

### **Injunction Notice for Persons Unknow.**

An injunction application was placed with the court on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, notices have been placed at the entrance of the following depots: Atlas, Lifford, Perry Barr and Smithfield.

### **Agency planned deployment.**

#### **Drivers:**

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

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	71	34
Perry Barr	82	45	37
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**

## **Monday 9th February 2026**

### Daily Operational Sit Rep

#### **8:30am morning update:**

##### 1. Morning deployment from depots:

**Atlas and supporting depots:** 36 BCC vehicles have been deployed from Atlas and alternative depots between 04:30am and 06:45am; 14 Coventry crews deployed. There is no picket at the depot this morning however there are approx. 30/40 protesters on Kings Road. All vehicles safely deployed by 06:45am.

**Smithfield:** 28 BCC vehicle has been deployed; 2 Coventry crews deployed. There is no picket at the depot however there are approx. 15/20 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 06:30am.

**Total number of waste collection vehicles deployed today: 108, including 86 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; 40% for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February and 14% for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**Please see below booking for the HWRC for Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

<b>Friday 06/02/2026 (Cars)</b>				
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>AVAILABLE SLOTS</b>	<b>BOOKED SLOTS</b>	<b>REMAINING SLOTS</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE BOOKED</b>
Sutton Coldfield	1696	528	1168	31.1%
Kings Norton	912	872	40	95.6%
Perry Barr	1176	365	811	31.0%
Castle Bromwich	0	0	0	
Tyseley	1420	545	875	38.4%

<b>Friday 06/02/2026 (Vans)</b>				
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>AVAILABLE SLOTS</b>	<b>BOOKED SLOTS</b>	<b>REMAINING SLOTS</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE BOOKED</b>
Sutton Coldfield	24	23	1	95.8%
Kings Norton	0	0	0	
Perry Barr	24	22	2	91.7%
Castle Bromwich	24	17	7	70.8%
Tyseley	48	47	1	97.9%

<b>Weekending 08/02/2026 (Cars)</b>				
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>AVAILABLE SLOTS</b>	<b>BOOKED SLOTS</b>	<b>REMAINING SLOTS</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE BOOKED</b>
Sutton Coldfield	2136	1772	364	83.0%
Kings Norton	1344	1311	33	97.5%
Perry Barr	1752	1315	437	75.1%
Castle Bromwich			0	#DIV/0!
Tyseley	2096	1826	270	87.1%

<b>Weekending 08/02/2026 (Vans)</b>				
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>AVAILABLE SLOTS</b>	<b>BOOKED SLOTS</b>	<b>REMAINING SLOTS</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE BOOKED</b>
Sutton Coldfield	16	14	2	87.5%
Kings Norton	0	0	0	
Perry Barr	16	14	2	87.5%
Castle Bromwich	16	14	2	87.5%
Tyseley	32	20	12	62.5%

**Data report for Friday 6th February.**

How much waste has been collected by weight?

**1220 tonnes collected at kerbside; 140 tonnes collected at the HWRC**

Did we deliver the planned activity in the day?

**No.**

What is the overall level of residual waste?

**91% of scheduled collections have been made. All collections for week ending 8<sup>th</sup> February have now been collected.**

**Data report for Saturday 7th February.**

168 tonnes collected at kerbside; 93 tonnes collected at the HWRC

**Data report for Sunday 8th February.**

50 tonnes collected at kerbside; 125 tonnes collected at the HWRC

**Injunction Notice for Persons Unknown.**

An injunction application was placed with the court on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, the court date is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

**Injunction Notices**

Notices advising that Birmingham City Council had applied for an injunction were placed on the gate at Smithfield at 04:36 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 03:48 at Atlas, and 03:52 at Perry Barr.

**Week Commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

These notices were checked on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 04:40am at Smithfield, 00:00 (time tbc) at Perry Barr and at 00:00 (time tbc) at Atlas depots.

**Court Date Notice**

Notice advising Birmingham City Council have a court date in place for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Notices were placed on the gates Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 04:18am at Smithfield,

04:35am at Atlas and 00:00 (time tbc) at Perry Barr. These notices advise readers of the court date.

At the same time, checks were also completed to ensure the original signs advertising the injunction were still in place.

**Agency planned deployment.**

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**Archived:** 09 February 2026 17:18:00

**From:** [Dean A Smith](#)

**Sent:** Wed, 4 Feb 2026 07:25:09

**To:** [Deborah Carter-Hughes](#) [Richard J Smith](#)

**Cc:** [Euan Bruce](#) [REDACTED] [Robert Edmondson](#) [Christopher Smiles](#) [David P Miller](#) [Euan Bruce](#) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Notice Lifford Depot

**Importance:** Normal

**Sensitivity:** None

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**\*\*EXTERNAL\*\***

Hi Deborah,

I'm confirming that X2 notices have been placed on the entrance gate to Lifford Depot, see attached.

Thank you

Kind Regards

Dean Smith



Service Manager

Refuse Collection

Smithfield Festival Site

Sherlock Street

Green Gate Entrance

B5 6HX

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**Sent:** 04 February 2026 06:04

**To:** Richard J Smith <[Richard.J.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.J.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk)>

**Cc:** Euan Bruce <[euan.bruce@dlapiper.com](mailto:euan.bruce@dlapiper.com)>; [REDACTED] Robert Edmondson <[Robert.Edmondson@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Robert.Edmondson@birmingham.gov.uk)>; Christopher Smiles <[Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk)>; David P Miller <[David.P.Miller@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:David.P.Miller@birmingham.gov.uk)>; Dean A Smith <[Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: Notice PB as discussed yesterday

Perfect, thanks Richard



## Debbie Carter-Hughes

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**Subject:** Notice PB as discussed yesterday

Morning Debbie

Please see the photos below showing the notice which is on display on the fence where the protesters congregate.

Regards

Richard Smith (He/Him) | Service Manager | City Operations Directorate | Perry Barr Depot | Holford Drive | Perry Barr | Birmingham | B42 2TU | [www.birmingham.gov.uk](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk) | 07483 329 369 | Contact centre 0121 303 1112 | **Advanced notice of out of office: Friday 06 Feb 2026**







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and/or

(2) block or obstruct any of the claimant's waste collection vehicles engaged in waste collection services within the City of Birmingham.

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## Yasmin Ahmad

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**From:** Dean A Smith <Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 10 February 2026 09:57  
**To:** Deborah Carter-Hughes  
**Subject:** RE: Lifford Dpeat signs

Hi Deborah,

Siobhan Stubbs – Veolia site manager informs me firs thing around 06:30 every morning or via one of her colleagues

Thank you

Kind Regards  
Dean Smith



Service Manager  
Refuse Collection  
Smithfield Festival Site  
Sherlock Street  
Green Gate Entrance  
B5 6HX

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**Sent:** 10 February 2026 09:53  
**To:** Dean A Smith <Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Lifford Dpeat signs

Thanks Dean

Do you know the times that they are checked and who is carrying out the checks?

Thanks

Debbie

**Debbie Carter-Hughes**

HCH

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**To:** Deborah Carter-Hughes <[Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Lifford Dpeat signs

Hi Deborah,

I'm confirming that the pending injunction signs are checked daily by Veolia at Lifford. All signs up no issues to report.

Thank you

Kind Regards  
Dean Smith

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dean Smith'.

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**From:** Dean A Smith <Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 10 February 2026 15:51  
**To:** Deborah Carter-Hughes  
**Subject:** Re: Lifford Dpeot signs

Not weekends Deborah sorry.

Kindest Regards  
Dean Smith  
Service Manager  
Street Scene  
Lifford Depot  
Birmingham City Council

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**From:** Deborah Carter-Hughes <Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 3:48:38 PM  
**To:** Dean A Smith <Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Lifford Dpeot signs

Thanks Dean, would this also have been over the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) or is she not at the depot on those days?

Kind Regards

Debbie

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**Sent:** 10 February 2026 15:48  
**To:** Deborah Carter-Hughes <[Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: Lifford Dpeot signs

Hi Deborah,

Siobhan tells me daily via a phone call to confirm.

Thank you

Kindest Regards  
Dean Smith  
Service Manager  
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**From:** Deborah Carter-Hughes <[Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 3:46:28 PM  
**To:** Dean A Smith <[Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Lifford Dpeot signs

Hi Dean

Could you ask Siobhan what days the notices were checked please? They went up on the 4<sup>th</sup> February. If Siobhan could confirm the dates she checked they were there, that would be great.

Thanks

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**From:** Richard J Smith <Richard.J.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 04 February 2026 09:35  
**To:** Deborah Carter-Hughes; Euan Bruce  
**Cc:** David P Miller; Dean A Smith; [REDACTED]; Robert Edmondson; Christopher Smiles  
**Subject:** FW: Notices still in situ

**\*\*EXTERNAL\*\***

Hi Debbie

Following the departure of the protesters this morning I have checked the notices and I can confirm they are still in situ as of 09:30 today. Please see the photos below.

Regards

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**From:** Richard J Smith <Richard.J.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 08 February 2026 14:55  
**To:** Deborah Carter-Hughes  
**Cc:** Christopher Smiles; Robert Edmondson  
**Subject:** FW: Outside of Depot Notices  
**Attachments:** 20260207\_135512.jpg; 20260207\_135529.jpg

Hi Debbie

Photos from today.

Regards

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**From:** William Owen <William.Owen@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 07 February 2026 13:58  
**To:** Richard J Smith <Richard.J.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Outside of Depot Notices

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- (2) block or obstruct any of the claimant's waste collection vehicles engaged in waste collection services within the City of Birmingham.

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A hearing has now been listed to take place at 10.30am on Friday 13 February 2026. The hearing will take place at the Birmingham Civil and Family Justice Centre, the Priory Courts, 28 Bull Street, Birmingham B4 6DS. The hearing is expected to last for 3 hours.

The hearing serves as an opportunity for those Persons Unknown who are the subject of our application to make representations to the Court regarding our application.

In assist us in managing this process, we would be grateful if you could notify our solicitors if you intend to attend the hearing by email to [3942@birminghamcitycouncil.gov.uk](mailto:3942@birminghamcitycouncil.gov.uk).

**Take Notice:** If the application is granted, anyone breaching the Injunction could be imprisoned for up to 3 years, fined, and/or have their assets seized for contempt of court.

Documents relating to the Application and Hearing can be obtained from the Birmingham City Council website using the QR Code.





## Yasmin Ahmad

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**From:** Justin Hillyer <Justin.Hillyer@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 09 February 2026 09:25  
**To:** Deborah Carter-Hughes  
**Cc:** Christopher Smiles; Robert Edmondson; Richard J Smith  
**Subject:** RE: signage  
**Attachments:** 20260209\_090643.jpg; 20260209\_090538.jpg

Hi Deborah , please see attached photos, the two other signs have been removed leaving the notices that was put up on Friday in place .

Kind regards

Justin hillyer  
Service manager st cleansing  
Perrybarr depot  
City operations  
0121 303 1976  
07917643572



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**From:** Deborah Carter-Hughes <Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk>  
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**To:** Justin Hillyer <Justin.Hillyer@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Christopher Smiles <Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk>; Robert Edmondson <Robert.Edmondson@birmingham.gov.uk>; Richard J Smith <Richard.J.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: signage

Please, if you could that would be great

Thanks Justin

Debbie

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**Cc:** Christopher Smiles <Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk>; Robert Edmondson <Robert.Edmondson@birmingham.gov.uk>; Richard J Smith <Richard.J.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: signage

Hi Deborah, I will go and remove them now , do you need new photos .

Kind regards

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**To:** Justin Hillyer <[Justin.Hillyer@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Justin.Hillyer@birmingham.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Christopher Smiles <[Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk)>; Robert Edmondson <[Robert.Edmondson@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Robert.Edmondson@birmingham.gov.uk)>; Richard J Smith <[Richard.J.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.J.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: signage

Hi Justin

Sorry I didn't reply on Friday, I was so busy trying to pull together other bits for the injunction.

Could you please remove the sign which is on the right of the attached picture (it is the one without the date of the hearing on it). This one is no longer needed to be displayed and can be destroyed. The one of the left (with the date on it) needs to have the attached court order placed next to it.

Are you able to arrange for these changes to be made please?

Thanks

Debbie

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**To:** Deborah Carter-Hughes <[Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Christopher Smiles <[Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk)>; Robert Edmondson <[Robert.Edmondson@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Robert.Edmondson@birmingham.gov.uk)>; Richard J Smith <[Richard.J.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.J.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** signage

Good morning Deborah , please see attached photos , I have put the signs up next to the other ones as requested , I have also spoken with the process servers this morning and explained what time people are outside the gates as none was this morning after 8.15 am

Kind regards

Justin hillyer  
Service manager st cleansing  
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## Yasmin Ahmad

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**From:** Dean A Smith <Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 10 February 2026 18:11  
**To:** Deborah Carter-Hughes  
**Cc:** Christopher Smiles  
**Subject:** Re: Sign Checks

Hi Deborah,

I check the signs when I leave the depot each day (varied times). The security also check signs at 15:00 upon my request. The security send me photos which I forward on.

I also check the signs each morning myself again roughly 4:30

Thank you

Kindest Regards  
Dean Smith  
Service Manager  
Street Scene  
Lifford Depot  
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**From:** Deborah Carter-Hughes <Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 5:13:40 PM  
**To:** Dean A Smith <Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Christopher Smiles <Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Sign Checks

Hi Dean,

Sorry to come back again. Can I just confirm, it is the security guards who send you photos at 3pm. You don't physically check them yourself.

Thanks

Debbie

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**Sent:** 10 February 2026 16:29  
**To:** Deborah Carter-Hughes <Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** Christopher Smiles <Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Sign Checks

Hi Deborah,

Each day at 15:00 the security guards at Smithfield send me photos confirming signs up no damage.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb I was on leave. Cameron and Desi sent me images individually along with security  
Cameron covered me so the main check would have been Cameron.

Hope this explains.

Thank you

Kindest Regards  
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Service Manager  
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**From:** Deborah Carter-Hughes <[Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 4:09 pm  
**To:** Dean A Smith <[Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Christopher Smiles <[Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** RE: Sign Checks

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Hi Dean

Can I come back and clarify the situation with the site checks please.

Using the chain below, I can see:-

- 4<sup>th</sup> Feb, you did a sign check at 3pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – 5.30am check completed by Cameron Baynes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3pm you did the check

The excel spreadsheet says Cameron did both checks on 5<sup>th</sup> as well as Desi. Do you know if that is right?

Thanks

Debbie

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**Sent:** 06 February 2026 08:05  
**To:** Deborah Carter-Hughes <[Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Deborah.Carter-Hughes@birmingham.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Christopher Smiles <[Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** FW: Sign Checks

Hi Deborah,

Please see below I sent to Chris, Checks yesterday where done by Cameron Baynes (ASM) 05:30 no issues to report

I completed the checks on the 5<sup>th</sup> 15:00 – No issues to report

Thank you

Kind Regards  
Dean Smith



Service Manager  
Refuse Collection  
Smithfield Festival Site  
Sherlock Street  
Green Gate Entrance  
B5 6HX

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**From:** Dean A Smith <[Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** 04 February 2026 15:08

**To:** Christopher Smiles <[Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk)>; David P Miller <[David.P.Miller@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:David.P.Miller@birmingham.gov.uk)>; Richard J Smith <[Richard.J.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.J.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk)>; Desi McNamara <[Desi.McNamara@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Desi.McNamara@birmingham.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: Sign Checks

Hi Chris,

04/02/2026

15:00

X3 in place and clear

No damage

Thank you

Kindest Regards  
Dean Smith  
Service Manager  
Street Scene  
Lifford Depot  
Birmingham City Council

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**From:** Christopher Smiles <[Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Christopher.Smiles@birmingham.gov.uk)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026 2:34:36 PM

**To:** Dean A Smith <[Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:Dean.A.Smith@birmingham.gov.uk)>; David P Miller <[David.P.Miller@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:David.P.Miller@birmingham.gov.uk)>;

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**Subject:** Sign Checks

Gents,

Please could you do the following for the injunction signs we have set up:

Check everyday (start and end of shift) and note down:-

- Date
- Time of check
- If sign is in place and clear (not defaced)
- If the sign is missing or been defaced what they did (I would imagine replace the sign)

We need to do this every working day.

If you could send it to myself via email that would be ace.

[@Desi McNamara](mailto:Desi.McNamara@birmingham.gov.uk) – Please could you do it tomorrow in Dean’s absence?

Thank you

## Chris Smiles

Head of Waste Logistics & Collections

### Street Scene Service

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# Urgent Birmingham legal bid to stop protests outside bin depots or risk 'rubbish mountain'

Breaking news as Birmingham City Council takes radical step to halt protests and threaten demonstrators

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## BHAM COUNCIL USE VIDEO FOOTAGE AS EVIDENCE FOR INJUNCTION TO BAN PROTESTORS

[Birmingham City Council](#) has issued an urgent bid to the high court to ban anyone protesting outside its bin depots and interfering in collections.

It is the latest attempt by the [crisis-hit council](#) to break the damaging bin strike that has now lasted 14 months.

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If [the council](#) succeeds, it would stop anyone slowing down or blocking vehicles getting in and out of its four depots or collecting rubbish anywhere in Birmingham, under threat of 'prison, a fine or having assets seized'

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The council says it is acting because demonstrators backing the Unite strike have successfully disrupted collections across the city, with their efforts escalating since [Christmas](#). They say 67,000 households (or 19%) had their bin collections missed in January as a result of the disruption.

Council head of waste, logistics and collections, Christopher Smiles, says in a statement to the court that the situation has "reached a tipping point that we cannot remedy" without legal action.

He adds that a 'lack of engagement by police to address the issue' has left the council needing to take additional steps.

And that without action the city will face more rubbish mountains on the streets.

Protestors claim they have been left with no choice but to disrupt and demonstrate because the council has refused to get back around the table to negotiate a settlement with Unite to break the deadlock.

An existing injunction in place applies to members of the union Unite and includes strict conditions about where, how many and what action can be taken by striking members while protesting outside the depots.

But the new injunction being sought would apply to all 'persons unknown' who might independently protest.

**READ MORE: [When will the Birmingham bin strike end? - council leader's response in full](#)**

In its urgent application, the council says that 'since mid January 2026, the protest activity around its depots...has significantly escalated in terms of direct action, including trespass and/or private nuisance and/or obstruction of the highway.

"This activity has caused, and is continuing to cause, severe disruption to the provision... of its waste collection service for the residents of Birmingham."

Their urgent notice request adds: "There remains a real and imminent risk of further direct action...unless and until UNITE's demands are satisfied. The situation shows no signs of being resolved and the escalation of direct action appears set to continue and/or increase. Both the (council) and the local community are continuing to suffer substantial harm as a direct result."

The council claims that 'Persons Unknown' - a legal catch-all to apply to anyone involved in protests - are acting 'in connection with strikes organised by UNITE the Union, and without the consent of the claimant (the council) "either occupy, remain on, or prevent, slow down or otherwise interfere with the entrance of exit of individuals and vehicles operated from the depots and/or block or obstruct the waste collection vehicles engaged in the provision of waste collection service within the City of [Birmingham](#)."

In their application, the council states: "Defendants are engaged in protest activity in the form of direct action at or adjacent of the depots, which action takes the form of impeding or preventing the (council) vehicles and personnel from entering or exiting those depots.

"In addition, the Defendants have also engaged in direction action by blocking the (council) vehicles on the public highway where such vehicles have been able to leave the depots.

"The (council) seeks an injunction for a period of six months to restrain the Defendants from further engaging in such activity by preventing them from:

- entering, occupying or remaining on (council) land at the depots
- blocking, slowing down or otherwise preventing or impeding the (council) vehicles from exiting or entering the depots
- blocking, slowing down or otherwise preventing or impeding the progress of...vehicles in the course of their waste collection activities in the city of [Birmingham](#).

They add that the addresses of such Persons Unknown are not known to the council but they will 'take the steps set out' to notify them of the claim.

They have supported their claim with statements from workers and council officers, backed up with video footage showing protestors 'slow walking' in front of bin lorries or blocking the exit from the depots.

or having assets seized'.

The council has to demonstrate to the courts that it has made every attempt to ensure anyone who might qualify as 'persons unknown' are informed of the injunction application.

The full materials and statements can be [viewed on the council's website here](#)

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They have to do this via electronic means, including via the media and on social media sites, via notices affixed to the depot locations, and by uploading all of the relevant documents to its website, which it did last night, Tuesday February 3.

This is designed to give time for representatives of 'persons unknown' to prepare for a court hearing, likely to be held next week. It has applied to the high court to deal with the case urgently because of the ongoing impact.

An existing injunction only applies to Unite members. The council separately says this 'has been breached' and is subject of a future contempt of court hearing.

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**Birmingham City Council has applied to the High Court for an injunction against “persons unknown” in response to growing disruption on picket lines during the city’s long-running bin strike.**

The move would effectively ban protesters from delaying refuse lorries from leaving depots and comes just days after the largest Megapicket of the dispute. Over the last year, Megapickets have been organised by Strike Map (<https://strikemap.org/>), a worker-funded organisation that tracks and supports industrial action across Britain and Ireland, and have been backed by trade unions, trade union leaders, politicians, and community activists.

Strike Map co-founder **Henry Fowler** said: