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Dear Steve

Thank you for your letter dated 20 Nov 2018 regarding the proposed public space protection order for Bradford District.

As you are aware Road safety is clearly a significant issue for people and is frequently raised as a concern by members of the public across West Yorkshire, with approximately 40% of respondents naming it as a key priority in the Police and Crime Plan consultation. Concerns expressed to me cover a wide range of issues and include the anti-social use of vehicles which can have a major impact on people's lives. General road safety concerns remain one of the top reasons that members of the public contact the office. Over the last 12 months, around 16% of casework queries are as a result of road safety concerns; speeding and inconsiderate parking being the 2 main issues, closely followed by dangerous roads (including drivers not obeying traffic signals, racing, driving standards in general) and bikes being ridden in an anti-social manner.

You will also be aware of the significant work undertaken by West Yorkshire Police as a result of operations such as Steerside and Tutelage, I also continue to support and invest in ANPR, Biometrics and Body Warn Video all of which supports this area of work.

However, this is another area that requires more than just the police, and I have committed to continue to work with all partners including councils, Highways England, and charities to improve safety on our roads.

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With this in mind I would wholeheartedly give my support to the PSPO but with the caveat being that enforcement cannot and must not fall to the police alone as whilst they have the ability to stop the moving vehicle much of the remainder of the work can be enforced by Bradford Council as the local highways authority and I welcome further discussion between the Council and West Yorkshire Police about this.

Yours sincerely

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