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****EXTERNAL****

Good Morning All,

Please see attached updated.

All vehicles now deployed.

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

Kind Regards,

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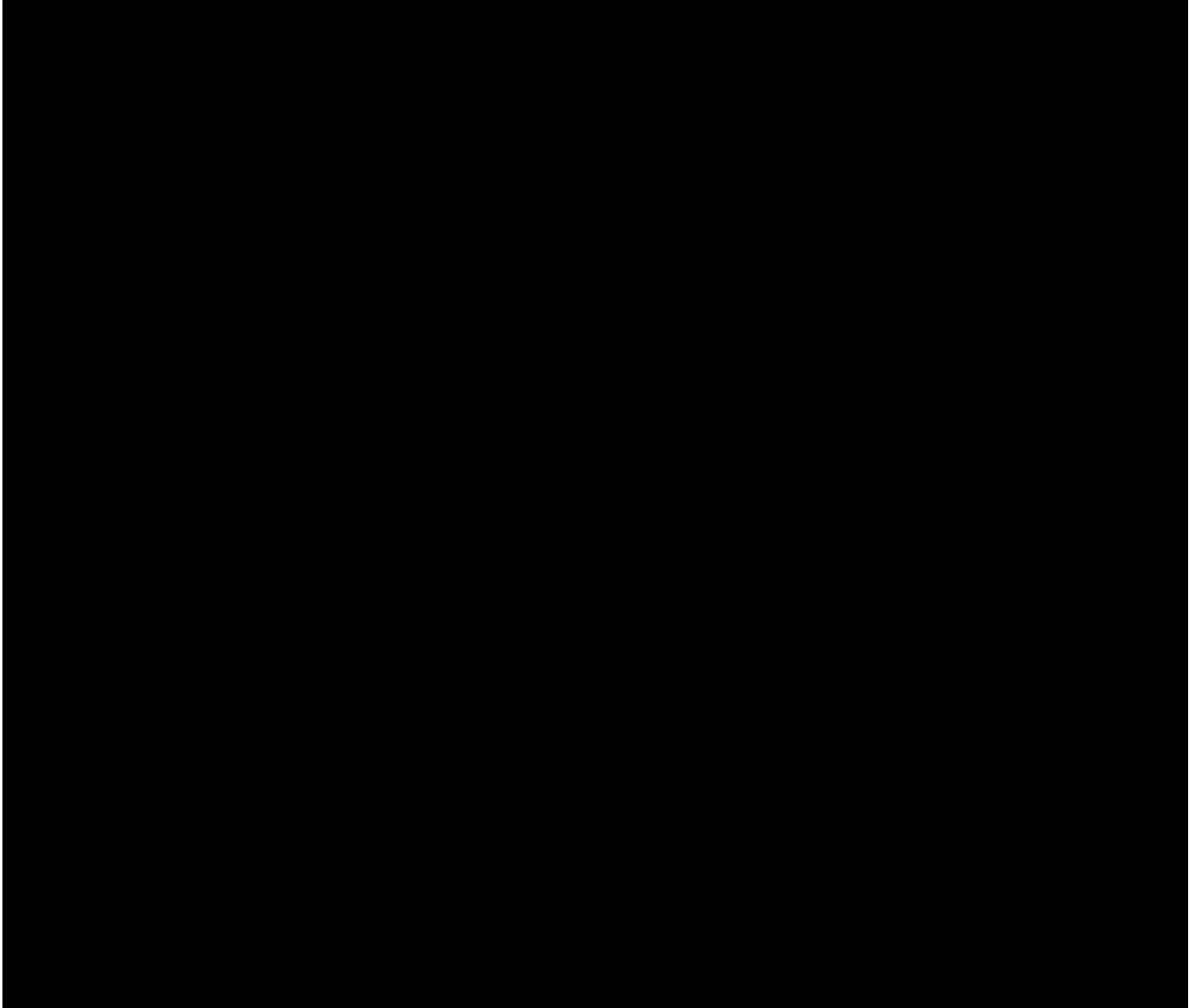


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From: Natalie Smyth

Sent: 27 January 2026 08:43



Subject: RE: Sit Rep - 27.01.2026

Good Morning All,

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

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Kind Regards,

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



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Daily Operational Sit Rep – Activist and Protestors

Depot Perry Barr

Date 28 Jan 2026

1. Immediate Mobilisation

Time activists attend depot. 05:15

Time of 101 report to police 05:21 – Log number 410-280126

Time of Silver police correspondence Chris Smiles to advise

2. Interaction with Activists

Did you speak to the activists. Indirectly via the police.

Time 05:35

Who did you speak to (including description): Police.

Overview of conversation: Activists may let vehicles leave at 06:00 and at specific intervals however this is not confirmed at this time.

3. Interaction with Police

Did you speak to the police Yes

Time: 05:35

Who was spoken to: Didn't take their name.

Did the police refuse to move the activists on? They explained there is a peaceful protest and with the activists indicating they will release the vehicles at specific intervals from 06:00.

Can the police identify the activists? I asked the police to ascertain the IDs of the activists but they have not been able to at this time.

Will they confirm their names and which organisation they belong to? No

Overview of conversation

Activists are playing loud music 'My old man's a dustman' chanting on their Tannoy and deploying flares whilst walking in circles blocking the exit.

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Sent: 28 January 2026 10:54
To:

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Subject: RE: Sit Rep - 28.01.2026

****EXTERNAL****

Good Morning All,

All vehicles now deployed;

Atlas 10:00am

Perry Barr 10:45am.

Kind Regards,

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From: Natalie Smyth

Sent: 28 January 2026 08:41



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Kind Regards,

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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: 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 29th January and 28% Friday 30th January.

Data report for Wednesday 28th 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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Daily Operational Sit Rep – Activist and Protestors

Depot PB

Date 29 Jan 2026

1. Immediate Mobilisation

Time activists attend depot. 05:10

Time of 101 report to police 05:18 Call ref; 404-290126

Time of Silver police correspondence Chris Smiles to advise

2. Interaction with Activists

Did you speak to the activists. Indirectly via the police.

Time 05:25

Who did you speak to (including description): Police.

Overview of conversation: Activists may let vehicles leave at 06:00 and at specific intervals.

3. Interaction with Police

Did you speak to the police Yes

Time: 05:25

Who was spoken to: Didn't take their name.

Did the police refuse to move the activists on? They state the activists have a right to a reasonable amount of disruption.

Can the police identify the activists? I asked the police to ascertain the IDs of the activists, but they have not been able to at this time.

Will they confirm their names and which organisation they belong to? No

Overview of conversation

Activists are playing loud music 'My old man's a dustman' chanting on their Tannoy whilst walking in circles and blocking the exit. They have agreed to allow my two Clinical Waste vehicles out without hinderance.

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Subject: RE: Sit Rep - 28.01.2026

****EXTERNAL****

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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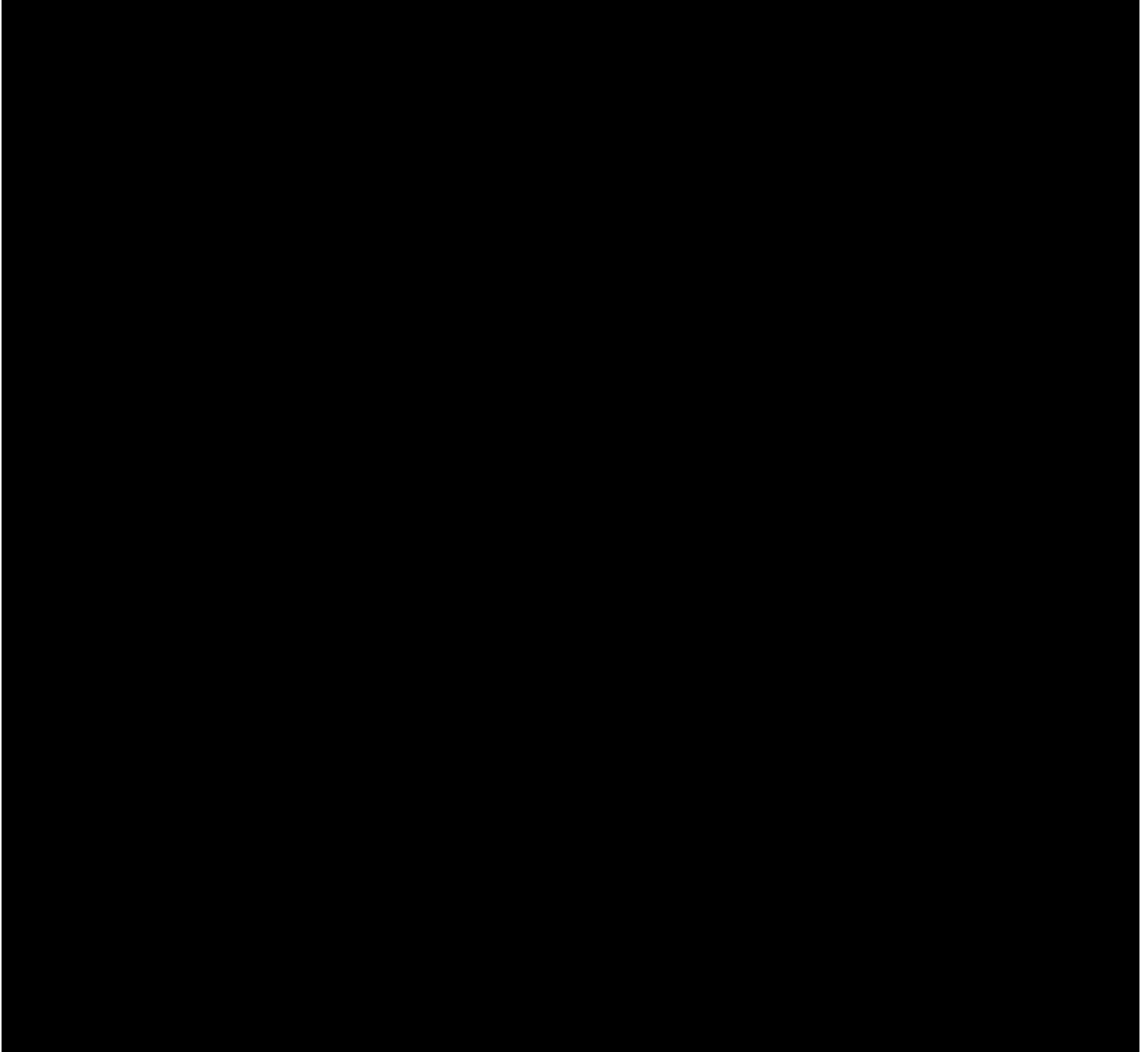


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From: Natalie Smyth

Sent: 29 January 2026 08:40



Subject: RE: Sit Rep - 28.01.2026

All,

Please also see communication report from Smithfield depot with WMP.

Kind Regards,

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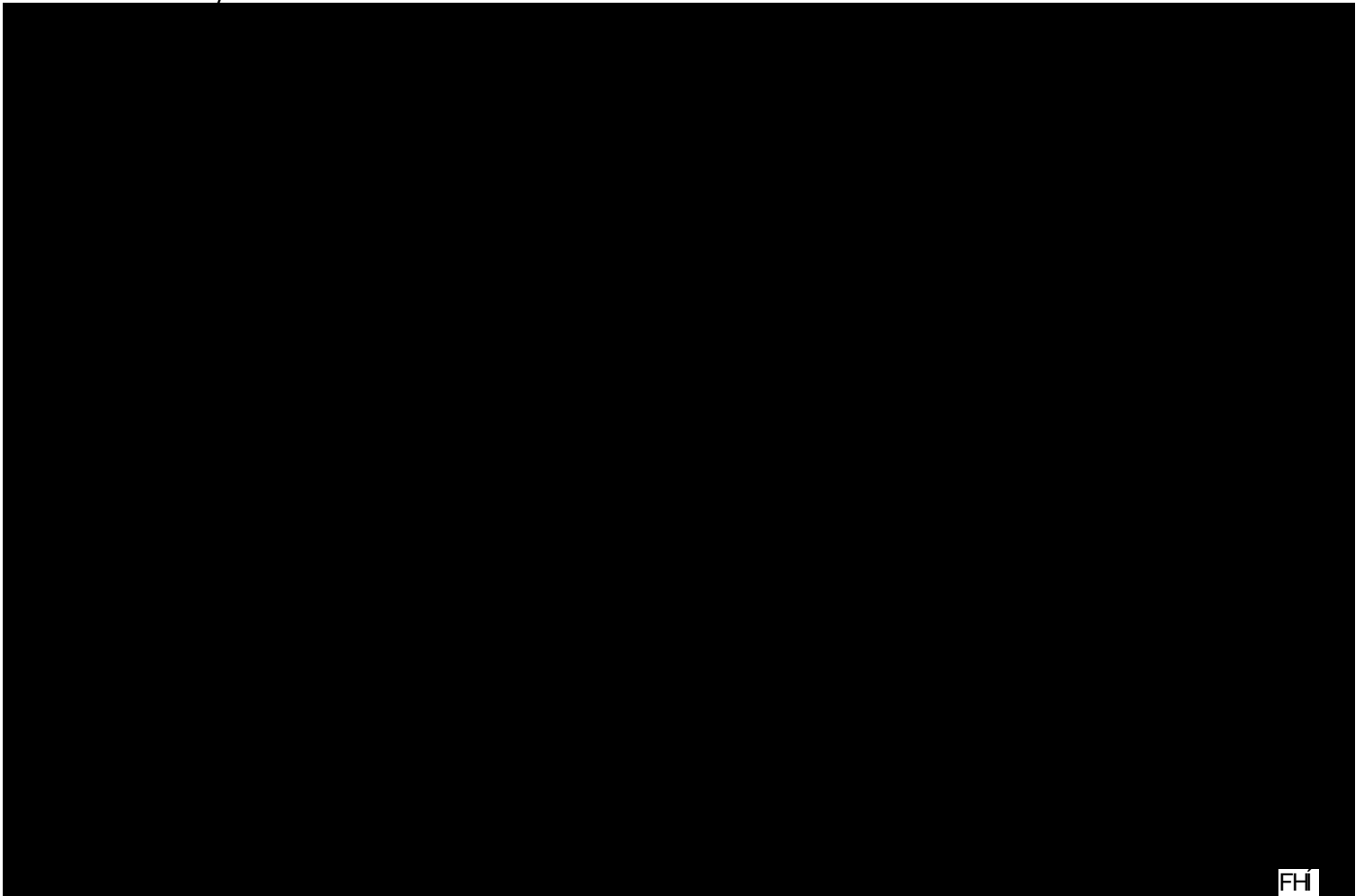
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From: Natalie Smyth

Sent: 29 January 2026 08:37



Subject: RE: Sit Rep - 28.01.2026

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 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-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**

Refer to RS/69 in the OneDrive Folder

Refer to RS/70 in the OneDrive Folder











Monday 2nd 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.

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 31.03.2026 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 2nd February and 24% for Tuesday 3rd February.

Please see below booking for the HWRC for Friday 30th 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 30th 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 30th Januarys refuse collections still outstanding.

What is the overall level of residual waste?

23% of scheduled collections were made.

Data report for Saturday 31st January

How much waste has been collected by weight?

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

Data report for Sunday 1st 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 –**

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