

## **TVP SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

I write this on behalf of Thames Valley Police.

Over the past year we have seen a growing interest in the car cruise however there has also been an increase in street racing on the dual carriage ways and perceived street racing.

Due to the nature of the vehicles involved in the car cruise and the dual carriage way/grid layout the sound from the vehicles along with the accelerating away from roundabouts can sound like racing. The road network also provides an ideal location for street racing through use of the dual carriage ways and wide central reservations for spectators. We see a number of key locations for street racing, generally on the longer stretches of dual carriage way at each corner of Milton Keynes.

The area attracts groups from other parts of the UK and is easily accessible due to the location of Milton Keynes among the road network, the area is often visited by groups which travel from Birmingham to London, stopping off at various locations along the way.

Since May 2022 TVP have issued 15 Section 59 warnings and 2 PSPO tickets through targeted activity in policing the cruise events. The majority of these have been issued through the use of CCTV capturing evidence.

TVP fully support the extension of the PSPO to assist us in managing the cruise event and make Milton Keynes a more pleasant location to live in by reducing the disruption from antisocial use of vehicles.

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