

PARTY : *Claimant*
STATEMENT OF : *Leanne Maher*
STATEMENT NO : 2
DATED : 18/06/2026
CLAIM NO. : KB-2026-001615
EXHIBIT : LM1

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Case No. KB-2026-001615

KING'S BENCH DIVISION

BETWEEN:

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-and -

- 1. Persons Unknown who participate between the hours of 6:00pm and 7:00am in a gathering of 2 or more persons within the area the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea set out in Map Exhibit 1 (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 6 pm and 6 am in a gathering of 2 or more persons within the area the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea set out in Map Exhibit 1 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 6 pm and 6 am 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 area of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea set out in Map Exhibit 1.

Defendant

WITNESS STATEMENT OF LEANNE MAHER

I, **Leanne Maher**, of The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Town Hall, Hornton Street, London, W8 7NX, will say as follows:

1. This statement is made as a supplemental update to my previous witness statement dated 24 March 2026 in support of the Claimant's application.
2. I provide the following additional evidence relating to a further car meet which took place during the late evening of Wednesday 27 May 2026 and into the early hours of Thursday 28 May 2026.
3. I confirm that this information has been submitted later than would ordinarily be expected, as the relevant information was shared with the Council by the Metropolitan Police at 13:23 on 18 June 2026. The timing of this disclosure has necessitated the filing of this update at this stage.
4. The Council was not aware of the planned event in advance, and therefore no officers were deployed to attend. As such, I did not personally witness the incident. The information below has been obtained from police records and Computer Aided Dispatch ("CAD") logs and is believed to be true and accurate. This is exhibited as 'LM01'.

Summary of Incident

5. Intelligence received by police indicates that the event was a planned and organised car meet, initially arranged to take place in East London before travelling into Central London, including Exhibition Road.
6. On 27 May 2026 CAD 7945/27MAY26 (19:39 hrs) recorded intelligence of a planned "car meet for Eid" organised by a group known as *MPIRE UK*, with an initial meeting point at Claps Gate Lane, Beckton E6 at 20:30 hrs. The

intelligence further stated that the group intended to travel to Pall Mall / Haymarket and subsequently to Exhibition Road.

7. This demonstrates again the organised and mobile nature of these events, with participants travelling across multiple boroughs and converging on Exhibition Road later in the evening.
8. Police records show that the event generated at least 10 separate calls from members of the public, reporting significant anti-social behaviour and dangerous driving in and around Exhibition Road and the immediate surrounding area.
9. The reports include:
 - CAD 9760/27MAY26 – 23:25 hrs
Report of approximately 50 cars speeding, racing and revving engines outside Princes Gate Court, SW7.
 - CAD 9775/27MAY26 – 23:25 hrs
Report of 20 cars making loud engine noises and speeding up and down Exhibition Road at Kensington Road junction.
 - CAD 9771/27MAY26 – 23:26 hrs
Report of 25–50 cars racing, performing wheel spins and revving engines loudly near Montrose Court, SW7.
 - CAD 9834/27MAY26 – 23:34 hrs
Report of vehicles drifting dangerously, with the caller stating that their children aged 2 and 3 were frightened and crying due to the noise and behaviour. Location: Princes Gate SW7.
 - CAD 9883/27MAY26 – 23:44 hrs
Report of illegal street racing at Princes Gate SW7.
 - CAD 9970/27MAY26 – 23:54 hrs
Report of excessive speeding, illegal gathering of cars, obstruction of pavements and harassment of pedestrians opposite Imperial College Road SW7.

- CAD 9983/27MAY26 – 23:59 hrs
Report of large numbers of cars racing and creating excessive noise at the junction of Exhibition Road and Prince Consort Road.
- CAD 33/28MAY26 – 00:02 hrs
Report of cars and motorbikes causing significant noise disturbance near Albert Hall Mansions, Kensington Gore SW7.
- CAD 659/28MAY26 – 02:07 hrs
Report of ongoing anti-social behaviour involving repeated high-revving, rapid acceleration and excessive noise at Princes Gardens SW7.
- CAD 1477/28MAY26 – 07:05 hrs (reported retrospectively online)
Report of approximately 45 high-performance vehicles engaging in street racing, stunts, and doughnuts, with extreme exhaust noise, occurring during the early hours.
Locations referenced include Exhibition Road (outside Imperial College) and the Tesco car park on Warwick Road W14, again demonstrating movement between locations.

Impact and Observations

10. The volume and consistency of calls over a relatively short time period clearly demonstrate the significant distress caused to residents and the wider public.
11. The reports describe behaviour consistent with previously evidenced activity, including:
 - Street racing and dangerous driving
 - Engine revving and excessive noise
 - Drifting, wheel spinning, and stunt driving
 - Obstruction of public highways and pavements
 - Intimidation and distress to residents, including young children
12. Of particular concern is the report referencing young children being frightened and distressed, which highlights the ongoing safeguarding and welfare implications of these.


13. The incident also demonstrates the continued pattern of late-night activity extending into the early hours during the brighter months, exacerbating sleep disturbance and impacting residents' wellbeing.
14. This event further evidences that, notwithstanding ongoing enforcement activity and partnership work, organised car meets continue to occur and will continue during the brighter months, and participants remain willing to travel across London boroughs to engage in this behaviour.
15. The incident is consistent with the broader pattern outlined in my original statement, reinforcing the conclusion that existing measures alone are insufficient to prevent recurrence.

Conclusion

16. This additional incident provides further evidence of the persistent, organised, and harmful nature of car meets affecting Exhibition Road and surrounding areas.
17. It reinforces the necessity for an injunction against persons unknown to provide a stronger and more effective mechanism to prevent and disrupt such activity.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed: _____  _____

Name: **Leanne Maher**

Dated: _____ 18.06.26 _____

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EXHIBIT LM1

This is Exhibit LM1 referred to in the statement of witness of Leanne Maher.

From: Vinnie.Costa@met.police.uk
To: [Maher, Leanne: RBKC](#)
Subject: RE: Car Meets Injunction (WCC and RBKC v Persons Unknown)
Date: 18 June 2026 13:23:24
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Hi Leanne,

There was a recent meet late on Wed 27th May into the early hours of Thurs 28th May that we were made aware of after the event, so we didn't actually attend or witness anything in person. We were on earlies that day, but were notified of a number of CADs from calls relating to the meet. There appear to be at least 10 different callers:

- CAD 7945/27MAY26 – 19.39 hrs – Intel received of a planned 'car meet for Eid' organised by MPIRE UK. Meeting point is CLAPS GATE LANE, BECKTON E6 at 20.30 hrs. This meet will eventually move to PALL MALL/HAYMARKET and then on to EXHIBITION ROAD.
- CAD 9760/27MAY26 – 23.25 hrs – Informant reports around 50 cars speeding, racing and revving engines outside PRINCES GATE COURT SW7 (North end of EXHIBITION ROAD, on Westminster borough).
- CAD 9775/27MAY26 – 23.25 hrs – Informant reports 20 cars making loud engine noises, speeding up and down the road – location given as EXHIBITION ROAD at the junction with KENSINGTON ROAD.
- CAD 9771/27MAY26 – 23.26 hrs – Informant reports 25-50 cars racing, doing wheel spins and revving engines loudly – location given as outside MONTROSE COURT SW7 (North end of EXHIBITION ROAD, on Westminster borough).
- CAD 9834/27MAY26 – 23.34 hrs – Informant reports 'lots of vehicle drifting on the street, they are dangerous and making lots of noise.' She also states her children aged 2 and 3 are scared and crying. Location given as PRINCES GATE SW7 (opposite IMPERIAL COLLEGE ROAD, near Westminster/RBKC borough boundary).
- CAD 9883/27MAY26 – 23.44 hrs – Informant reports illegal street racing going on – location given as PRINCES GATE SW7 (opposite IMPERIAL COLLEGE ROAD, near Westminster/RBKC borough boundary).
- CAD 9970/27MAY26 – 23.54 hrs – Informant reports 'excessive speeding and illegal gathering of cars racing, blocking pavements and harassing pedestrians' opposite IMPERIAL COLLEGE ROAD SW7.
- CAD 9983/27MAY26 – 23.59 hrs – Informant reports lots of cars racing and making lots of noise – location given as EXHIBITION ROAD at the junction with PRINCE CONSORT ROAD SW7.
- CAD 33/28MAY26 – 00.02 hrs – Informant reports several cars and motorbikes making noise – location given as near ALBERT HALL MANSIONS, KENSINGTON GORE SW7.
- CAD 659/28MAY26 – 02.07 hrs – Informant reports ongoing ASB involving cars and motorcycles, repeated high-revving and acceleration, and excessive noise levels –

location given as PRINCES GARDENS SW7.

- CAD 1477/28MAY26 – 07.05 hrs – Informant reports approx. 45 high-performance cars street racing, doing stunts and doughnuts, with extreme exhaust noises. Also reports some motorbikes were present. This report was made online after the event, regarding the incident in the early hours. There is mention of both EXHIBITION ROAD outside IMPERIAL COLLEGE, and the TESCO car park on WARWICK ROAD W14.

Hope this helps.

Best wishes,
Vinnie

PS Vinnie Costa 260AW

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From: Maher, Leanne: RBKC <Leanne.Maher@rbkc.gov.uk>

Sent: 16 June 2026 13:09

To: Costa Vinnie - AW-CU <Vinnie.Costa@met.police.uk>

Subject: FW: Car Meets Injunction (WCC and RBKC v Persons Unknown)

Hi Vinnie,

I hope you are well.

Are you able to help with the below? Have there been any recent car meets on exhibition