

Friday 16th 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; 15 Coventry crews deployed. There is a picket on Redfern Road with approx. 30/40 protesters. All vehicles deployed safely by 06:45am.

Smithfield: 29 BCC vehicle have been deployed; 2 Coventry crews deployed. There is a picket outside the depot with approx. 30/40 protesters. All vehicles deployed safely by 06:30am.

Perry Barr: 22 BCC vehicle have been deployed; 8 Coventry crews deployed. There is no picket at the depot however there are approx. 30/40 protesters. All vehicles deployed safely by 06:45am

Total number of waste collection vehicles deployed today so far: 112, including 87 BCC vehicles and 25 for Coventry.

Please see below summary of support from West Midlands Police regarding the blockading at Perry Barr and Atlas depots on Thursday 15th January 2026.

'Blockading was reported at Smithfield depot at 06:04 and at Atlas Depot at 06:09. The incidents were immediately reported to via 111 and crime references were provided. The police response was swift and at both depots we police were on site within the hour.

At Smithfield the police managed to 'negotiate' with the protestors that vehicles would be allowed to leave every 15 minutes. The protestors adhered to this deal and allowed vehicles to leave every 15 minutes. Police remained on site until 09:00 whereby they facilitated the release of all vehicles in accordance with the Ziegler 'agreement' that protestors can only be on site for 3 hours.

At Atlas the police attended but were not able to negotiate the early release of the vehicles with the protestors. We asked if the vehicles could be released at 09:00 but the police advised they were not prepared to support this request and agreed with the protestors that vehicles would be released at 10:00 as the protestors had to leave at this

time. I did escalate the situation and explain I had agreed the 3-hour timeline with Silver Command. Unfortunately, the police on site at Atlas were not prepared to support this request.'

Any missed collections from Thursday 8th January and Friday 9th January 2026 will be collected as a double collection (excess waste taken) on the scheduled day this week. Any missed collections from Monday 12th January will be collected as a double collection (excess waste taken) on Monday 19th January.

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 45% for Friday 16th January 31% for Saturday 17th January and 20% for Sunday 18th January.

Please see below table showing HWRC slots booked for yesterday.

Thursday 15/01/2026 (Cars)				
LOCATION	AVAILABLE SLOTS	BOOKED SLOTS	REMAINING SLOTS	PERCENTAGE BOOKED
Sutton Coldfield	1696	778	918	45.9%
Kings Norton	912	897	15	98.4%
Perry Barr	1176	476	700	40.5%
Castle Bromwich	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Tyseley	1420	687	733	48.4%

Thursday 15/01/2026 (Vans)				
LOCATION	AVAILABLE SLOTS	BOOKED SLOTS	REMAINING SLOTS	PERCENTAGE BOOKED
Sutton Coldfield	24	24	0	100.0%
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%

Data report for Thursday 15th January

How much waste has been collected by weight?

1182 tonnes collected at kerbside; 156 tonnes collected at the HWRC

Did we deliver the planned activity in the day?

No-due to activists blockading at Atlas and Perr Barr depots.

What is the overall level of residual waste?

77% of scheduled collections (Thursday 15th January) were made.

Perry Barr and Atlas depot currently have 50% of their Thursday 8th January and Friday 9th January 2026 collections outstanding. They also have 70% of Monday 12th January work outstanding.

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.

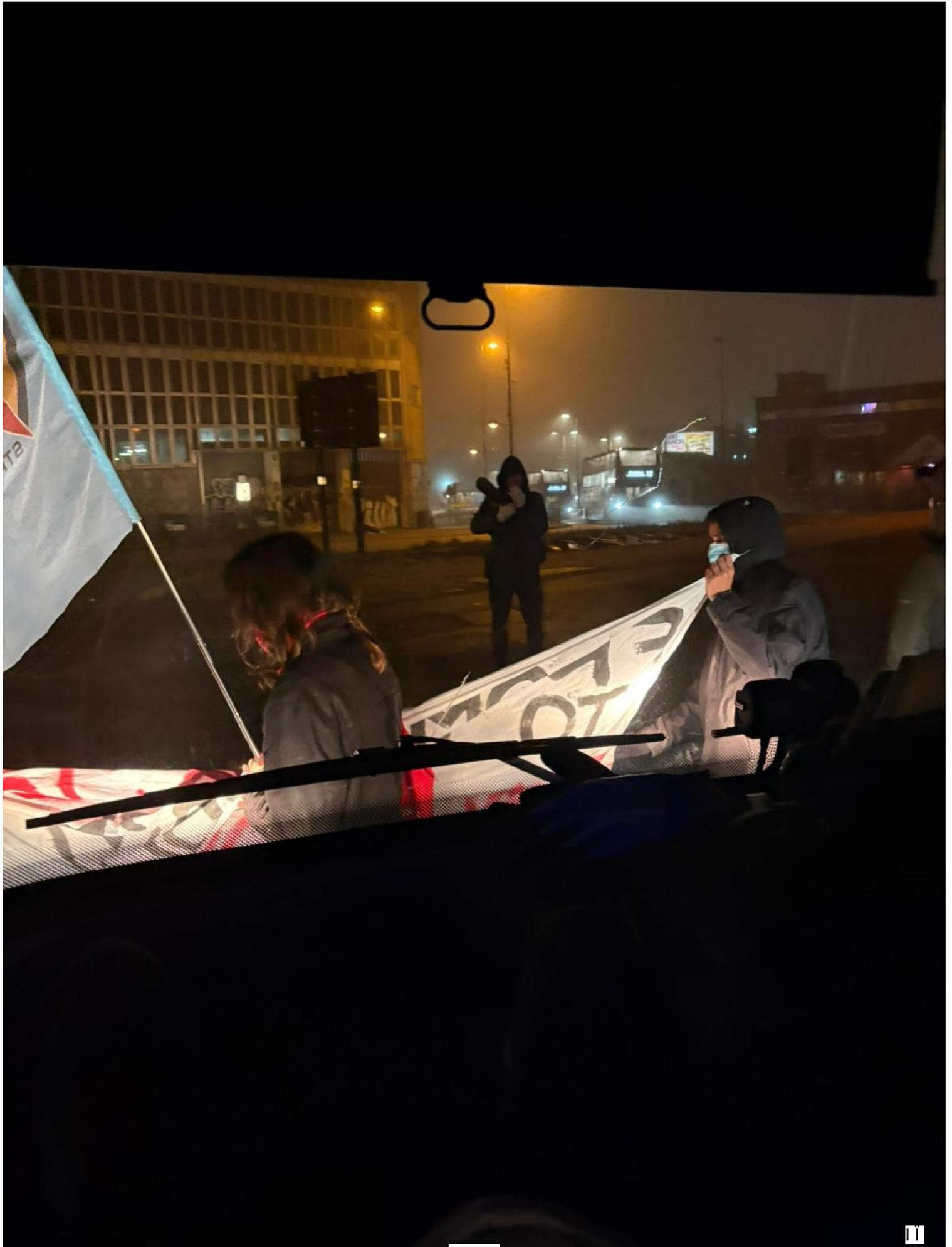
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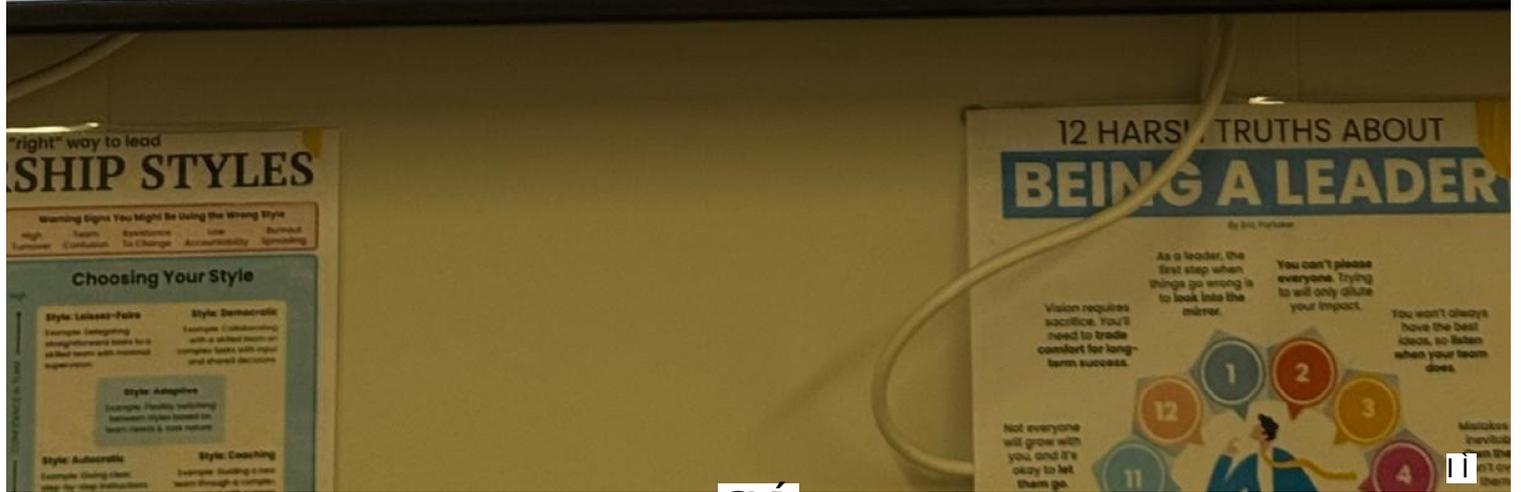
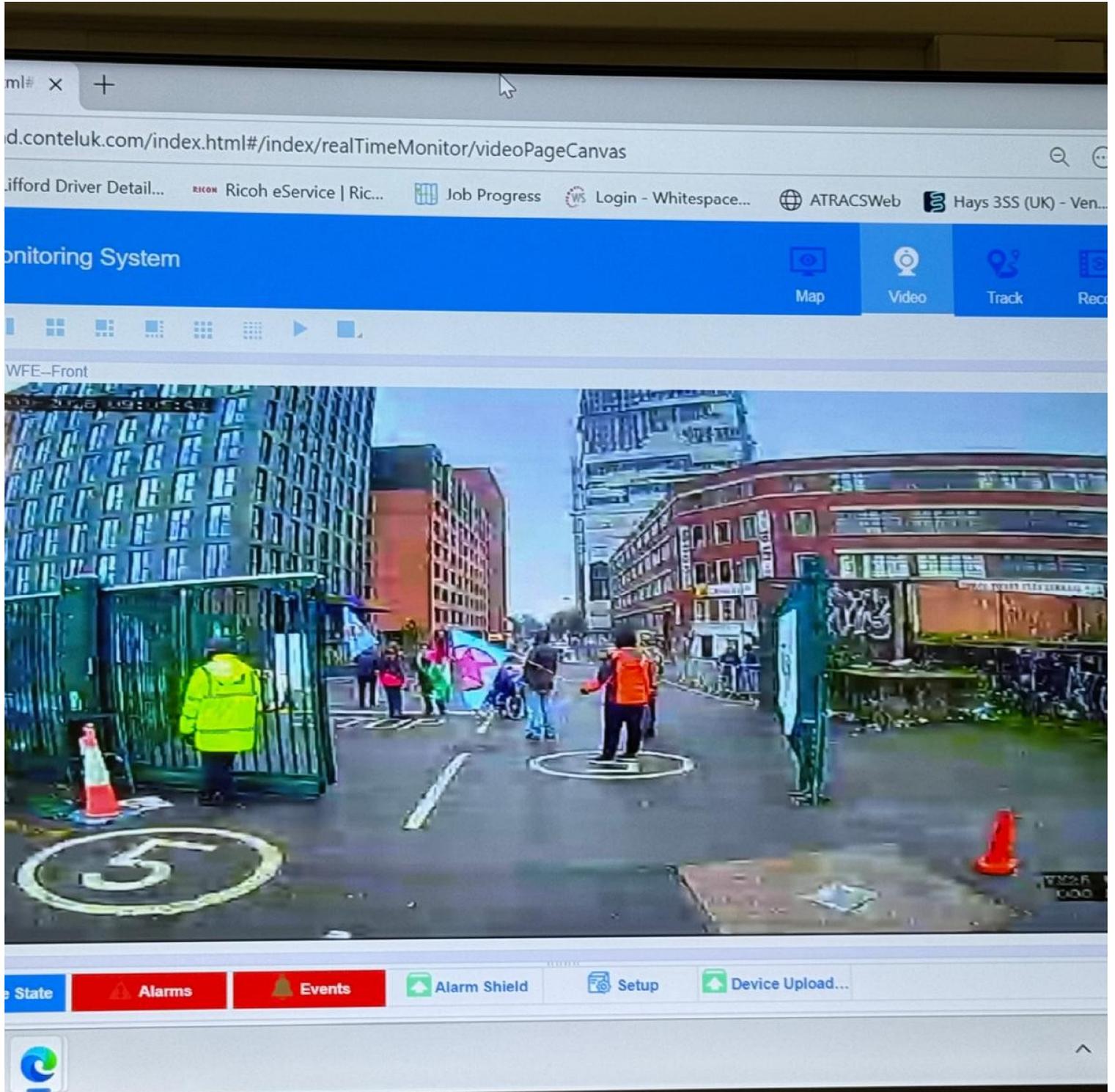
	Legally Permissible	Actual	Variance
Atlas	105	70	35
Perry Barr	82	43	39
Smithfield	82	59	23

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





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Refer to DS/34 in the OneDrive Folder

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**

Daily Operational Sit Rep – Activist and Protestors

1. Immediate Mobilisation

Time activists attend depot – 05:30

Time of 101 report to police – 06:25

Time of Silver police correspondence

2. Interaction with Activists

Did you speak to the activists – Yes asked them to move no response

Time – 06:15

Who did you speak to (including description) – male couldn't see features had balaclava on. Wearing jeans black jacket

Overview of conversation

Asked to please move, no response. Asked 3 times still no response

3. Interaction with Police

Did you speak to the police – No police onsite when sending this form

Time

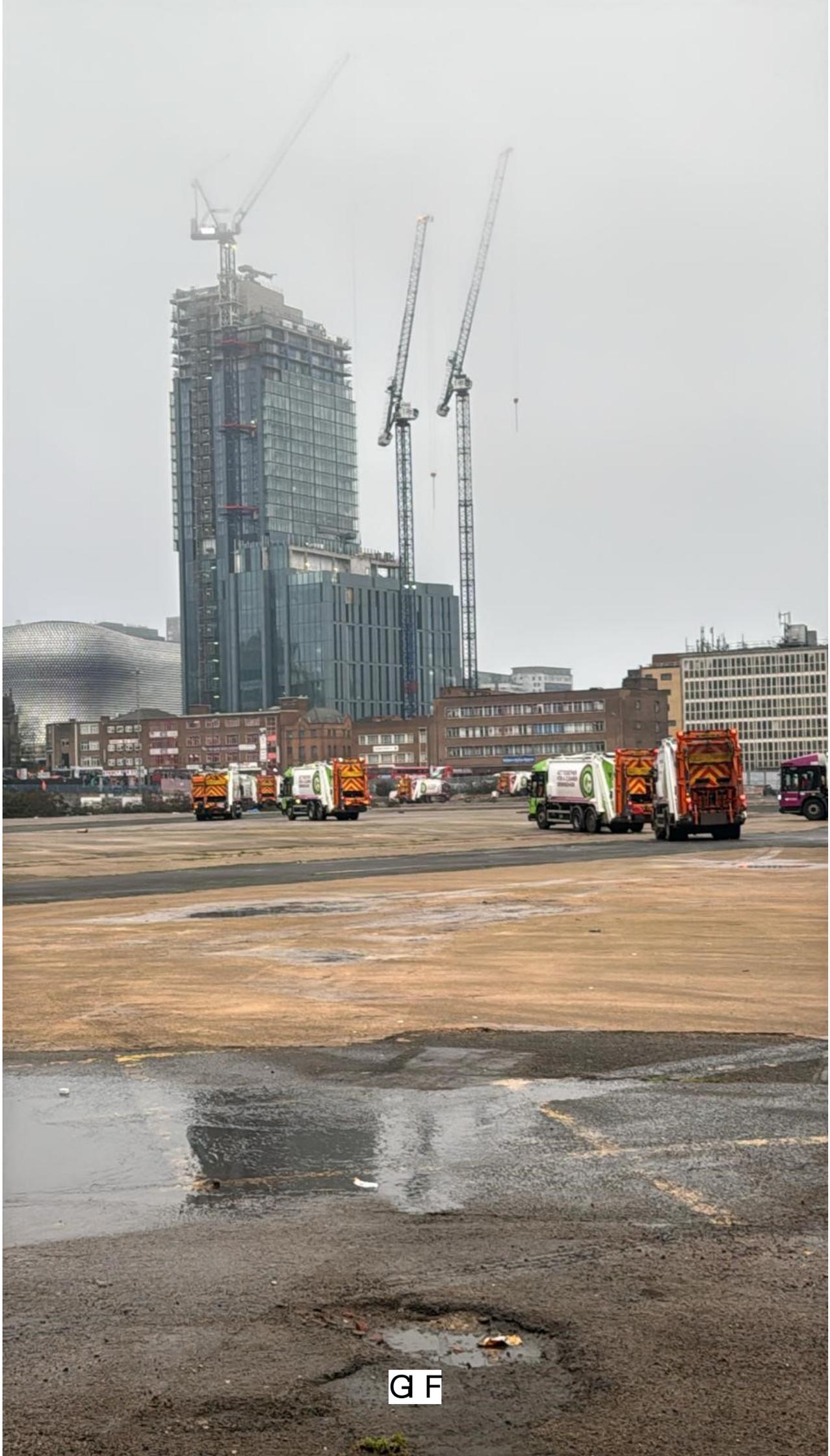
Who was spoken to

Did the police refuse to move the activists on?

Can the police identify the activists?

Will they confirm their names and which organisation they belong to?

Overview of conversation



Yasmin Ahmad

From: Natalie Smyth <Natalie.Smyth@birmingham.gov.uk>
Sent: 29 January 2026 11:16
To:

Cc:

Subject: RE: Sit Rep - 28.01.2026

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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,

Natalie Smyth (BA Hons)

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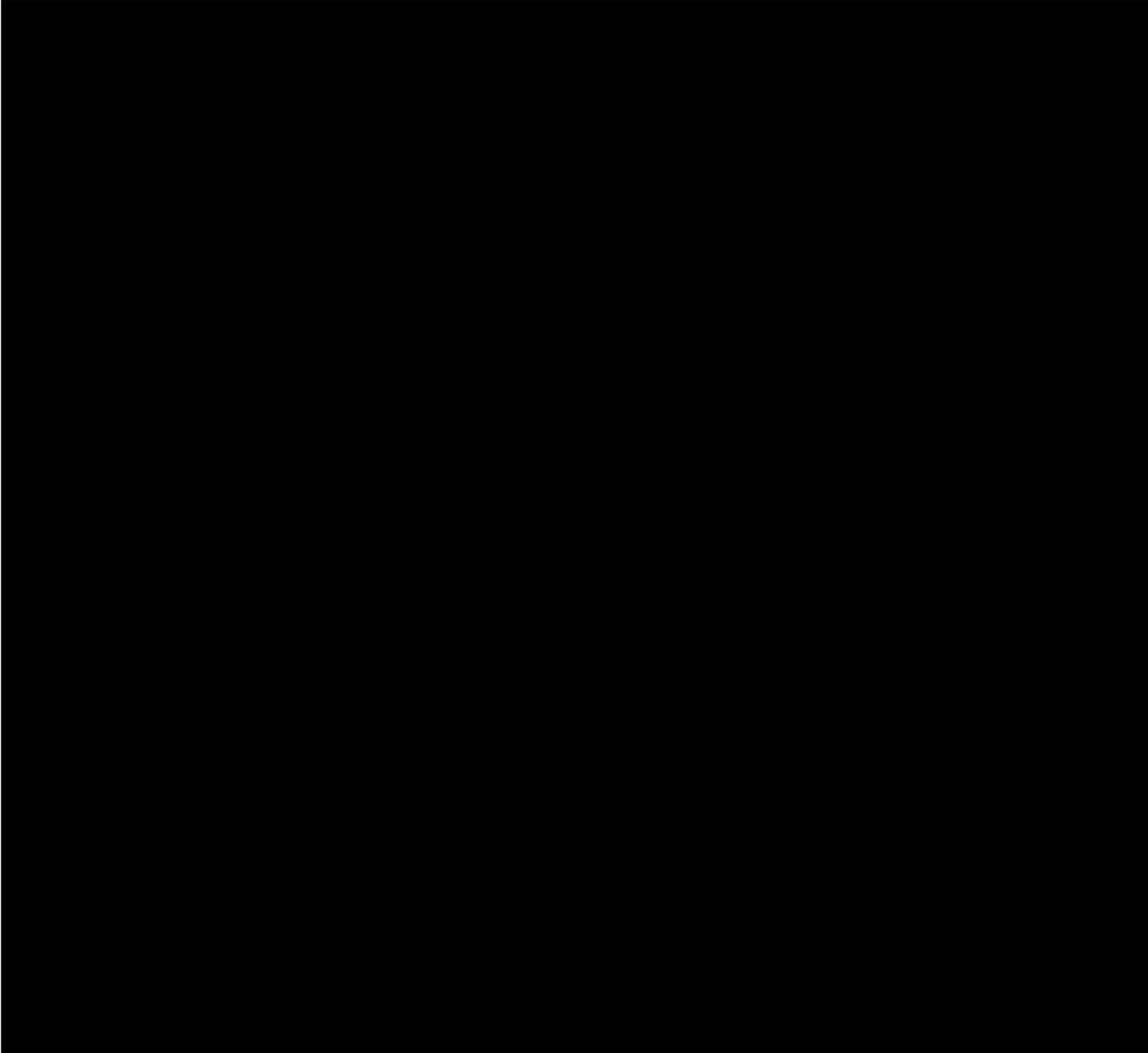


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From: Natalie Smyth

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,

Natalie Smyth (BA Hons)

Business Support Manager for Street Scene

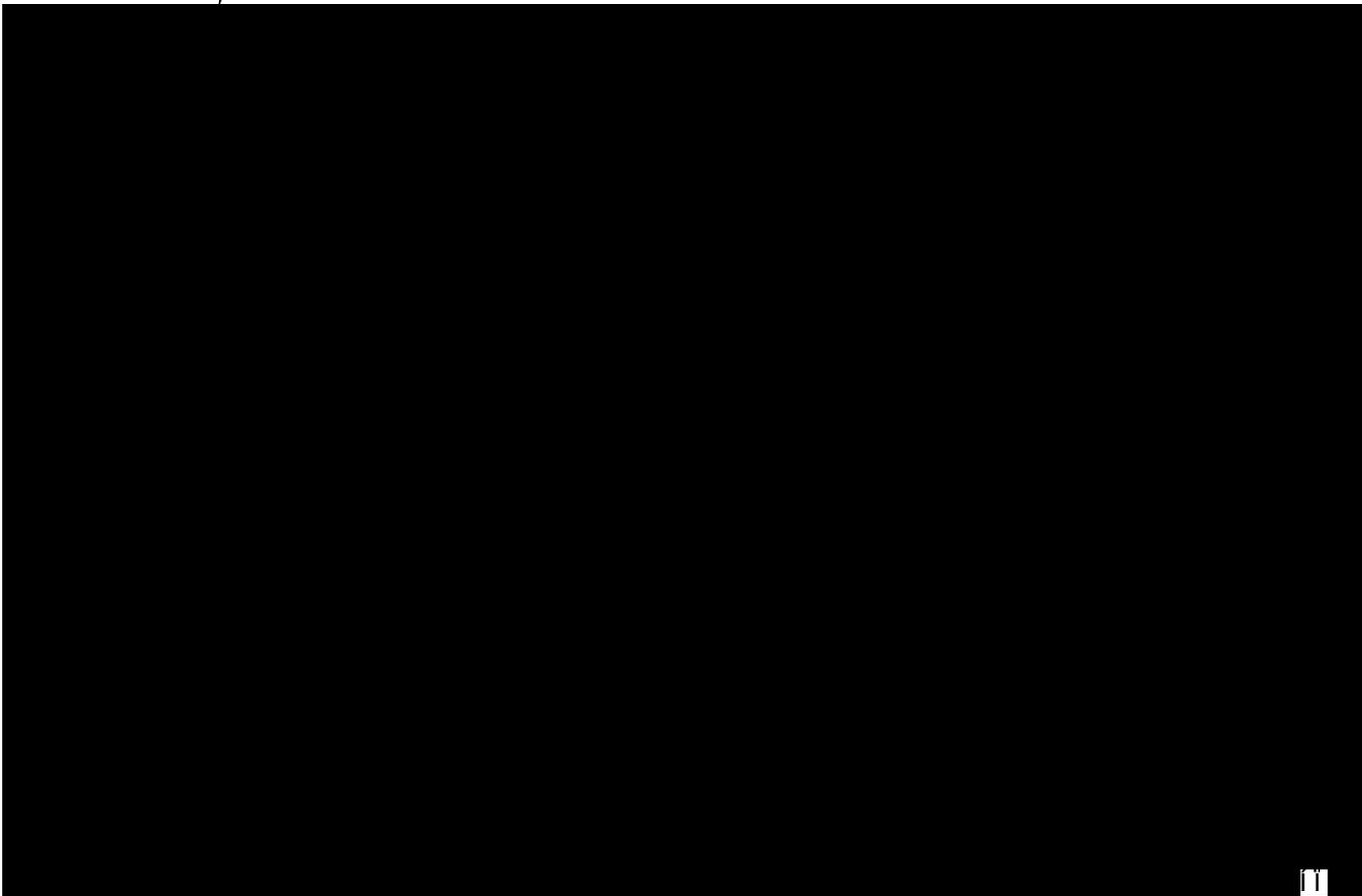
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Birmingham City Council

Email: Natalie.Smyth@Birmingham.gov.uk



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.

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

[Start of Day - CO-Waste Industrial Action - Power BI](#)

Kind Regards,

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