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Subject: RE: Sit Rep - 21.01.2026

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Good Morning All,

All vehicles at Perry Barr and Atlas deployed by 09:40am.

Kind Regards,

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Good Morning All,

Please find attached this mornings' update providing an overview of what has been deployed today.

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Thursday 22nd January 2026

Daily Operational Sit Rep

8:30am morning update:

1. Morning deployment from depots:

Atlas and supporting depots: 36 BCC vehicle have been deployed from Atlas and alternative depots; 14 Coventry crews deployed. There is a picket at the depot this morning on Redfern Road with approx. 20/30 protesters. All vehicles deployed safely by 06:50am.

Smithfield: 31 BCC vehicle have been deployed. There is a picket outside the depot with approx. 20/30 protesters. There is no picket or protesters outside Lifford depot. All vehicles deployed safely by 06:40am.

Perry Barr: 22 BCC vehicles have been deployed from the depot: 6 Coventry crews deployed. There is no picket at the depot this morning however there are approx. 30/40 protesters. All vehicles deployed safely by 06:40am.

Total number of waste collection vehicles deployed today: 109, including 89 BCC vehicles and 20 for Coventry.

Wednesday 21st January- Missed collections from Perry Barr and Atlas depot aim to be collected today, 22.01.2026.

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 34% for Thursday 22nd January and 25% Friday 23rd January.

Please see below table showing HWRC slots booked for Wednesday 21st January.

Wednesday 21/01/2026 (Cars)

LOCATION	AVAILABLE SLOTS	BOOKED SLOTS	REMAINING SLOTS	PERCENTAGE BOOKED
Sutton Coldfield	1696	606	1090	35.7%
Kings Norton	912	897	15	98.4%
Perry Barr	1176	372	804	31.6%
Castle Bromwich	0	0	0	
Tyseley	1420	645	775	45.4%

Wednesday 21/01/2026 (Vans)

LOCATION	AVAILABLE SLOTS	BOOKED SLOTS	REMAINING SLOTS	PERCENTAGE BOOKED
Sutton Coldfield	24	21	3	87.5%
Kings Norton	0	0	0	
Perry Barr	24	23	1	95.8%
Castle Bromwich	24	17	7	70.8%
Tyseley	48	46	2	95.8%

Data report for Wednesday 21st January

How much waste has been collected by weight?

1166 tonnes collected at kerbside; 188 tonnes collected at the HWRC

Did we deliver the planned activity in the day?

No.

What is the overall level of residual waste?

52 % of scheduled collections (Wednesday 22nd January) were made, this was due to activists stopping vehicles from deploying at Atlas and Perry Barr depot.

Agency planned deployment.

Drivers:

	Legally Permissible	Actual	Variance
Atlas	32	32	0
Perry Barr	22	22	0
Smithfield	27	25	2

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	69	36
Perry Barr	82	43	39
Smithfield	82	62	20

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**

Tuesday 27th January 2026

Daily Operational Sit Rep

8:30am morning update:

1. Morning deployment from depots:

Atlas and supporting depots: As of 08:30am, 14 BCC vehicle have been deployed from Atlas and alternative depots at 04:30am; 18 Coventry crews deployed. There are currently activists' pigeon walking in front of the deployment gates stopping vehicles from deploying. There is a picket at the depot this morning on Redfern Road with approx. 30/40 protesters. 18 vehicles still to be deployed.

Smithfield: 30 BCC vehicle have been deployed. There is no picket or protesters outside the depot. There is no picket or protesters outside Lifford depot. All vehicles deployed safely by 06:30am.

Perry Barr: As of 08:30am, 0 BCC vehicles have been deployed from the depot: 8 Coventry crews deployed. There are currently activists' pigeon walking in front of the deployment gates stopping vehicles from deploying. There is no picket at the depot this morning however there are approx. 20/30 protesters who left at around 08:15am. 22 vehicles still to be deployed.

Total number of waste collection vehicles deployed today: 70, including 44 BCC vehicles and 26 for Coventry. 40 vehicles still to be deployed.

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: 39% for Tuesday 27th January and 28% for Wednesday 28th January.

Please see below table showing HWRC slots booked for Monday 26th January.

Monday 26/01/2026 (Cars)				
LOCATION	AVAILABLE SLOTS	BOOKED SLOTS	REMAINING SLOTS	PERCENTAGE BOOKED
Sutton Coldfield	1696	913	783	53.8%
Kings Norton	912	890	22	97.6%
Perry Barr	1176	541	635	46.0%
Castle Bromwich	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Tyseley	1420	948	472	66.8%

Monday 26/01/2026 (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	23	3	95.8%
Castle Bromwich	24	17	7	70.8%
Tyseley	48	48	0	100.0%

Data report for Monday 26th January

How much waste has been collected by weight?

1265 tonnes collected at kerbside; 210 tonnes collected at the HWRC

Did we deliver the planned activity in the day?

Yes

What is the overall level of residual waste?

98% of scheduled collections were made.

Agency planned deployment.

Drivers:

	Legally Permissible	Actual	Variance
Atlas	32	29	3
Perry Barr	22	22	0
Smithfield	27	25	2

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	63	42
Perry Barr	82	46	36
Smithfield	82	60	22

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**

Daily Operational Sit Rep – Activist and Protestors

Depot ATLAS

Date 27-01-2026

1. Immediate Mobilisation

Time activists attend depot 0545

Time of 101 report to police 0600 - REF 523

Time of Silver police correspondence POLICE ON SITE FROM 0530

2. Interaction with Activists

Did you speak to the activists YES

Time 0545

Who did you speak to (including description) No NAME Given, White Male With Beard

Overview of conversation

HE AGREED TO LET VEHICLES OUT FROM 7AM WITH POLICE
EVERY 15 mins, POLICE ASKED FOR 5 mins, HE SAWED 10 mins, AT 0830
POLICE SPOKE AGAIN AND HE AGREED EVERY 5 minutes, THEN THEY JUST
LEFT AT 9AM - AND THEN I DEPLOYED.

3. Interaction with Police

Did you speak to the police YES

Time Various Times, 0545, 0730, 0830

Who was spoken to MYSELF DAVID MILLER

Did the police refuse to move the activists on? No, Just Agreed times for Vehicle Release

Can the police identify the activists? No

Will they confirm their names and which organisation they belong to? No Organisation, No
Names Given

Refer to DM/69 in the OneDrive Folder



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From: Natalie Smyth <Natalie.Smyth@birmingham.gov.uk>
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Subject: RE: Sit Rep - 27.01.2026
Attachments: Daily Operational Sit Rep 27.01.26.docx

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Good Morning All,

Please see attached updated.

All vehicles now deployed.

Atlas @ 09:00am and Perry Barr @ 09:30am.

Kind Regards,

Natalie Smyth (BA Hons)

Business Support Manager for Street Scene

Business Improvement and Support, City Operations

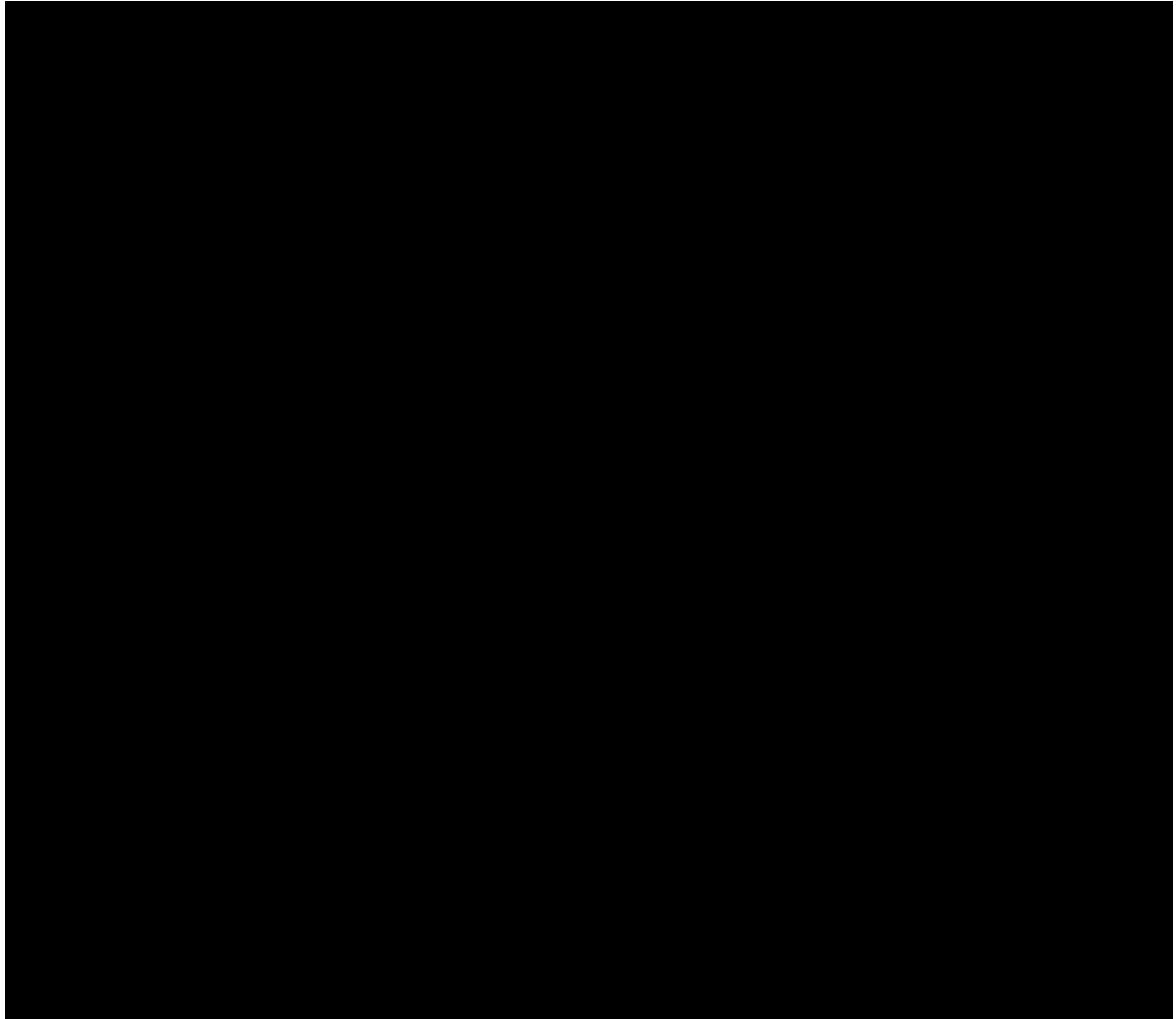
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Wednesday 28th January 2026

Daily Operational Sit Rep

8:30am morning update:

1. Morning deployment from depots:

Atlas and supporting depots: 14 BCC vehicle have been deployed from Atlas and alternative depots at 04:30am; 14 Coventry crews deployed. As of 08:30am 10 BCC vehicles have been deployed. There are currently activists' pigeon walking in front of the deployment gates stopping vehicles from deploying. There is a picket at the depot this morning on Redfern Road with approx. 50/60 protesters. 8 vehicles still to be deployed.

Smithfield: 30 BCC vehicle have been deployed. There is no picket or protesters outside the depot. There is no picket or protesters outside Lifford depot. All vehicles deployed safely by 06:30am.

Perry Barr: As of 08:30am, 10 BCC vehicles have been deployed from the depot: 11 Coventry crews deployed. There are currently activists' pigeon walking in front of the deployment gates stopping vehicles from deploying, they are also deploying flares. There is no picket at the depot this morning however there are approx. 30/40 protesters. 12 vehicles still to be deployed.



Total number of waste collection vehicles deployed today: 89, including 64 BCC vehicles and 25 for Coventry. 20 vehicles still to be deployed.

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; 39% for Wednesday 28th January and 26% for Thursday 29th January.

Please see below table showing HWRC slots booked for Tuesday 27th January.

Tuesday 27/01/2026 (Cars)				
LOCATION	AVAILABLE SLOTS	BOOKED SLOTS	REMAINING SLOTS	PERCENTAGE BOOKED
Sutton Coldfield	1696	581	1115	34.3%
Kings Norton	912	884	28	96.9%
Perry Barr	1176	333	843	28.3%
Castle Bromwich	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Tyseley	1420	600	820	42.3%

Tuesday 27/01/2026 (Vans)				
LOCATION	AVAILABLE SLOTS	BOOKED SLOTS	REMAINING SLOTS	PERCENTAGE BOOKED
Sutton Coldfield	24	21	3	87.5%
Kings Norton	0	0	0	
Perry Barr	24	22	2	91.7%
Castle Bromwich	24	18	6	75.0%
Tyseley	48	45	3	93.8%

Data report for Tuesday 27th January

How much waste has been collected by weight?

1314 tonnes collected at kerbside; 153 tonnes collected at the HWRC

Did we deliver the planned activity in the day?

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

What is the overall level of residual waste?

93% of scheduled collections were made.

Agency planned deployment.

Drivers:

	Legally Permissible	Actual	Variance
Atlas	32	27	5
Perry Barr	22	22	0
Smithfield	27	26	1

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	60	45
Perry Barr	82	46	36
Smithfield	82	59	23

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**
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