





Friday 30th January 2026

Daily Operational Sit Rep

8:30am morning update:

1. Morning deployment from depots:

Atlas and supporting depots: 0 BCC vehicle have been deployed; 0 Coventry crews deployed. There are more than 6 pickets at the depot and a group of approx. 150 protesters on Redfern Road.

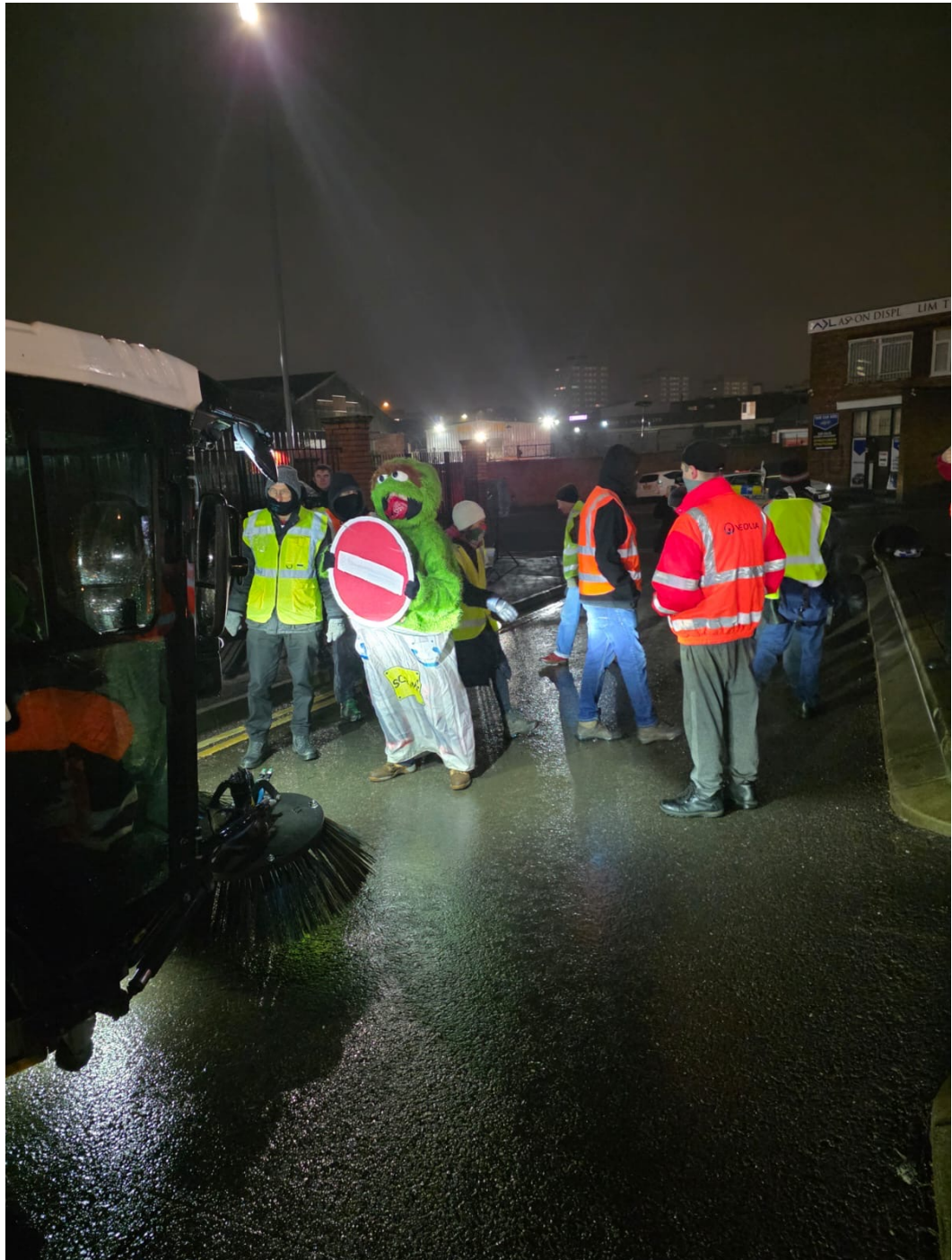
Smithfield: 0 BCC vehicle has been deployed. There are approx. 20/30 pickets outside the depot and approx. 100 protesters. There is no picket at Lifford depot, however there is one protester.



Perry Barr: 0 BCC vehicles have been deployed from the depot: 0 Coventry crews deployed. There is approx. 20 pickets at the depot and approx. 40 protesters.



Brewery Street-Street Cleansing depot: Protesters, Unite Nationals attended the depot at 04:30am blockading vehicles by pigeon walking in front of the gates, and letting off flares. Police were in attendance. Vehicles were deployed at 8:00am.



Total number of waste collection vehicles deployed today: 0.

Coventry crews are intending to be deployed at 10:00am.

As of 10:00am, pickets and protesters have now dispersed from all depots. Intel from West Midlands Police was clear that whilst the protestors have dispersed, they have dispersed because they have realised that vehicles are not moving. WMP are of a view that if vehicles had been deployed, the protest would have been more aggressive and continued longer into the day.

- 1 x MHRC running seven days a week.
2. Opening hours of the Household Waste & Recycling Centres: continued extended opening hours in operation: Kings Norton 07.00 - 21:00, weekends 08:00-18:00 and other centres 08.00 until 18:00 weekdays and 08:00-16:30 weekends. Between 21.12.2025 and 31.01.2026 all Household Waste and Recycling centres have extended opening hours from 07:00am until 21:00pm Monday to Friday and 08:00am until 18:00pm Saturday and Sunday. Booked slots are currently showing; 48% for Friday 30th January, 28% for Saturday 31st January and 21% for Sunday 1st February.

Please see below table showing HWRC slots booked for Thursday 29th January.

Thursday 29/01/2026 (Cars)				
LOCATION	AVAILABLE SLOTS	BOOKED SLOTS	REMAINING SLOTS	PERCENTAGE BOOKED
Sutton Coldfield	1696	683	1013	40.3%
Kings Norton	912	884	28	96.9%
Perry Barr	1176	428	748	36.4%
Castle Bromwich	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Tyseley	1420	666	754	46.9%

Thursday 29/01/2026 (Vans)				
LOCATION	AVAILABLE SLOTS	BOOKED SLOTS	REMAINING SLOTS	PERCENTAGE BOOKED
Sutton Coldfield	24	23	1	95.8%
Kings Norton	0	0	0	
Perry Barr	24	22	2	91.7%
Castle Bromwich	24	18	6	75.0%
Tyseley	48	43	5	89.6%

Data report for Thursday 29th January

How much waste has been collected by weight?

977 tonnes collected at kerbside; 219 tonnes collected at the HWRC

Did we deliver the planned activity in the day?

No, due to activists blockading Perry Barr, Smithfield and Atlas Depots.

What is the overall level of residual waste?

53% of scheduled collections were made.

Agency planned deployment.**Drivers:**

	Legally Permissible	Actual	Variance
Atlas	32	0	0
Perry Barr	22	0	0
Smithfield	27	0	0

The variance at Atlas is due to sickness and is covered by Birmingham City Council full time drivers.

Loaders:

	Legally Permissible	Actual	Variance
Atlas	105	0	0
Perry Barr	82	0	0
Smithfield	82	0	0

Variance in loaders is in line with operational expectations.

What are our deployment plans for tomorrow? **As follows –**

- **Atlas 34 vehicles**
- **26 contractor crews – Coventry**
- **Smithfield: 30 vehicles**
- **Perry Barr: 22 vehicles**



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24th July 2025

Dear DLA

Birmingham City Council (BCC) v Unite the Union (Unite) High Court Claim No: KB- 2025 - 001839

We refer to your letter dated 23 July 2025.

We note you have failed to engage at all with the issues we raised in our correspondence. Does your client (a Labour led council) suggest that the order requires Unite to take all reasonable steps to ensure its members and officials refrain from protest any where at all about this dispute except in the Assembly Areas? Does your client intend to bring contempt proceedings if such activity were to take place. Please confirm by return if this is the case or not.

We sent you an example of guidance Unite has issued about the need to adhere to the terms of the order. We made clear this was an example so that you could see that Unite had behaved responsibly. It was communicated to all Unite members currently on strike. Your request to be provided each and every such communication, whether made in writing or orally, is oppressive and completely impractical.

We note your reference to the “Megapicket 2” event which we understand is planned for tomorrow (Friday 25 July). This is an event organised by a third party called Strike Map. The event is not endorsed by Unite.

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