

Claimant  
S A Pateman  
Fourth  
SP4  
17 February 2023  
**Claim No: G00LU797**

**IN THE LUTON COUNTY COURT**

**B E T W E E N**

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimant

-and-

PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO PARTICIPATE  
OR INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN  
STREET CRUISES IN STEVENAGE,  
AS CAR DRIVERS, MOTORCYCLE RIDERS,  
PASSENGERS AND/OR SPECTATORS

Defendants

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FOURTH WITNESS STATEMENT OF  
SARAH ANN PATEMAN

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I **SARAH ANN PATEMAN**, Community Safety Manager of STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL, DANESHILL HOUSE, DANESTRETE, STEVENAGE, SG1 1HN, **WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. I am an officer of the Claimant local authority (**SBC**), by whom I have been employed for 17 years and in this role for 4 years. I am authorised by SBC to make this statement
2. Where the information contained in this witness statement is derived from my own knowledge, it is true; where it is taken from the files of SBC or it is something I have been told by someone else, it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and the source of the information is indicated.
3. I refer in this statement to documents in an exhibit bundle marked SP3. References to pages in that bundle are in the form **SP4/[exhibit no.]**.
4. I make this statement to the Court to confirm the steps that have been taken following then making of the Orders and Injunction dated 1 February 2023 in relation to this matter and to confirm steps that have been taken to comply with Schedule 3 to that order and the alternative means of service, as follows:

(a) Signage

The signs that are located around the Borough per the map that was attached to both the Injunction Order dated 7 December 2020 and the Interim Injunction were all updated with stickers to advise that the Interim Injunction is in place from 13 January 2023. The signage is managed by Hertfordshire County Council and I confirm that I have requested that the signs are updated permanently to reflect the Order that is in place for 5 years from 1 February 2023. A copy of my email to the County Council is attached as **SP4/1**.

(b) Press release

Following the Order and Injunction dated 1 February 2023, a press statement was released via the Communications team to the organisations listed and I confirm it included the requirements per paragraphs (a) to (c) of the Order. On 2 February 2023, a representative of the Claimant did an interview on the BBC Three Counties radio breakfast show and on the morning of 6 February 2023 there was an article regarding the Injunction on HEAR FM. The BBC website has also contained an article regarding the injunction, attached as exhibit **SP4/2**. I attach as **SP4/3** an article from the Comet newspaper.

(c) Social media

The Claimant's official social media channels on Twitter and Facebook were each posted to with details of the Interim Injunction and a screenshot of the posts is attached as **SP4/4**.

(d) Website

The home page of the Stevenage Borough Council website and the specific car cruising web page have both been updated to reflect the recent actions and can be found at: [Car Cruising Injunction - extension documents \(stevenage.gov.uk\)](https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/documents/stevenage.gov.uk). At the time of preparing this statement we have not yet received the sealed orders from the Court, but links to the draft orders have been added. I confirm that these will be updated to the sealed Orders once received from the Court.

(e) Front desks

The relevant documents have been printed and are available at the front desks of the Claimant's offices.

(f) Police website

The police were requested to update their website and social media feeds and I can see that on 3 February 2023 a news article was put up on Hertfordshire Police's website regarding the extension of the Injunction Order for 5 years: [Car Cruising Injunction for Stevenage extended for another five years | Hertfordshire Constabulary \(herts.police.uk\)](https://www.herts.police.uk/news/2023/02/03/car-cruising-injunction-for-stevenage-extended-for-another-five-years)

(g) Other facebook and social media accounts

Schedule 3 contains a list of other facebook and social media accounts, such as Motorheadz which the Claimant agrees to make best endeavours to contact by posting a link on any open accounts or privately messaging it. I confirm that I have requested for contact to be made with these sites in accordance with the Order and attach screenshots of messages sent to the pages by the Claimant's Communications team as **Exhibit SP4/5**. It appears that the Herts Car Society have banned the Claimant from commenting as the comment would not post.

**Statement of Truth**

I believe that the facts and matters 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:

Sarah Ann Pateman

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EXHIBIT "SP4/1"

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**From:** Sarah Pateman  
<Sarah.Pateman@stevenage.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 02 February 2023 08:05  
**To:** Derek Twigg  
**Cc:** Helen Nicol  
**Subject:** FW: G00LU797 Stevenage BC v Persons  
Unknown  
**Attachments:** WinZip Compressed Attachments.zip

Hi Derek

We were successful yesterday in obtaining a five year Injunction against car cruising.

The court have asked that we change all of signs to reflect the new order. What is the best way to do this as quickly as possible

Kind regards  
sarah

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## Car cruising banned in Stevenage for an extra five years following crash

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Police, fire and ambulance services attended the crash at Monkswood Way in the Hertfordshire town on 19 July 2019. **An injunction banning car cruise events in a town where 17 spectators were injured in a collision has been extended for five more years.**

**Stevenage Borough Council** was first granted an injunction in 2019 after the crash on Monkswood Way in July.

The ban was **extended for a further two years in 2020** and the authority was hoping to get the events banned permanently.

It said it was "quite pleased" with the latest extension.

Labour council leader, Richard Henry, said: "It gives all the organisations, including the police, the time to look into this to make it more permanent.

"[It comes] with a power of arrest so [for] anybody setting up any of these events, we can step in immediately with the police to get these people taken away."

Anyone who flouts the injunction can be arrested including drivers, passengers and spectator.

It also bans people from organising or publicising car cruises.

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EXHIBIT "SP4/3"

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# Car cruising ban extended

## Injunction granted for a further five years

By LOUISE McEVROY  
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AN injunction to stop car cruising in Stevenage has been extended by five years.

Following a car cruising crash on Monkswood Way that saw 19 people injured in July 2019, Stevenage Borough Council was originally granted a two-year injunction to stop car cruising in the town at the High Court in December 2020.

The injunction, which has a power of arrest attached, has now been extended for five years, until January 31, 2028, after a successful application by the council and Hertfordshire police.

The following activities are subject to restrictions in the district of Stevenage:

- Driving at excessive speed, or otherwise dangerously
- Driving in convoy
- Racing against other motor vehicles
- Performing stunts in or on motor vehicles
- Sounding horns or playing radios
- Dropping litter



**A car cruising crash that saw 19 people injured in Stevenage in July 2019 led to a two-year injunction, which Stevenage Borough Council and Hertfordshire police have had extended to 2028.**

- Supplying or using illegal drugs
- Urinating in public
- Shouting or abusing, threatening or otherwise intimidating another person
- Obstructing any other road user

Councillor Richard Henry, leader of Stevenage Borough Council, said: "We're pleased the injunction will be granted for a further five years, protecting our residents from this dangerous and highly dis-

ruptive behaviour:

"The court's decision means the problem can continue to be controlled over the long-term, and that participating, organising and promoting car cruising will continue to be prohibited in Stevenage going forward."

Chief inspector for Stevenage, Graeme Walsingham, added: "We have been working in partnership with Stevenage Borough Council to make sure we do not see a repeat of the horrific collision that occurred after that cruise event in 2019.

"As a result of the injunction extension, we continue to have powers to prevent the kind of activity that caused the incident, and we will take swift action against those who ignore this legislation.

"My officers will continue to patrol hot spot locations and deal robustly with those people who flout these new rules."

The 2019 crash happened during an unauthorised car cruise event.

Two cars collided at the exit of the Roaring Meg South car park on Monkswood Way, before ploughing into a crowd of spectators.

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**Motorheadz Uk**  
5K likes • 5.1K followers

UK based car/bike enthusiasts! Follow us on Instagram - @motorheadzUK, tag us or #motorheadzUK for

Motorheadz Uk updated their bio. 19 August 2020

Message conversation:  
 other road user: Hi there. An update on the injunction - An injunction to ban car cruising in Stevenage has been granted for a further five years, coming into force on Monday 6 February. More info can be found here: <https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/news-and-events/news/car-cruising-injunction>  
 Motorheadz Uk: Hi, thanks for contacting us. We've received your message and appreciate your

**Herts BMW Owners Club**  
2.5K likes • 2.5K followers

Bmw fanatics and enthusiasts! With regular meets around Hertfordshire and annual events too.

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