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**Subject:** RE: Sit Rep - 28.01.2026

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Good Morning All,

All vehicles now deployed;

Atlas 10:00am

Perry Barr 10:45am.

*Kind Regards,*

**Natalie Smyth (BA Hons)**

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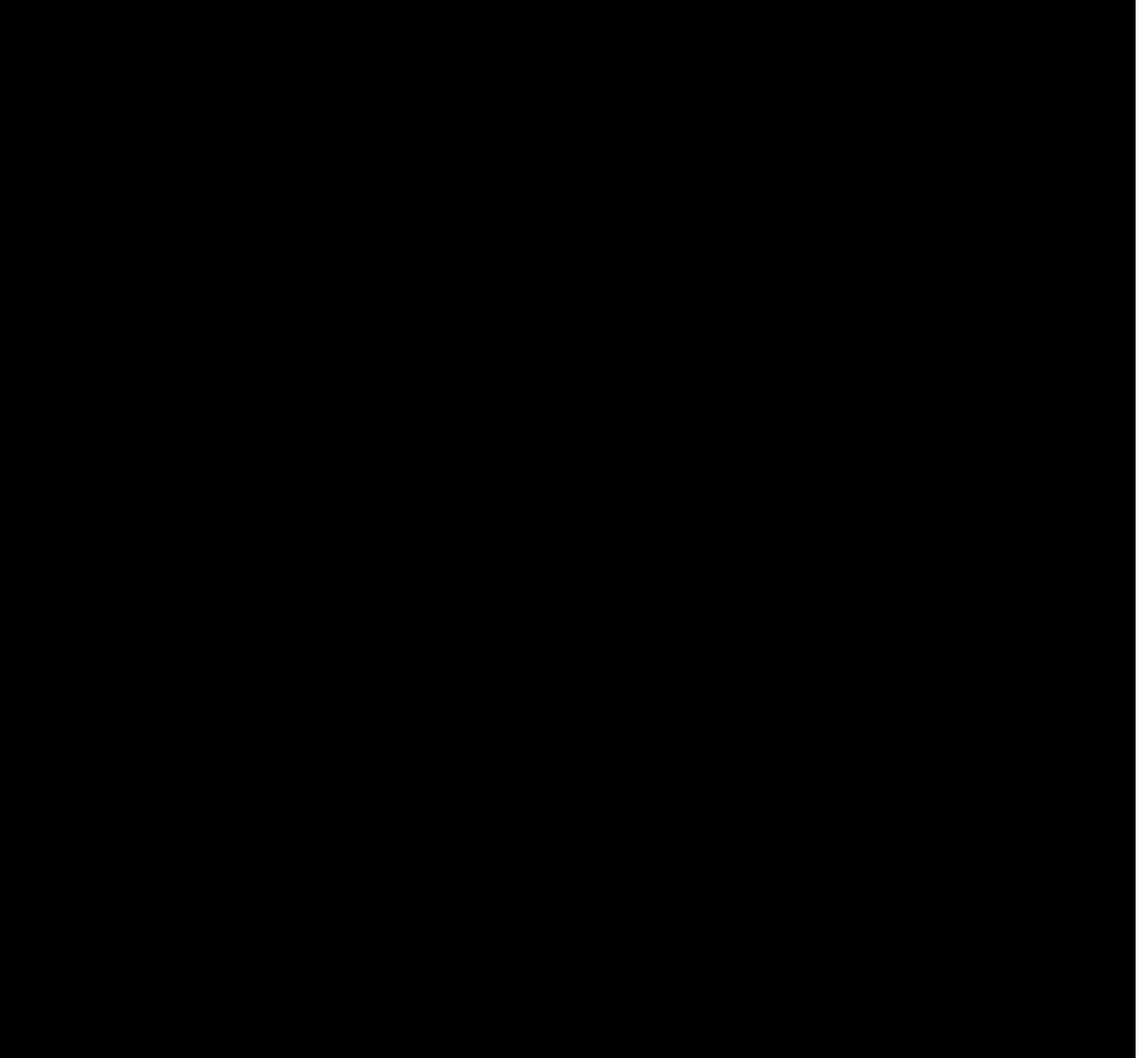
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**From:** Natalie Smyth  
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**Subject:** Sit Rep - 28.01.2026

Good Morning All,

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

Please also see the link below to the dashboard showing progress made to date.

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**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Daily Operational Sit Rep**

**8:30am morning update:**

1. Morning deployment from depots:

**Atlas and supporting depots:** 18 BCC vehicle have been deployed from Atlas and alternative depots at 04:30am; 14 Coventry crews deployed. 18 vehicles still to be deployed as of 08:30am. 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. 40/50 protesters.

**Smithfield:** 1 BCC vehicle has been deployed. There is a picket and approx. 30 protesters outside the depot. Activists are blockading the gates and pigeon walking in front of the gates stopping vehicles from deploying. There is no picket or protesters outside Lifford depot.

As of 08:00am, two WMP officers have been on site at the depot, they have negotiated, one container crew to be deployed every 15 minutes (6 crews), domestic crews to be deployed every 15 minutes (25 crews).

First container vehicle deployed at 08.10am, 30 vehicles still to be deployed.

**Perry Barr:** As of 08:30am, 0 BCC vehicles have been deployed from the depot: 9 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. 22 vehicles still to be deployed.

**Total number of waste collection vehicles deployed today: 42, including 19 BCC vehicles and 23 for Coventry. 70 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 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January and 28% Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Data report for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

How much waste has been collected by weight?

**1101 tonnes collected at kerbside; 185 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?**

84% 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.

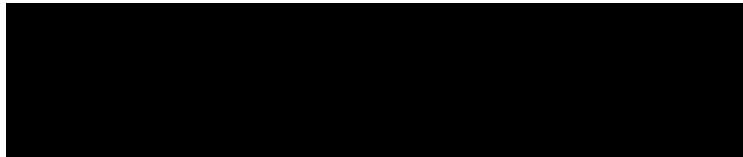
#### **Loaders:**

	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**
- **Perry Barr: 22 vehicles**



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All,

Smithfield deployed at 10:05 am

Atlas deployed at 10:10 am

Perry Barr deployed at 10:50 am, Street Cleansing vehicles still blockaded.

*Kind Regards,*

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All,

Please also see communication report from Smithfield depot with WMP.

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Good Morning All,

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

Also attached is the communication report from Perry Barr depot with WMP.

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**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

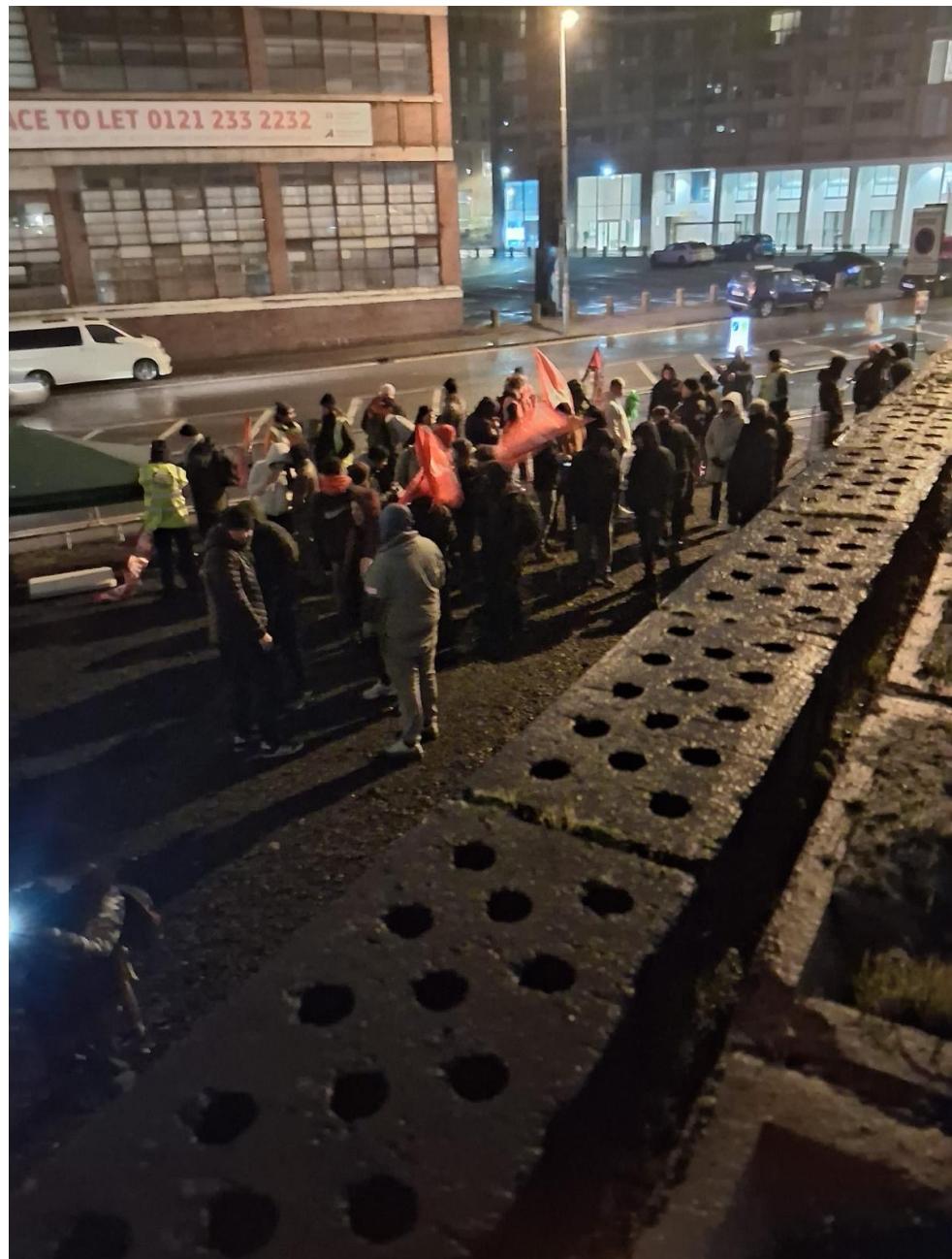
**Daily Operational Sit Rep**

**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.

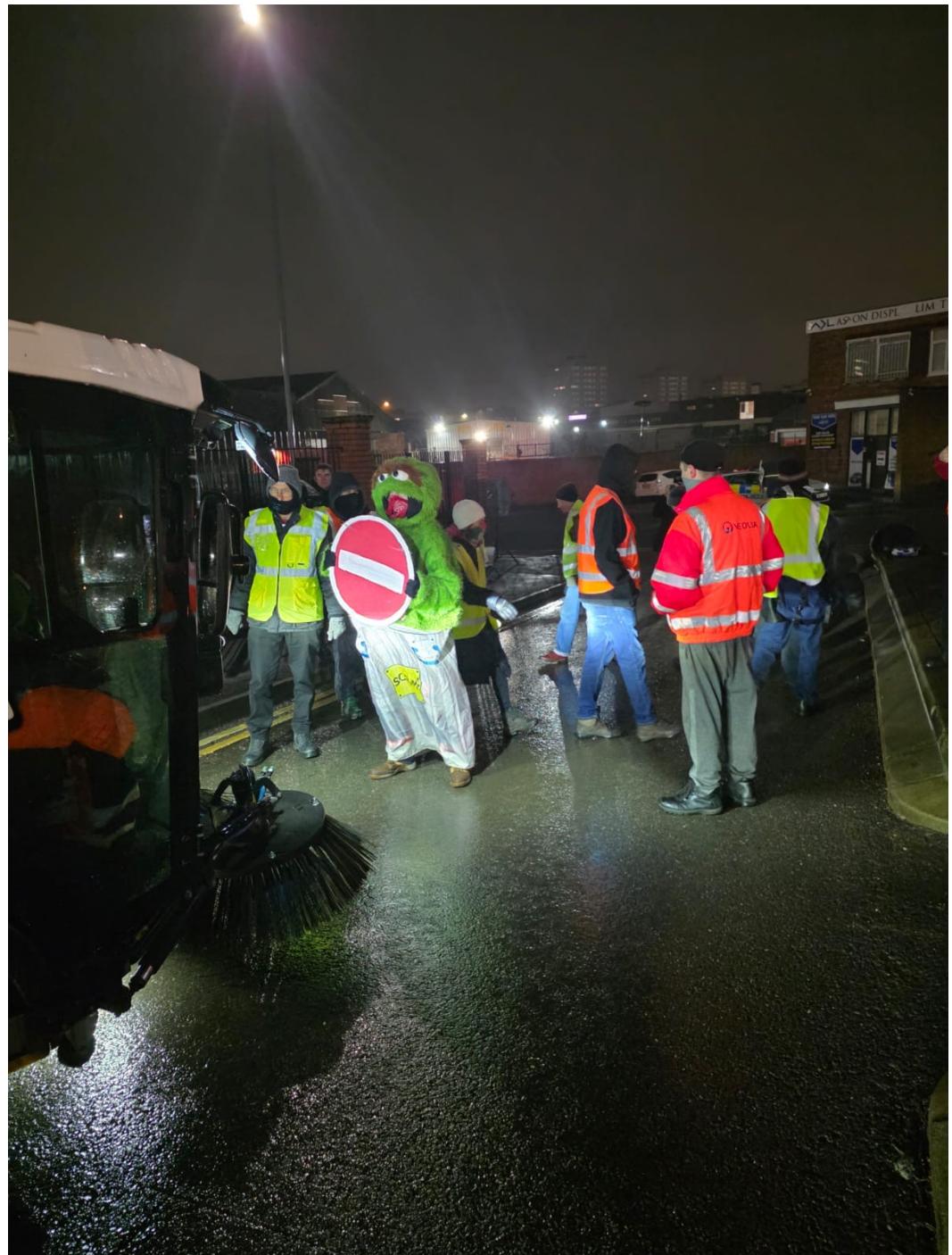
**Smithfield:** 0 BCC vehicle has been deployed. There are approx. 20/30 pickets outside the depot and approx. 100 protesters. There is no picket at Lifford depot, however there is one protester.



**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 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 30<sup>th</sup> January, 28% for Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January and 21% for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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**





**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**Daily Operational Sit Rep**

**8:30am morning update:**

1. Morning deployment from depots:

**Atlas and supporting depots:** 33 BCC vehicle have been deployed from Atlas and alternative depots between 04:30am and 06:40am; 14 Coventry crews deployed. There is a picket at the depot this morning on Redfern Road with approx. 30/40 protesters. All vehicles safely deployed by 06:40am.

**Smithfield:** 30 BCC vehicle has been deployed; 2 Coventry crews deployed. There is no picket at the depot however there are approx. 30 protesters outside the depot. There is no picket or protesters outside Lifford depot. All vehicles safely deployed by 06:30am.

**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. 20/30 protesters. All vehicles safely deployed by 06:35am.

**Total number of waste collection vehicles deployed today: 107, including 85 BCC vehicles and 22 for Coventry.**

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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 31.03.2026 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; 44% for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and 24% for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Please see below booking for the HWRC for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January along with the weekend, 31.01.2026 and 01.02.2026.

## Friday 30/01/2026 (Cars)

LOCATION	AVAILABLE SLOTS	BOOKED SLOTS	REMAINING SLOTS	PERCENTAGE BOOKED
Sutton Coldfield	1696	797	899	47.0%
Kings Norton	912	885	27	97.0%
Perry Barr	1176	430	746	36.6%
Castle Bromwich	0	0	0	
Tyseley	1420	697	723	49.1%

## Friday 30/01/2026 (Vans)

LOCATION	AVAILABLE SLOTS	BOOKED SLOTS	REMAINING SLOTS	PERCENTAGE BOOKED
Sutton Coldfield	24	22	2	91.7%
Kings Norton	0	0	0	
Perry Barr	24	21	3	87.5%
Castle Bromwich	24	16	8	66.7%
Tyseley	48	47	1	97.9%

## Weekending 01/02/2026 (Cars)

LOCATION	AVAILABLE SLOTS	BOOKED SLOTS	REMAINING SLOTS	PERCENTAGE BOOKED
Sutton Coldfield	2136	2000	136	93.6%
Kings Norton	1344	1327	17	98.7%
Perry Barr	1752	1437	315	82.0%
Castle Bromwich			0	#DIV/0!
Tyseley	2096	1949	147	93.0%

## Weekending 01/02/2026 (Vans)

LOCATION	AVAILABLE SLOTS	BOOKED SLOTS	REMAINING SLOTS	PERCENTAGE BOOKED
Sutton Coldfield	16	16	0	100.0%
Kings Norton	0	0	0	
Perry Barr	16	16	0	100.0%
Castle Bromwich	16	13	3	81.3%
Tyseley	32	30	2	93.8%

### Data report for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

How much waste has been collected by weight?

**322 tonnes collected at kerbside; 165 tonnes collected at the HWRC**

Did we deliver the planned activity in the day?

No, due to the service being closed due to the 'Mega Picket'. There were collections made by Coventry crews.

All flat collections are up to date as of 01.02.2026, there is approximately 35% of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Januarys refuse collections still outstanding.

### What is the overall level of residual waste?

23% of scheduled collections were made.

### Data report for Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January

How much waste has been collected by weight?

**535 tonnes collected at kerbside; 122 tonnes collected at the HWRC**

**Data report for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

How much waste has been collected by weight?

**526 tonnes collected at kerbside; 0 tonnes collected at the HWRC-to be confirmed.**

**Agency planned deployment.****Drivers:**

	Legally Permissible	Actual	Variance
Atlas	32	28	4
Perry Barr	22	22	0
Smithfield	27	23	4

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	65	40
Perry Barr	82	43	39
Smithfield	82	60	22

Variance in loaders is in line with operational expectations.

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

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