

years and within that time I have worked in a number of specialist roles, including Birmingham Anti Social Behaviour Unit and the current Community Safety Partnership dealing with all aspects of anti social behaviour and community safety including car cruising.

2. This review of the current Street cruising Injunction is of extreme importance to highlight the positive impact the current injunction has had on the wider community within the Birmingham local authority area, and to show the support Birmingham City Council have to the continuance of said injunction. The City Council strongly believes that the injunction is an important measure to protect the local community from the dangerous and potentially lethal effect of street cruising and will argue at the review hearing that it, together with the power of arrest should continue in their current form and on their current terms.
3. I have seen the statement of PC Mark Campbell and so far as I have knowledge of the issues he refers to, I agree with it and with his conclusions as to the effectiveness and the need to continue the injunction and power of arrest. "Operation Hercules" in conjunction with the operation of the injunction has massively reduced the amount of large scale meets taking place within the boundaries of Birmingham.
4. As PC Campbell has said, over the last 6 months of data the whole of the West Midlands area has seen a reduction of over 1100 calls to service. This is an incredible reduction across the Birmingham and Black Country, where the S. 222 High Court street cruising injunction is in place.
5. Over the past 12 months we have had 30 breaches of the S222 injunction, this in turn has had a significant positive impact on the residents living, and people working, in close proximity to the hot spots.
6. Where the Defendants have breached the injunction and this has been proven they have been given suspended sentences and or fines. The same Defendants have not been arrested again due to car cruising.
7. The police have also provided data to show a comparison of calls for service between 2023 to 2024, with a reduction of over 52% of calls received regarding street cruising/racing.
8. The current Section 222 High Court street cruising injunction was successfully obtained in February 27th 2024, the injunction came with a power of arrest. As mentioned above in paragraph 5 there have been 30 arrests made since this date and all defendants have been dealt with via the court system swiftly for breach of

the injunction. It is understood the first 5 named Defendants were also dealt with by the Criminal Courts.

9. In conclusion, I have no doubt that the obtaining of the new Birmingham Section 222 High Court street cruising injunction has had a very positive impact on organised street cruising meets. There has been over a 52% reduction in calls from the public from across the whole of the Birmingham local authority areas. This is extremely positive. Having considered a number of other tactics we have come back to the S222 injunction each time.
10. The Claimant local authority feel it is essential to continue with this injunction that has shown to be a very effective tool to tackle illegal street cruising issues in Birmingham.
11. I am willing to attend Court

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: Oliver Humpidge

Date 19/02/2025

Print name in full OLIVER HUMPIDGE