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Laura Padgett (ASB Team Manager)  
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Dear Laura

**In support of renewing the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Manor Royal Business District**

I am writing in my capacity as Executive Director of the Manor Royal BID Company (MRBD Limited) that represents and works in the interests of over 600 companies based in Manor Royal and whose purpose it is to improve the trading and working environment of the Business District.

For a number of years, certainly since 2013 when MRBD Limited was created, we have been aware of the blight caused to companies by frequent car cruise meetings and the associated anti-social behaviour in various parts of the Business District particularly but not limited to the County Oak and Priestley Way areas. Crompton Way has also been a specific area of concern.

Over the years this has caused significant frustration, disruption and damage. For some, at times, businesses have found the situation intolerable and upsetting.

The type of behaviour associated with car cruising includes; racing and speeding cars that has caused damage to property, wheel spinning and drifting leaving tire tracks and skid marks all across the road, significant levels of discarded rubbish following a meeting, discharging fireworks including firing them at nearby buildings, threatening behaviour to staff and visitors, trespassing onto private property, moving private property and urinating in the door ways of businesses.

While the threat of this behaviour continues and instances of car cruising do still take place, things have improved since the introduction of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). It has provided a new level of comfort and powers for the authorities to use to help deter this behaviour and is empowering to the local business community providing a higher degree confidence in the authorities' ability to act. This in turn helps to enable and support better levels of collaboration and partnership between public partners, private companies and concerned individuals.

MRBD Limited wholly supports the renewal of the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to protect the Manor Royal Business District as a place of business and employment. Without it we would be concerned that Manor Royal would once again be a soft target for these activities that have had a significant impact on business satisfaction, affecting both small and large businesses. Numerous attempts to resolve this issue have not been successful and I strongly believe the PSPO has proven to be a useful device in our combined attempts to restore and reassure the public and businesses here while sending a clear message that this behaviour will not be tolerated and that the businesses have not been abandoned.

If you need further information I would be delighted to provide it.

Yours Sincerely

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