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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016510/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Could you please provide a copy of the sections 34-35 dispersal orders made under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, and any rationale documents determining that such an order be made for the following dates:

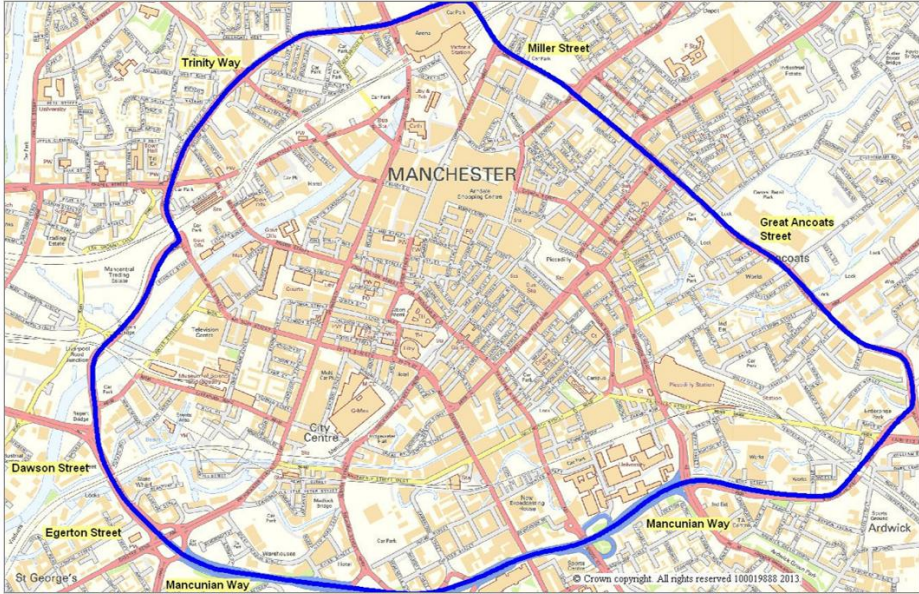
- *In relation to the March for Remigration again organised by Britain First on 21 February 2026;*
- *In relation to the March/Marches organised by Britain First on 02 August 2025.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP. Please see the attached documents.

S.34 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 – Authorisation to use dispersal powers under Section 35

I [REDACTED], a Chief Superintendent of Police in GREATER MANCHESTER and Silver Commander for Operation Glasson. I authorise, in the following locality, namely, Manchester City Centre, a constable in uniform to direct any person who is in a public place in that locality.

	City Centre Exclusion Area Bordered by: • From the Junction of Chester Road and the Mancunian way • East on Mancunian Way • Fairfield Street • Pin Mill Brow • Great Ancoats Street • Swan Street • Miller Street • Cheetham Hill Road • Trinity Way(A6042) • 'South' along River Irwell • Regent Road • Dawson Street • Egerton Street • To Chester Road	
Most appropriate and direct route to Be taken to leave the locality: 	Most appropriate and direct route to be taken to leave the locality: 	Direction to Leave Section 35 Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 

- (a) to leave the locality (or part of the locality), and,
(b) not to return to the locality (or part of the locality) for the period specified.

The period specified in (b) above is from 1000 hours on Saturday 21st February 2026 to 2000 hours on the same date. The specified period does not exceed 48 hours.

I am giving this authorisation because I am satisfied on reasonable grounds that the use of this power in that locality for the specified period may be necessary for the purpose of removing or reducing the likelihood of -

- (a) members of the public in the locality being harassed, alarmed or distressed, AND
(b) the occurrence in the locality of crime or disorder,

and more particularly:

- Intelligence obtained in relation to attendees of events within Manchester City Centre on the above to commit crime that may lead to disorder

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- I have given consideration to the current community tensions in light of recent events within Greater Manchester and it reasonable to foresee there will be further incidents of ASB if this authorisation is not in place.
- In deciding whether to give this authorisation I have given particular regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in Articles 10 and 11 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights which are incorporated into of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Signed: [REDACTED] Rank: Chief Superintendent

Time: 07.15 hours Date: 18/2/26

GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

Guidance Notes

The authority must be given by an Inspector or above. The dispersal power can only be used where an officer of at least the rank of inspector has authorised its use in a specified locality (section 34(1)). The authorisation can last a maximum of 48 hours. That authorisation can only be given where the police officer of or above the rank of inspector reasonably believes that, in respect of any locality within his police area, the exercise by a designated officer in uniform of the dispersal powers in Part 3 of the Act may be required in order to remove or reduce the likelihood of the events mentioned in subsection (3)(a) or (b) of section 34 occurring.

To place that into operational context, the following scenarios may be helpful:

- The inspector may have intelligence to indicate that there is likely to be anti-social behaviour on a particular housing estate during the weekend and authorise the use of the dispersal for 48 hours.
- In a situation where an officer needs to use the dispersal power in an area that has not been authorised, the officer can contact an inspector for an authorisation and describe the circumstances to him or her.

Dispersal orders should only be used when necessary and proportionate. The power should not be used lightly, and inspectors should carefully consider the following factors before issuing an order:

- Is there a reasonable belief that anti-social behaviour is likely to occur in the specified area?
- Is the order necessary to remove or reduce the likelihood of anti-social behaviour?
- Is the order proportionate to the level of anti-social behaviour?

Authorising Officers must have regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly and association. These rights are enshrined in Articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights, and they should only issue dispersal orders where the need to protect public safety outweighs these rights.

Dispersal orders should be specific and clear:

- Specify the area to which it applies.
- Specify the duration for which it is in effect.
- Specify the permitted routes that people can use to leave the area.

Authorising Officers should communicate the dispersal order to the public in a timely and effective way. This may involve using social media, issuing press releases, or using local media outlets. This may require them to proactively undertake community engagement, press work and/or contact with particular stakeholders.

The effectiveness of the dispersal order should be monitored and reviewed, as necessary. If the order is no longer necessary, it should be revoked as soon as possible.

If an authority is given, an incident log must be created on ControlWorks and remain open for the duration of the extension, so that a copy of the authorisation notice and to log brief details of individual dispersal notices can be logged against it (name, age and ethnicity).

Authorising officers should ensure that staff are appropriately briefed on the Dispersal Order, especially the intelligence which sits behind it, and the Anti-Social Behaviour activity that should be focussed on, which helps avoid inappropriate 'blanket use'.

If an authorisation is given, the completed form should immediately be sent to the following:

District Prevention Hubs, District Intel Unit, District SLT, Duty Comms Operator

Initial Authorisation for S34 Dispersal

The authority must be given by an Inspector or above - see Guidance Notes.

I (rank/PIN/name)	[REDACTED]	
of	the Specialist Operations	Branch
am satisfied on reasonable grounds that the use of these powers may be necessary for the purpose of removing or reducing the likelihood of— (a) members of the public in the locality being harassed, alarmed or distressed, or (b) the occurrence in the locality of crime or disorder.		
In (locality – clear boundaries with named streets and highlighted map)	 Shaded area bounded by: Trinity Way (A6042), Miller Street (A665), Mancunian Way (A57M), Dawson Street (A57), Irwell Street (A34), New Bridge Street (A6042) and Cheetham Hill Road (A6042)	
Due to (summary of objective, incident references and intelligence-based grounds for belief)	Rationale for Authorisation On Saturday 2nd August 2025, there are several protests and demonstrations due to take place within Manchester City Centre. Intelligence suggests that there are large numbers of opposing groups attending to engage in protest related activity, including Britain First and White Vanguard with planned counter-protests from Stand Up to Racism, Mcr Resists, Communist Party of Britain and Youth Communist League. This authorisation is based on current information / intelligence and operational assessments of foreseeable threat and risk which indicate a likelihood of anti-social behaviour, crime, and disorder in Manchester City Centre. The following factors support this decision: 1. Large-Scale Protest: Manchester City Centre is due to see a high-attendance events, drawing potentially thousands of attendees with opposing political views. These events significantly increase the risk of disorder and anti-social behaviour.	

		2. Police Intelligence: Intelligence reports and previous event feedback indicate a pattern of anti-social behaviour and disorder where opposing groups come together. 3. Public Safety and Reassurance: The dispersal power is necessary to prevent escalation of disorder, reduce the risk of harm to the public, and provide reassurance to residents, businesses and City Centre visitors. To ensure that this authorisation will be used proportionately a structured approach has been documented along with the briefing of staff. In deciding whether to give this authorisation I have given regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in Articles 10 and 11 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights which are incorporated into of the Human Rights Act 1998.			
		and I authorise any Constable in uniform within that locality to exercise powers under section 35 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014			
		From (time)	07:15 – 21:15hrs	On (date)	02/08/2025
		For a period of	14 hours	hours (not exceeding 48 hours)	
Signed		[REDACTED]			
Date		02/08/2025	Time 07:15hrs		
Control Works Incident Number for Dispersal Order					

To add a map with highlighted boundaries, use the following process:

- Click on iOPS Dashboard
- Select iOPS Mapping
- Open 'Layers' tab in the bottom right of the screen
- Select 'Map Type'
- Select 'Road'
- Close 'Layers' tab
- Use mouse wheel to zoom in on required area covered by Dispersal Notice
- Click on black pentagon symbol in top right of map
- Use multiple points to highlight the defined area, ensuring you return to the first point
- Right click on the mouse
- Select Web Capture
- Open your Dispersal Notice and right click in the 'In (Localities)' box and paste the image.