

# **NOTICE OF LAWFUL RESEARCH & CIVIC OBSERVATION**

## **To the Investigating Officer:**

I am aware of your interest in my presence in this public space. Please be advised of the following regarding my activities:

**1. Nature of Activity** I am an independent researcher conducting academic and sociological documentation in public spaces. This activity is a lawful exercise of my rights and is protected as an artistic and academic endeavor under the Data Protection Act 2018 (Schedule 2, Part 5).

**2. Legal Standing of Filming in Public** In England and Wales, there is no law prohibiting filming or photography in a public space. ASB legislation is designed to address behaviors that cause "alarm, harassment, or distress" to others. My activity—which involves the passive observation and documentation of public events—does not meet the legal threshold for ASB. It is not an offence to film public officials, community members, or public events.

**3. Communication Protocol** To ensure my research is not impeded, I prefer to keep my interaction with officials focused and concise. I am happy to provide the following clarification:

- **Purpose:** Independent critical sociology research and documentary film production.
- **Status:** This is not a commercial or voyeuristic endeavor; it is an exercise in public-interest documentation.

**4. Requests for Information** If you have concerns regarding my presence, please provide them in writing to the contact address below. Please note that I am under no legal obligation to cease my lawful, non-obstructive activities at the request of council staff, nor am I required to provide personal identification or surrender any equipment without a lawful court order.

**Researcher Contact:**