
From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 10 July 2025 12:41

To: [REDACTED]

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Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: WM PCC response re Consultation on amendments to secondary legislation on the police removal, storage and disposal of vehicles.

Dear all

Please find attached final version of the Consultation response letter which we submitted to the Home Office on Monday.

We took our draft response to OPCC's SMT and Political Liaison Group, and it was then slightly amended and approved by Simon Foster – PCC. It's been sent in Simon's / PCC's name.

Re question 6: SMT, PLG and Simon (PCC) concluded that, in order for WMP to be able to fully recover the actual costs of seizing and disposing of these vehicles, the fees should be increased by 50%.

Thank you from [REDACTED] and I for your, and your colleagues, expert input into formulating this joint response – we really appreciate it. Please pass this email, and our thanks, onto anyone else you think is appropriate and / or helped contribute to the consultation response.

It'll be interesting to see the wider results of their consultation and what amendments Government may make to the legislation as a result.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 03 July 2025 09:29

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: vehicle recovery data for OPCC.xlsx

Hi [REDACTED]

Please see attached some workings in relation to vehicle seizures, recovery costs and income from fees and auctions.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]



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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 01 July 2025 17:32

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: FW: Query re Q6 answer - consultation response letter re the proposed amendments to legislation re vehicle seizure and disposal

Importance: High

Dear [Redacted]

Would you be able to help us with the highlighted section please? Its about seized vehicles so if we could just look at the overall inflation from 2021/22 to 2025/26 on that service area, that would be amazingly helpful. Apologies for the last minute request, if we can, we'd like to have this to the PCC on Thursday.

Much thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19 June 2025 08:58

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: ASB Vehicle Consultation

[REDACTED]

Just working through this as we speak... I will send the draft to [REDACTED] (BUT also send you a copy for early sighting to allow your to start the work and get a feel for the WMP reply – this will have been collated from different teams so I will mitigate out the variances to some form of consensus.... Hope that makes sense)

Some aspects on the financial costs the front line officer response have no view/information on – just state for context.



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19 June 2025 08:46

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: ASB Vehicle Consultation

[REDACTED]

Thank you for all your work on this. COP on the 19th is perfect.

Looking forward to your email.

Thanks again,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 June 2025 19:12
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ASB Vehicle Consultation

[REDACTED]

The submission has have been delayed from the LPAs. I now have a number of submissions that I need to translate into a single submission to share with the OPCC.

I intend to finalise the submission by end of working day on 19th June. If any issues please give me a call.

Kind regards,



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 13 June 2025 14:07

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

<[REDACTED]>

Subject: ASB Vehicle Consultation

Good Afternoon Both,

I hope you are well.

The Home Office has recently announced a public consultation on the new measures to fast-track the disposal of cars, e-scooters or off-road bikes being used in an anti-social way to 48hrs rather than 14 days.

The OPCC is planning on submitting a formal response to the consultation and is keen for WMP's perspective and input in this process. The roads team has already been contacted for comment but we require additional perspective from an ASB side too. I have today, taken the matter to the ASB/POPS working group for initial feedback from direct practitioners but require a more formal response on behalf of WMP as a whole from yourselves.

The deadline for our response to be returned to the HO is the 8th July. In order to meet this deadline and accommodate our own internal processes therefore, I require your response by the 23rd June at the latest, but ideally the 19th. I appreciate this is a tight deadline but it is important to collate a joint response. In order to meet this deadline, it was agreed at the working group that [REDACTED] would

reach out to the LPAs for comment, collate the responses and provide them to you by early next week to form the formal response.

The links to the consultation and press release are included below for your information:

[Police to crush vehicles used antisocially in 48 hours - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

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Thank you and best wishes,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

M: [Redacted]



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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 19 June 2025 14:00

To: [Redacted]

Kind regards,



[Redacted]

[Redacted] – Local Policing

Force Executive Team

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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 19 June 2025 10:22

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: Home Office Consultation - Seized Vehicles (WMP Response)

Sir,

I have collated the responses from each LPA to inform the WMP response for the Home Office Consultation on seizure/disposal of vehicles that was shared by OPCC late last week.

The target date back to OPCC [Redacted] by end of play today. As this is a response on behalf of WMP I thought it prudent for FET oversight and amendments are necessary before submission into OPCC.

OPCC will be producing a joint submission back to Home Office.

Submitted for review – I appreciate that [Redacted] has provided a detailed update. This submission is from across the LPAs.

Kind regards,



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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 19 June 2025 10:25
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Home Office Consultation - Seized Vehicles (WMP Response)

[Redacted]

Copy of the collated responses from across the LPAs. Any questions please come back to me.



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 June 2025 10:18
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]>
<[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Proposal to Crush Seized Vehicles in 48 Hours

Good Morning [REDACTED]

Thank you for this comprehensive and thoughtful response and to the wider team for all the work that has gone into putting it together in such a short time span. The concentration on bikes and scooters is appropriate and expected, with the roads team also having been invited to contribute to the consultation there is no need for further information on cars specifically.

We are due to have our meeting within the OPCC regarding the consultation, the views of WMP, and our response this afternoon and will update you these outcomes in due course.

Thanks again.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19 June 2025 09:27

To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: Proposal to Crush Seized Vehicles in 48 Hours

Hi [REDACTED]

As the force ASB lead please take the below as our perspective from WMP re the proposal.

Whilst this relates mainly to off road bikes and e- bikes / scooters, the rationale for supporting the proposal is just as relevant to all vehicles used in an anti-social manner on our roads – however this is already well documented.

Please let me know if you require more information specifically to cars involved in ASB.

Off road Bikes / E bikes / scooters

Whilst we in the West Midlands have not had the level of incidents that some other forces have had relating to E-Bikes used in crime/ASB, it is clear that such behaviour is becoming more commonplace, and the use of E-bikes that resemble scrambler style motorbikes is becoming the more popular method of transport for criminals and those committing ASB across the county/nationally.

Intelligence suggests this is mainly due to the speed and agility of these vehicles, which have often been modified by the owners to exceed the limitations of the manufacturers factory specifications, meaning speeds of up to and beyond 70 mph are easily achievable, making them ideal getaway transport.

The majority of cases that have occurred in force have taken place across the Western side of the force but this is likely to spread to all areas moving forward as we continue with the warmer weather

and the 'culture' of such behaviour evolves and spreads, as well as the availability of the vehicles being strong.

Intelligence and evidence from such incidents suggests that none of the riders are wearing protective helmets and are mainly only wearing full face coverings, which not only adds a risk to themselves, but also hides their identity. They often travel in groups of up to 6 riders and when you add in the speeds involved, as well as the number of construction and use offences, including Insurance/MOT/registration/licence offences, not displaying VRM plates etc. it is clear that we need to address this behaviour moving forward – especially in regard to the PCC's ambition to improve road and travel safety.

From an ASB perspective specifically, the presence of such vehicles in our communities, with riders clearly intent on breaking the law by hiding their identity, riding in packs, riding off road, speeding, having no regard for public safety, and driving on pavements etc. will cause a very intimidating and frightening experience for all persons in the vicinity and impact significantly on public safety. The community will expect us to take positive and targeted activity to protect them and the proposal to crush such vehicles – as well as other vehicles used in such a way – in 48 hours is a welcome tactic.

From a tertiary prevention perspective it is vital that we seek to stop such vehicles being used by criminal networks - especially as they are currently often being further 'adapted' in terms of speed and noise before resale - at the earliest opportunity.

We face significant challenges once they are on the road due to the fact that currently no nationally approved intervention tactics in the pursuit management of such vehicles exist. There are potential methods of stopping these E bikes without using direct force, but they do come with a high risk of collateral damage and should only be used in extreme circumstances, but are not yet approved for deployment as a tactic. Therefore preventing those that are seized coming back onto the streets is a vital tactic that we should utilise on a national level to ensure the message is clear from policing that we will tackle this issue head on and take a robust approach to protecting our communities.

We also have to consider that existing legislation in the form of PSPO's / Community Protection Notices / Warning is of very limited use in this arena due to the transient nature of the offending, the lack of ability to identify the offenders or the vehicles involved and the lack of effective pursuit and control tactics available to us.

Therefore utilising the proposed approach will reduce the number of bikes on the road, send a clear message to those committing such ASB / Crime and also provide reassurance to our communities that we are taking positive targeted action to protect them from harm.

In terms of balance it is important that we consider the risk that such a change in approach may potentially reduce the opportunity for those who have held these bikes legitimately, had them stolen and then used criminally, from having their vehicles returned. This is based on the fact that to destroy

them in such a short space of time reduces significantly the chance to identify the owner and return the vehicle.

However it is important to also consider the fact that - whilst anecdotal – vehicles of this type being returned to owners rarely occurs anyway due to a number of identification reasons: the bikes usually have no VRM,(even though they should), owners very rarely know the serial number of the bike (just like the general public not knowing their chassis number) and due to the modifications that take place, it is very hard to be able to confirm the vehicle was the one that was stolen.

In summary, the current national level concerns that exists relating to criminal and anti-social use of vehicles is a significant challenge at present - especially so with e bikes / scooters, and it is vital that from a tertiary prevention perspective we take action now to protect our communities moving forward. Based on the information above, as the force ASB lead, the proposal is supported.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 18 June 2025 16:12

To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Govt consultation re proposed amendments to vehicle seizure & disposal legislation

Hi [REDACTED]

I am over at WV today and have discussed this with [REDACTED]

He has put together some info for me as the force ASB lead and I will provide a response back to [REDACTED] in my capacity as that portfolio holder.

[REDACTED]

Standby for a further email.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 18 June 2025 14:57

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Govt consultation re proposed amendments to vehicle seizure & disposal legislation

Hi [REDACTED]

Are you able to please have a look at the below from the OPCC's Team.

Is this something you can contribute towards through your wider work?

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 18 June 2025 11:10

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Govt consultation re proposed amendments to vehicle seizure & disposal legislation

Importance: High

Hi [REDACTED]

As per my email reply just now. Please see [REDACTED] email below sent to WMP ASB Leads for their feedback, including the link to proposed legislation amendments and consultation link.

We do need feedback asap if possible (we are meeting tomorrow afternoon to start collating feedback and drafting our proposed consultation response).

Thanks

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 June 2025 15:57
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject:

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Thank you in advance.

Best Wishes,

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M: [Redacted]



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From: [Redacted]

Sent: 12 June 2025 16:02

To: [Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]

Subject: RE:

[REDACTED]

Are you able to dial into the ASB/POP working group meeting tomorrow and brief this to the attendees – as there is an impact across all areas of the force and a collective response would create an informative and contextual response.



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From: [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 12 June 2025 11:22

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Home Office consultation - West Midlands Police

Hi [REDACTED]

Not sure you need this in any great detail but here are our thoughts from a vehicle recovery perspective

Q1a Strongly agree. Most of these aren't collected anyway so just end up clogging up the garages. Those that are collected are often back with us after being seized again week later

Q2a Strongly agree. As long as it's a consistent measurement – working days and days just caused confusion

Q3a we broadly agree – any sped up process would be beneficial overall as long as forces can be slick enough to get seizure notices / letters out in time

Q4a We should be increasing fees for garages with inflation

Q5a As above – strongly agree

Q5c Agree

Thanks



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Hi Everybody

As previously mentioned the Home Office consultation document is now live (see below in black text). Its closes on 8 July. I have been asked to provide x1 response from the NPCC (same as last time). Individual responses from Forces are NOT required. However, can you please send me any comments you wish to make BEFORE 1 July 25. These should be sent to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I am aware (and a heads up) that there are several statements within the document that don't really make any sense. You will pick these up from reading. I will of course highlight these to the Home Office.

Thx - [REDACTED]

The 2025 Vehicle Recovery Consultation is now live and can be found at [Amends to legislation on vehicle removal, storage and disposal - GOV.UK](#)

The consultation seeks views on proposed changes to the following regulations: -

- Reducing the timeframes which the police must wait before disposal for any vehicle seizures under s59 Police Reform Act 2002 (PRA) (anti-social behaviour) from 14 days to 48 hours.

- Reducing the timeframes for disposal of vehicle seizures under the Road Traffic Act 1988 (RTA) (uninsured and unlicensed vehicles) from 14 days to 7 days.
- Aligning disposal timeframes for vehicle seizures under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (CJPOA) (unlawful trespass)
- New levels of statutory charges applied to the removal, storage and disposal of vehicles in England and Wales and in, the case of the Road Traffic Act 1998, for Scotland.

These charges will apply where the police have cause to remove or recover a vehicle in a particular set of circumstances.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19 June 2024 09:56

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: [External]: Fw: Charges for vehicle recovery - Circular 003/2023

Morning [REDACTED],

I'd agree with the below.

We have the below expenditure costs:

- PACE Recovery charges (£80 per vehicle) **Plus agreed mileage for certain recovery companies
- Storage fees to the recovery company (any PACE vehicle held for over 56 days is £3 per day up to a maximum of £300)
- Auction fees (If car is worth less than £750, it is not sold, if it is then the charge to WMP is £192)
- Locksmith fees for entry of vehicles

The income is split then between:

- Management fees from the recovery company (£45 per vehicle) (Non PACE only)
- Disposal fees (£15 per vehicle)
- Auction income (selling price less £192 fee)

For FY 23/34 the income/expenditure was as follows:

- Auction income: -£659,409

- Management/disposal: -£982,363
- Auction costs: £44,530
- PACE/Storage costs: £298,785

Any time a vehicle is recovered outside of PACE, such as for no tax/insurance where the member of the public pays the fees to the garage, we get £45 Management of this so in this instant we are just getting the income as opposed to the expenditure hence why the PACE/Storage costs are a lot lower than the income. There are also cases where auction income can be ~£20k on one car alone hence the further surplus.

This income is not ringfenced and goes back into WMP.

Hope this makes sense but if you have some time happy to jump on a call to walk you through it. I have also attached the Vehicle Recovery codes of practice for any further information.

Thanks,



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