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Call to clear homeless for royal wedding

Council leader demands police use law to rid Windsor of rough sleepers

Harriet Sherwood

The leader of the borough that is home to Windsor Castle, Eton College and Ascot racecourse has demanded police use legal powers to clear the area of homeless people before the royal wedding in May.

Simon Dudley, the Conservative leader of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, wrote to Thames Valley police this week asking action against "aggressive begging and intimidation" and "begs and detritus" accumulating on the streets.

The letter, seen by the Guardian, follows a series of tweets sent by Dudley while on a skiing holiday in Wyoming over Christmas, in which he referred to "an epidemic of rough sleeping and vagrancy in Windsor" and said "vagrants have had enough of this exploitation of residents and 6 million tourists".

He tweeted that he would write to Thames Valley asking "taking the focus on doing with this before the May wedding".

Tens of thousands of spectators and tourists are expected to descend on the picturesque town on the banks of the Thames for the wedding on 19 May at Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on St George's chapel at Windsor Castle.

The castle, founded in the 11th century, is one of the royal family's main residences and is where the Queen spends most weekends. It is open to the public, attracting 1.56 million visitors each year, with a family fee of £16.50.

Dudley's letter, dated 2 January and addressed to Anthony Stanfield, the police and crime commissioner for Thames Valley, thanks police for protecting the community and for the council's support for various initiatives, including an emergency night shelter, a drug and alcohol support service, and a severe-weather emergency protocol.

"Homelessness is completely unacceptable in a caring, compassionate community such as ours," he says.

However, he goes on to say that the council has evidence that "a large number of adults that are begging in Windsor

are not in fact homeless, and if they are homeless they are choosing to reject all support services... In the case of homeless beggars among this group, it is therefore a voluntary choice."

Dudley also raised concerns about "the quantities of bags and detritus that these beggars are accumulating and leaving on our pavements, at times unsanitary... this is a significant security concern, especially given the national importance of Windsor."

"Obviously, the level of tourist interest is set to multiply with the Royal Wedding in May next, and there are increased concerns from our residents about their safety. The situation also presents a beautiful scene in a sunny and attractive light."

He suggests that Thames Valley police use their powers under existing laws - citing the Vagrancy Act and the 2011 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act - "for finding implementing criminal behaviour orders for the most serious offenders". The Vagrancy Act criminalises rough sleeping and begging.

The letter is copied to Theresa May, who is MP for Maidenhead, and the home secretary, Amber Rudd.

Stanfield said he was surprised that Dudley's letter had been "released publicly but not yet been sent directly to me".

Mayor James of the Windsor Homeless Project, which has been operating since 2003, said there had been an increase in both visible and hidden homelessness in the town over the past year. He said the Vagrancy Act was "the most inappropriate way of dealing with the problem. It means treating people like they're committing a crime, whereas there is nothing villainous in what they are doing."

The project had 50-60 people on its books and on a typical day helped 20-25 people, according to James, who rejected Dudley's suggestion that people were homeless as begging from choice.

"For someone to ask for some change, your self-esteem is at its lowest. We shouldn't be doing this from choice. We shouldn't be

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Bannon accuses Trump's son of treason



Steve Bannon, the US president's former chief strategist, leaving Trump Tower in New York. Drew Angerer/Getty Images

David Smith Washington

Donald Trump's former chief strategist Steve Bannon has described a Trump Tower meeting between the president's eldest son and a group of Russians during the 2016 election campaign as "treasonous" and "unpatriotic", according to an explosive new book seen by the Guardian.

Bannon, speaking to the author Michael Wolff, warned that the investigation into alleged collusion with the Russians could become a money laundering and predicted: "They're going to crack him like an egg on national TV."

Trump responded last night saying Bannon had "lost his mind", in a White House statement, the US president said. "Steve Bannon has nothing to do with me or my presidency. When he was fired, he mutually lost his job, he lost his mind."

He added: "Steve was really in a room one meeting with me and only people with no access and no clue, whom he helped to hire, ghost wrote."

Wolff, reportedly based on more than two interviews with the president, his inner circle and players in and around the administration, is one of the most highly awarded critics of books of the year. In it, Wolff lifts the lid on a White House turf war from crisis to crisis, with even some of Trump's closest allies expressing contempt for him.

Bannon, who was chief executive of the Trump campaign in its final three months, then became White House chief strategist for seven months before returning to the rightwing Breitbart News, in a central figure in the Clinton dossier and quizzed extensively.

He is particularly scathing about a meeting in June 2016 involving Trump's son, Donald Jr, son-in-law Jared Kushner,

campaign manager Paul Manafort, the Russian lawyer Natalia Strelakova and other Russians at Trump Tower in New York. A trusted intermediary had promised documents that would "win" Trump's electoral vote, Hillary Clinton, but instead of steering the FBI to a potential assault on American democracy by a foreign power, Trump, he replied to email: "I love it."

The meeting was revealed by the New York Times in July last year, prompting Trump to issue a consequential email was produced. Soon after, Wolff writes, Bannon remained smugly: "The three senior guys in the campaign thought it was a good idea to meet with a foreign government inside Trump Tower in the conference room on the 25th floor - with no lawyers. They didn't have any lawyers. "Even if you thought that this was not treasonous, or unpatriotic, or bad shit, and I happen to think it's all of that, you should have called the FBI immediately. "Even if you didn't think to do that, and

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Donald Trump Jr, left, was accused of being 'unpatriotic' by Steve Bannon, who added: 'They're going to crack him like an egg on national TV'



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