

1) Claimant  
2) Paul Brown  
3) 23<sup>rd</sup>  
4) PB23A  
5) 25 March 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE      CLAIM NO: KB-2022-BHM-000188  
KING'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

(1-      4) PERSONS UNKNOWN AS DESCRIBED (IN THE INJUNCTION)  
          (5) Mr ANTHONY PAUL GALE  
          (6) Miss WIKTORIA SCZCUBLINSKA  
          (7) Mr ISA IQBAL  
          (8) Mr MASON PHELPS  
          (9) Miss REBECCA RICHOLD  
          (10) Mr OLIVER CLARKE  
          (11) Mr SIKANDER HUSSAIN  
          (12) Mr OMAR TAGON  
          (13) Mr TY HARRIS  
          (14) Mr VIVKASH BALI  
Defendants

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## EXHIBIT PB23A

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This is the document referred to in the Witness Statement of Paul Brown dated 25 March 2025 as "Exhibit PB23A."

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Released: Thursday 27 February, 2025

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Media release, 27 February 2025

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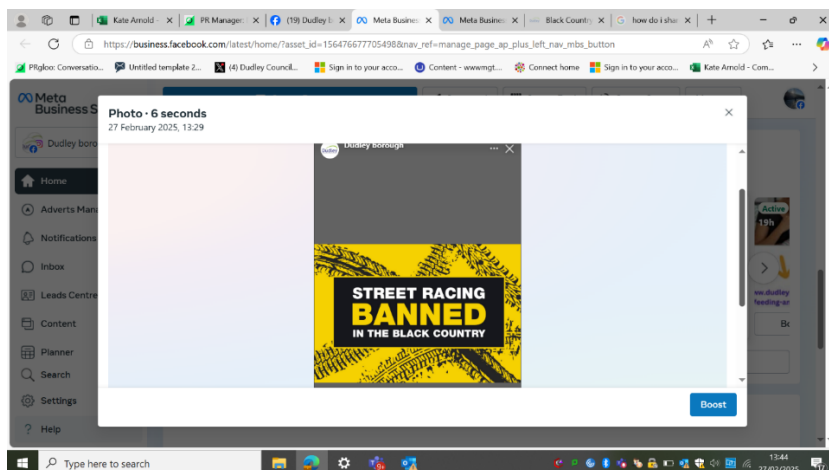
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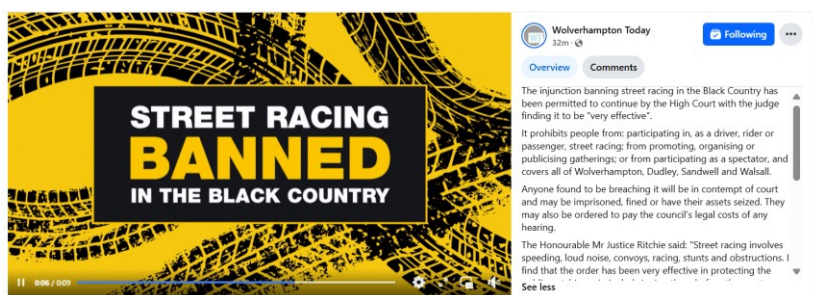
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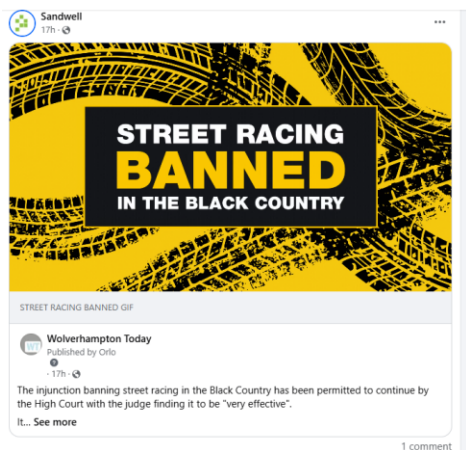
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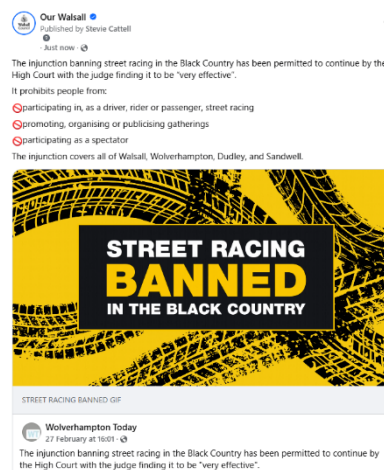
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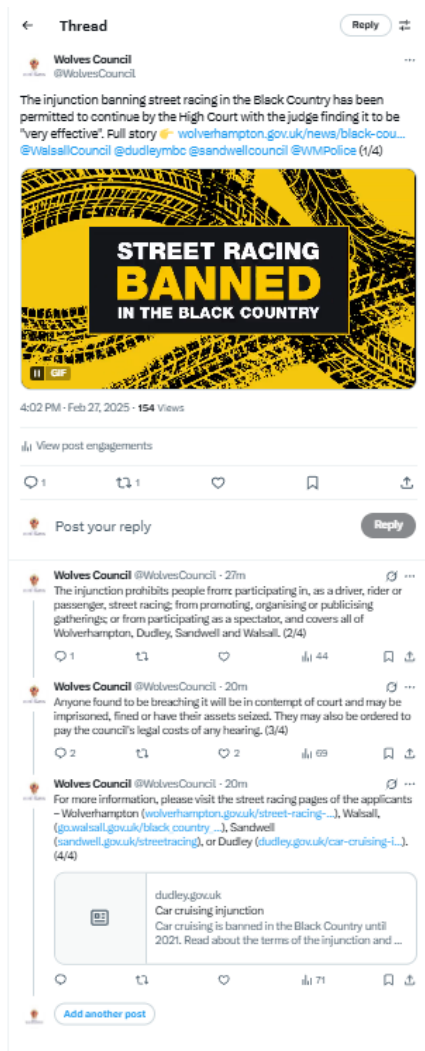


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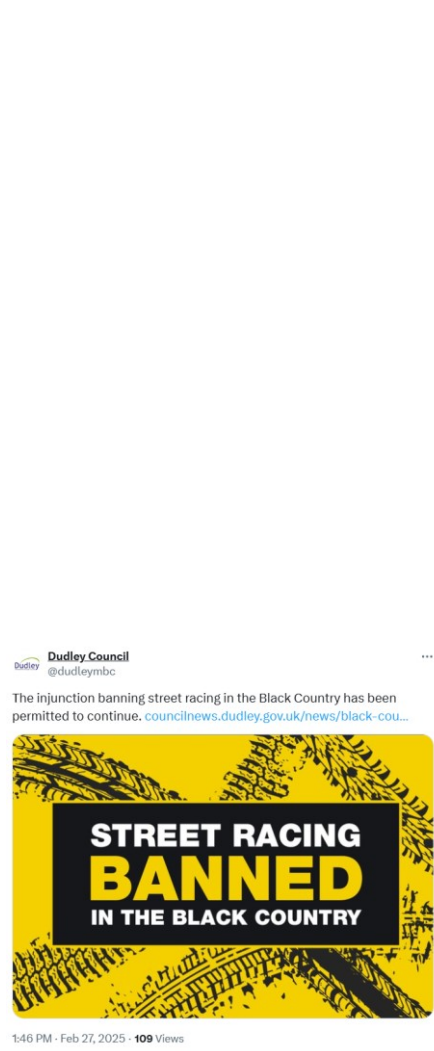


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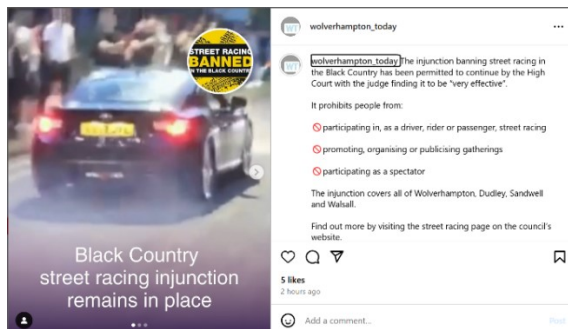
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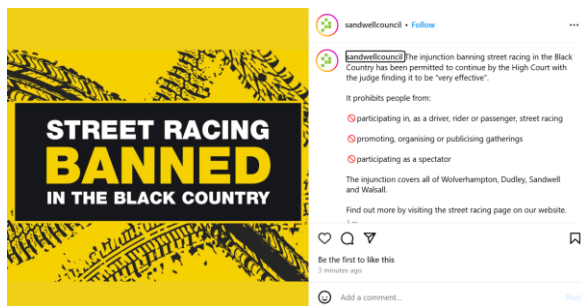
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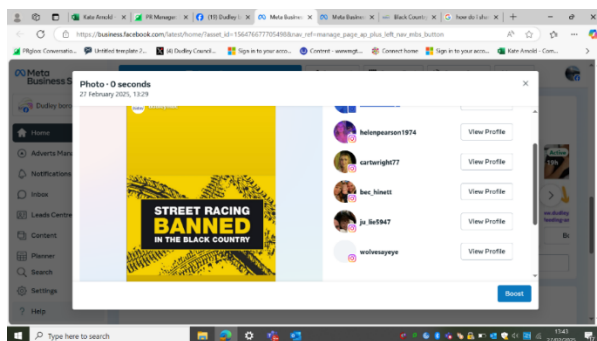
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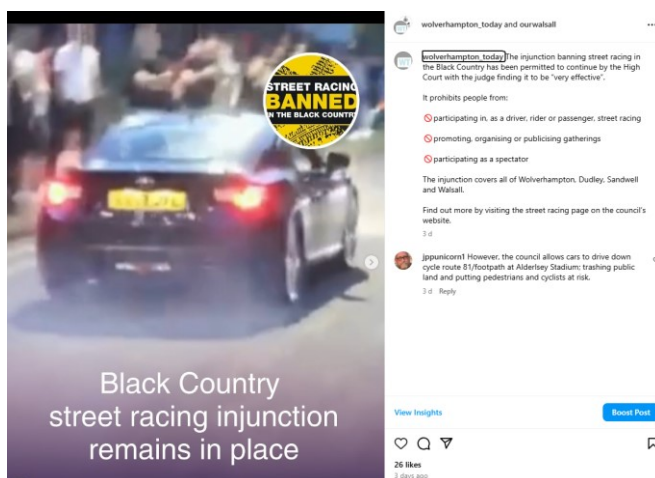
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The injunction is advertised by signs in key places on the highway, these signs can be seen in the Downloads section. Here you can find the locations of these signs. If signs are missing or damaged, please report this on 01902 551155 or Contact Roads.

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

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

The injunction covers the whole of the boroughs of Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall and has a Power of Arrest attached to it which gives the police the power to arrest anyone who breaches it. Breach of an injunction is a contempt of court and if proved the court has the power to impose a sentence of imprisonment, a fine, or an order seizing a person's assets.

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

- "Stunts" – causing a vehicle to destroy its tyres by applying power to the drive wheels while braking so as to remain in place while the wheels revolve at speed
- "Donuts/Donutting" – causing a vehicle to rotate around a fixed point (normally the front axle) while not moving off causing noise, smoke and tyre marks to be created
- "Drifting" – turning by placing the vehicle in a skid so that most sideways motion is due to the skid not any significant steering input
- "Undertaking" – Passing a vehicle on its inside so as to overtake in circumstances not permitted by the Highway Code.

The injunction and power of arrest were granted on Tuesday 27 February, 2024, will remain in force for a period of at least three years, and will be subject to an annual review.

At a hearing on 26 February 2025, The Honourable Mr Justice Ritchie permitted the injunction to continue, with minor amendments to the wording, after hearing evidence from the Claimant councils that there was a "pressing need for a continuance" of the injunction. A further annual review of the injunction will be held by the High Court in early 2026, on a date to be fixed in due course.

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

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

[Audio information about the interim street racing injunction application.](#)

The injunction is advertised by signs in key places on the Highway, these signs can be seen in the Downloads section. Here you can find the locations of these signs. If signs are missing or damaged, please report this on 01902 55155 or Contact Roads.

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

To contact the claimants, write to: FAD: Black Country Car Cruise, Legal Services, City of Wolverhampton Council, Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 8LG. Alternatively, email [legal@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:legal@wolverhampton.gov.uk) or call 01902 556556.



### Downloads

Note: documents are linked from [Wolverhampton City Council - Order Banning Street Racing in the Black Country](#)

- [Directions order made 26.02.2025 \(as amended 07.03.25\)](#)
- [Revised Injunction 26.02.25](#)
- [Power of arrest amended 26.01.24 expiring 1 March 2027](#)
- [Draft Order for Hearing - 26 February 2025](#)
- [Authorities Bundle for Review Hearing on 26 February 2025](#)
- [Supplementary Bundle for Review Hearing on 26 February 2025](#)
- [Wolverhampton City Council, Dudley MBC, Sandwell MBC and Walsall MBC v Persons Unknown](#)
- [North Warwickshire Borough Council v The Defendants Listed At Schedule A To This Judgment](#)
- [Transport for London v Persons Unknown](#)
- [Public Order Act 2023 - Chapter 15](#)
- [Bundle for Review Hearing \(26 February 2025\) volume 1 of 2](#)
- [Bundle for Review Hearing \(26 February 2025\) volume 2 of 2 segment 001](#)
- [Bundle for Review Hearing \(26 February 2025\) volume 2 of 2 segment 002](#)
- [Wolverhampton City Council et al v Persons Unknown - Approved Judgment](#)
- [Amended Claim Form and Amended Particulars of Claim \(29 May 2024\)](#)
- [Certificates of Service \(in Service of Final Injunction and Final Power of Arrest\)](#)
- [Claimants' Evidence of Compliance with service steps \(26 April 2024\) - Part 1](#)
- [Claimants' Evidence of Compliance with service steps \(26 April 2024\) - Part 2](#)
- [Final Injunction \(as amended\), Final Power of Arrest \(as amended\) and Service Directions \(27 February 2024\)](#)
- [Judgments \(Committals\) and Committal Orders](#)
- [Notice of and Directions for Review Hearings & Certificates of Service](#)
- [Orders Joining Named Parties as Defendants to the Injunction](#)
- [Supreme Court Judgment: Wolverhampton City Council and Others v London Gypsies and Travellers & Others \(2023\) UKSC 47 \(29 November 2023\)](#)

Dudley Council street racing webpage



## Black Country street racing injunction

### Overview

The High Court has granted a full and final injunction banning 'street racing', also known as 'car cruising', in the Black Country.

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

The injunction and power of arrest were granted on Tuesday 27 February 2024, will remain in force for a period of at least three years, and will be subject to an annual review.

At a hearing on 26 February 2025, The Honourable Mr Justice Ritchie permitted the injunction to continue, with minor amendments to the wording. This followed [evidence from the claimant councils that there was a "proving need for a continuance" of the injunction](#). A further annual review of the injunction will be held by the High Court in early 2026, on a date to be confirmed.



### What the injunction means

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

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

- burnouts - causing a vehicle to destroy its tyres by applying power to the drive wheels while braking so as to remain in place while the wheels revolve at speed
- donuts/donutting - causing a vehicle to rotate around a fixed point (normally the front axle) while not moving-off causing noise, smoke and tyre marks to be created
- drifting - turning by placing the vehicle in a skid so that most sideways motion is due to the skid not any significant steering input
- undertaking - passing a vehicle on its nearside so as to overtake in circumstances not permitted by the Highway Code

### Report street racing

Email [adbu@wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk](mailto:adbu@wolverhamptonhomes.org.uk) to report incidents of street racing, or call West Midlands Police on 101. In an emergency always dial 999.

### Supporting documents and evidence

You can find full details of the injunction, including evidence presented to the High Court, the Sealed Order, power of arrest and other supporting documentation below:

#### Supporting documents

You can download the documents below from the City of Wolverhampton Council's website.

1. [Power of arrest \(PDF: 185KB\)](#)
2. [Sealed orders \(PDF: 1.312KB\)](#)
3. [Orders of the High Court of Justice \(14 Dec 2022\) \(PDF: 159KB\)](#)
4. [Supplementary evidence bundle \(PDF: 1.37MB\)](#)
5. [WMA injunction and variations - consent intention relief and variations \(PDF: 5.04MB\)](#)

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In terms of Instagram, please can you publish something maybe along the lines of what we have done ([https://www.instagram.com/p/DGdweQXOGyy/?img\\_index=1](https://www.instagram.com/p/DGdweQXOGyy/?img_index=1)) - but as long as it alerts people to the injunction and signposts to your street racing page, it doesn't really matter what format this takes. We have invited you to collab so it should have appeared on your grid, and we've tagged you in our story too.



@Corporate Communications colleagues, apologies I forgot to alert you earlier – we have had confirmation that the street racing injunction can continue by the High Court. Please can you share the following X and Facebook posts on the Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley police X and Facebook accounts? There is also a request to share something on Instagram if at all possible, but I understand if you can't do this as you don't have borough accounts on Insta.

<https://x.com/WolvesCouncil/status/1895142463653773740>  
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Kind regards

Paul Brown

## Email to police, 27 February 2025



Wolverhampton Police, 3 March 2025



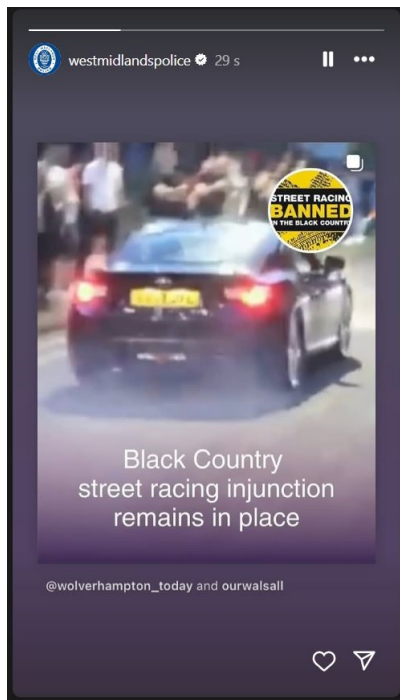
Walsall Police, 3 March 2025



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# Black Country street racing ban to continue



GETTY IMAGES | The injunction covers the whole of Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall.

**Chloe Hughes**

BBC News, West Midlands

2 hours ago

**An Injunction banning street racing in the Black Country has been permitted to continue, a council has said.**

The injunction, led by the City of Wolverhampton Council, prohibits people from participating in street racing as a driver, rider or passenger, as well as from promoting, organising or publicising gatherings, or participating as a spectator.

Anyone breaching the injunction - which covers the whole of Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell, and Walsall - could be imprisoned, fined, or have assets seized.

The authority said permission was given at the High Court on Wednesday.

The full and final injunction was originally granted by the High Court in February 2024, with the order and power of arrest remaining in force until at least 2027, subject to the annual review.

A further annual review will be held by the court in about 12 months' time.

## Injunction has 'probably saved lives'

Evidence was presented to the court to support its continuation.

Pardip Nagra, Wolverhampton anti-social behaviour team leader, said the injunction had reduced racing, and led to seven people being found in contempt of court over the last 13 months.

PC Mark Campbell from West Midlands Police said there had been a 38% decrease in street racing complaints in the Black Country between 2023 and 2024.

Mr Justice Ritchie permitted the continuation with minor amendments to the injunction's wording.

"I find that the order has been very effective in protecting the public, catching criminals, bringing them before the court quickly, and giving them a punishment which seems to be working," he said.

"This action has probably saved lives and very probably prevented injuries - and the councils and police should be congratulated on doing it."

The injunction will remain in place in its current form until the revised order comes into effect in the coming weeks.

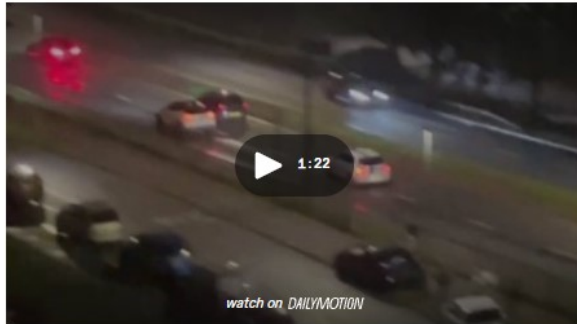
BBC News online, 28 February 2025



## 'Effective' Black Country street racing ban continuing after seven people punished for breaches

The ban on street racing in Black Country streets will remain in force after seven people were taken to court for breaching it in the past year.

By **Deborah Hardiman** | Published 16 hours ago | Last updated 15 hours ago



At a [review](#) hearing Mr Justice Ritchie said the order was proving to be "very effective" and gave the green light for the continuation of the three-year injunction with minor amendments to the wording after hearing evidence from the four claimant councils that there was a "pressing need for" it.

Wolverhampton' Council's anti social behaviour team leader Pardip Nagra told the court that the injunction had reduced racing and led to seven people being found in contempt of court following committal applications for breaching it in the last 13 months.

The injunction led by Wolverhampton Council on behalf of [Dudley](#), [Sandwell](#) and [Walsall](#) in partnership with West Midlands Police prohibits participation as a driver, rider or passenger in street racing; and prohibits promoting, organising or publicising gatherings; or participating as a spectator.

It covers the whole of the four boroughs and anyone found to be breaching it will be in contempt of court and may be imprisoned, fined or have their assets seized. They may also be ordered to pay the council's legal costs of any hearing.

The High Court in Birmingham originally granted the full and final injunction in February last year with the injunction and power of arrest remaining in force until at least 2027 subject to an annual review which was heard on Wednesday(26).



Councillor Jasbir Jaspal who has campaigned on behalf of the City of Wolverhampton Council on the issue of car cruising in the Black Country.

Pc Mark Campbell, of West Midlands Police's Operation Hercules which is a tactical response to street racing, told the hearing there had been a 38 per cent decrease in complaints between 2023 and 2024.

Mr Justice Ritchie said: "Street racing involves speeding, loud noise, convoys, racing, stunts and obstructions. I find that the order has been very effective in protecting the public, catching criminals, bringing them before the court quickly, and giving them a punishment which seems to be working.

"This action has probably saved lives and very probably prevented injuries - and the councils and police should be congratulated on doing it."

He added that the injunction will remain in place in its current form until the revised order comes into effect in the coming weeks.

Speaking on behalf of the four councils, Wolverhampton's community boss Councillor Obaida Ahmed said: "We very much welcome the High Court's decision to allow the street racing injunction to continue.

"The court was presented with a wealth of evidence about the impact that the injunction has had, not only in bringing the perpetrators of street racing to justice but in preventing meets from occurring in the first place, and we hope it will continue to restrain this anti-social and dangerous activity across the Black Country."

The ban was brought into force after a series of serious and fatal crashes on the regions roads and due to complainants about noise and antisocial behaviour.

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Express and Star, 27 February 2025