

Letter to Mr Michael Sunter
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Motorcycle Action Group – Camp site – Stanton by Bridge – 22nd to 24th June 2007

Dear Sir,

I have been asked to write to you by Mr Peter Walker who is hoping to organise a secure and well managed camp site on the occasion of the British round of the Moto GP world motorcycle championship over the week of 22nd to 24th June 2007.

I have a long association with the Motorcycle Action Group and their management of events and camp sites. This has been gained over a number of years when I was a serving police officer and the Chief Superintendent in charge of the Eastern Area of North Yorkshire in whose area MAG held a number of rallies, camp sites and ride outs.

I retired from the police service in 2006 having served over 30 years. For over 10 years I was directly engaged in liaising with Mr Peter Walker in the organisation of events similar to that proposed over the Moto GP weekend. I am also a member of the Institute of Risk Management, awarded to me by the Institute, in recognition of my years of managing risk at the strategic level.

One event in particular, the 'Farmyard' rally attracts up to 10,000 motorcyclists and is claimed to be the largest motorcycle only rally in Europe. During all the years of the event I can say that there were no incidents of public order, crime or other anti social incidents attributable to the rally. In fact, quite the contrary. The local communities now regard the rally as a family event where people come from miles around to enjoy the spectacle of customised motorcycles in a friendly good humoured environment. The local economy receives a significant boost from the influx of visitors.

Since retiring from the police service I have taken on the role of Campaigns Manager for the Motorcycle action Group. I would not have aligned myself to an organisation which would compromise my good reputation which has been hard fought for over during a long career in the police service.

As the campaigns manager I am assured that events run by Mr Walker are properly risk assessed, they are managed in a controlled environment supported by adequate marshalling and operating in full partnership with the local police.

I hope that you can view the application favourably. Should you wish to speak to me informally then please do not hesitate to contact me on the numbers at the foot of this letter. I would be more than happy to attend any planning meeting with you of community leaders in order to ameliorate and concerns which adjacent communities to the proposed camp site may have.

Yours faithfully

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