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Dear Councillor

**Re: Petition: Action to prevent illegal street racing and drifting of cars on public and private roads in Peterborough**

Thank you for your recent petition requesting agencies work together to prevent illegal street racing and driving of cars on public and private roads in Peterborough.

In response to this, we met with yourself and Inspector Karl Secker to discuss the community concerns. In our meeting, we shared with you an update on the actions Police and ourselves are taking to help reduce this problem.

The Police currently have robust legislation in place to tackle this, including:

- Powers under Road Traffic Act
- Powers under Public Order Act to prevent nuisance vehicle use

Attached to these are powers to seize vehicles and put in place dispersal orders.

When we met, we discussed the prospect of introducing a Public Space Protection Order, but agreed that this would not enhance our ability to address this, given that the legislation provided it already robust and likely to lead to a stronger penalty.

As a result of our discussion, the Police have committed to utilise their existing powers, and since our meeting they have implemented several city-wide dispersal orders to tackle these offences. We believe this has had a positive effect over the summer and have reduced calls for service.

To assist the Police, we are helping to collate intelligence to inform police activity, and encourage residents to report all incidents through either via the force website or 101

I would be happy to meet with you at regular intervals to keep you updated of our efforts to address this



If you require any further information or would like to discuss in more detail please contact myself on the above details

Yours Sincerely

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