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AGAINST

CENSORSHIP

(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

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DVLA

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Correspondence Team.

Dear Sirs,

CENSORSHIP OF NUMBER PLATES

Enclosed is a Press Report about this. Why does it happen? Who is trying to protect whom from what and why? Nannyism has no place in free society.

Yours for freedom of expression,

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CELEBS scoop up many of the top personalised plates.

Footie hero David Beckham boasted DB7 on his Aston Martin — his initials and Manchester United shirt number.

Boxer Amir Khan has BOX111G, psychic Derek Acorah has GH07TLY, singer Russell Watson has T3NOR and snooker star Ronnie O'Sullivan has CUE 80Y.

Chelsea boss Roman Abramovich paid £285,000 for V1P 1.

DB7... for Becks



MUCKY NUMBER

DVLA ban rude reg plates like BU62 GER BO11 CKS

By **CHERRY WILSON**

A NEW batch of vehicle number plates which spell out rude words have been banned by motoring chiefs.

The "potentially offensive" numbers and letters include BO11 CKS and BU62 GER.

Censors at the Driving and Vehicle Licensing Agency meet twice a year to decide which plate combinations to block. Letters

that can somehow spell out "bum", "bonk" or "a****" are on the naughty list, as well as provocative words such as "drugs" and "slags".

Other sequences that appear to spell rude words when read together were also banned. They included: SH12 EDD, S** HAG, BB11 TCH, K11 LLA and UP** YOU.

Anything ending in KOK is also too offensive, plus combinations with

sexual content such as **51 LUT. As well as racy words, any plates with racist or terrorist overtones such as H057AGE, and MU11 AHS are also kept off the road.

The list of banned plates, released following a Freedom of Information request, shows that slang insults have also been given the chop. But popular text shorthand such as WTF and LMFAO has been spared.

The DVLA has given the green light to many personalised number plates which pass the decency test —

and make the authority millions of pounds. In March 2009, the plate 1D sold for a whopping £352,000 and the letters 6B made £130,000 six months earlier.

Other expensive registrations include 51 NGH which sold for £254,000 and K1 NGS which was snapped up for £254,000.

A spokesman for the DVLA said: "We have a responsibility to ensure that the combinations used do not cause offence."

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