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By: Deborah  
Carter-Hughes  
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Date: 20 April 2026

**Claim No: KB-2026-BHM-000043**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**

**KING'S BENCH DIVISION**

BETWEEN:

**(1) BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

Claimant

- and -

**(1) PERSONS UNKNOWN**


Defendant

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**EXHIBIT OF DEBORAH  
CARTER-HUGHES**

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This is the exhibit marked "**DCH3**" in the witness statement of **DEBORAH CARTER-HUGHES** dated this 20 day of April 2026.

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## **Friday 13th February 2026**

### **Daily Operational Sit Rep**

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

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

**Atlas and supporting depots:** 18 BCC vehicles have been deployed from Atlas and alternative depots between 04:00am and 05:00am and 18 deployed between 06:20am and 06:40am; 14 Coventry crews deployed. There is no picket at the depot this morning and no protesters. All vehicles safely deployed by 06:40am.

**Smithfield:** 6 vehicles deployed between 05:00 am and 05:30am; 4 Coventry crews deployed. There is a picket at the depot and approx. 70/80 protesters and activists. There are activists' pigeon walking in front of the three exits stopping the vehicles from deploying. There is no picket or protesters outside Lifford depot. As of 08:30 am, 23 vehicles still to be deployed.

**All vehicles safely deployed by 10:10 am.**

**Perry Barr:** As of 08:30 am, 2 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. Activists are pigeon walking in front of the depot gate stopping the vehicles from deploying. As of 08:30 am 20 vehicles still to be deployed.

**All vehicles safely deployed by 11:00 am.**

**Total number of waste collection vehicles deployed today: 68, including 44 BCC vehicles and 24 for Coventry. As of 08:30am, 43 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 31.03.2026 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; 38% for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 20% for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February and 16% for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

**Please see below booking for the HWRC for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

| <b>Thursday 12/02/2026 (Cars)</b> |                        |                     |                        |                          |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>LOCATION</b>                   | <b>AVAILABLE SLOTS</b> | <b>BOOKED SLOTS</b> | <b>REMAINING SLOTS</b> | <b>PERCENTAGE BOOKED</b> |
| Sutton Coldfield                  | 1696                   | 674                 | 1022                   | 39.7%                    |
| Kings Norton                      | 912                    | 819                 | 93                     | 89.8%                    |
| Perry Barr                        | 1176                   | 587                 | 589                    | 49.9%                    |
| Castle Bromwich                   | 0                      | 0                   | 0                      | #DIV/0!                  |
| Tyseley                           | 1420                   | 651                 | 769                    | 45.8%                    |

| <b>Thursday 12/02/2026 (Vans)</b> |                        |                     |                        |                          |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>LOCATION</b>                   | <b>AVAILABLE SLOTS</b> | <b>BOOKED SLOTS</b> | <b>REMAINING SLOTS</b> | <b>PERCENTAGE BOOKED</b> |
| Sutton Coldfield                  | 24                     | 24                  | 0                      | 100.0%                   |
| Kings Norton                      | 0                      | 0                   | 0                      |                          |
| Perry Barr                        | 24                     | 24                  | 0                      | 100.0%                   |
| Castle Bromwich                   | 24                     | 17                  | 7                      | 70.8%                    |
| Tyseley                           | 48                     | 47                  | 1                      | 97.9%                    |

**Data report for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.**

How much waste has been collected by weight?

**1044 tonnes collected at kerbside; 122 tonnes collected at the HWRC**

Did we deliver the planned activity in the day?

**No**

What is the overall level of residual waste?

**68% of scheduled collections have been made. This is due to protestors at Smithfield and Atlas depots stopping vehicles from deploying.**

**Agency planned deployment.**

**Drivers:**

|            | Legally Permissible | Actual | Variance |
|------------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| Atlas      | 32                  | 31     | 1        |
| Perry Barr | 22                  | 22     | 0        |
| Smithfield | 27                  | 21     | 6        |

**Loaders:**

|            | Legally Permissible | Actual | Variance |
|------------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| Atlas      | 105                 | 70     | 35       |
| Perry Barr | 82                  | 44     | 38       |
| 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**

**TO ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN**  
**INVOLVED IN PROTEST ACTIVITY RELATING TO THE INDUSTRIAL**  
**ACTION TAKEN BY MEMBERS OF UNITE THE UNION**  
**NOTICE OF INJUNCTION APPLICATION**  
**HEARING – 13 FEBRUARY 2026**

On 3 February 2026, Birmingham City Council issued an application for an injunction prohibiting protesting activities by Persons Unknown who, in support of strikes organised by Unite the Union (“Unite”):

(1) enter occupy or remain on, or block or obstruct the entering or exiting of any other individual or vehicle to or from the following locations:

- (a) Atlas Depot, 70/72 Kings Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, B11 2AS;
- (b) Lifford Lane Depot, Ebury Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 3JJ;
- (c) Perry Barr Depot, Holford Drive, Birmingham, B42 2TU;
- (d) Smithfield Depot, Sherlock Street, Birmingham, B5 6HX.

and/or

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

The application does not seek to limit protesting activity that does not seek to block or obstruct the provision of waste services in the City of Birmingham nor to limit lawful picketing and protest activity carried out in accordance with the existing injunction granted by the High Court against Unite and in favour of Birmingham City Council (dated 27 May 2025, extended on 29 May and applied to the Smithfield Depot on 25 June 2025).

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, 33 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.

To 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 [SM-BCCInjunction@dlapiper.com](mailto:SM-BCCInjunction@dlapiper.com)

**Take Notice: If the application is granted, anyone breaching the injunction could be imprisoned for up to 2 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.



## STATEMENT OF PROCESS SERVER

STATEMENT OF; Glenn Marriott

AGE; OVER 18 OCCUPATION; Operations Manager

ADDRESS; [REDACTED]

Post Code; [REDACTED]

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**I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement of 2 pages are true**

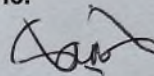
**I understand that this statement may be used in the preparation of a defence**

**I confirm that I have been informed that false statements verified by a statement of truth constitute a contempt of Court if made without honest belief in its truth**

**I make the following statement of fact as they are known to me.**

Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Signed: G. Marriott

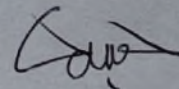


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1. I, Glenn Marriott for Expert Investigations Ltd of 8, Elm Court, Arden Street, Stratford Upon Avon, CV37 6PA will state:
  2. I am a Process Server acting under the direction of DLA Piper UK LLP and this statement has been prepared based on evidence collated by myself.
  3. At 1421hrs on Thursday 5th February 2026 I received an email from Lotte Frorup, DLA Piper containing an A5 sized Notice of Injunction Application Hearing Date. I printed off 200 of these Notices for distribution to protestors at the following Depots.
  4. At 0600hrs Friday 13th February 2026, together with Catherine Dell, Process Server, I attended Perry Barr Depot, Holford Drive, Birmingham, B42 6HX. There were a total of 20 protestors at the location. One of the protestors took possession of a leaflet and threw it in the bin and the others refused to take possession of the leaflets.
  5. At 0630hrs Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, we attended Smithfield Depot, Sherlock Street, Birmingham, B5 6HX in order to hand out leaflets to protestors. There were approximately 40 to 50 protestors at the location, some wearing face coverings. The majority of the protestors were located in the area behind the crash barriers and on the pavement on the left-hand side of the Depot main entrance. The crowd were hostile towards myself and colleague. 1 x male shouted to the crowd not to take possession of the leaflets. One of the crowd appeared to be filming as we attempted to hand out the leaflets. Some of the crowd shouted 'scabs' and one of the protestors shouted 'lose some weight you fat cunt' at us. It was not possible to talk to a section of the protestors regarding taking possession of a leaflet, due to the hostility and fear of violence towards us.
  6. There were 8 protestors outside the main gate of the Depot; all were wearing face masks but were much calmer. 6 of this group took possession of one of the leaflets and the other 2 stated they had already received one.

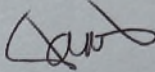
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7. At 0650hrs same day, we attended Atlas Depot, 70-172, Kings Road, Tysley, B11 2AS in order to hand out leaflets to protestors. There were no protestors at the location.
8. At 0720hrs same day, we attended Lifford Lane Depot, Ebury Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 3JJ. There were no protestors at the location.
9. Photographs were taken at the 4 x Depots attended and are attached as Exhibit GM/9
10. I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone that makes or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified in a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

  
G. M. P. M. J. J.  
PROCESS SERVER

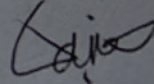


Exhibit GM/9

Perry Barr Depot







Tylsey Depot







**Refer to Exhibit DCH3/4 in OneDrive folder**

## **Friday 13th March 2026**

### **Daily Operational Sit Rep**

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

1. Morning deployment from depots:

**Atlas and supporting depots:** 34 BCC vehicles have been deployed from Atlas and alternative depots; **16 crews from Coventry have been blockaded**. There is no picket at the depot this morning and approx. 20/30 protesters on Redfern Road. All vehicles safely deployed by 06:45 am.

BCC vehicles deployed. There is no picket at the depot this morning and by 06:30am.

**Perry Barr:** 19 BCC vehicles have been deployed from the depot **9 crews from Coventry have been blockaded**. There is no picket at the depot this morning and approx. 30/40 protesters. All vehicles safely deployed by 06:35am.

**Total number of waste collection vehicles deployed today: 109, including 83 BCC vehicles and 25 blockaded from Coventry.**

**Persons unknown injunction was granted on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026, to date there have been no breaches.**

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 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 27% Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March and 25% for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Please see below booking for the HWRC for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

| Thursday 12/03/2026 (Cars) |                 |              |                 |                   |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| LOCATION                   | AVAILABLE SLOTS | BOOKED SLOTS | REMAINING SLOTS | PERCENTAGE BOOKED |
| Sutton Coldfield           | 1696            | 689          | 1007            | 40.6%             |
| Kings Norton               | 912             | 898          | 14              | 98.5%             |
| Perry Barr                 | 1176            | 422          | 754             | 35.9%             |
| Castle Bromwich            | 0               | 0            | 0               | #DIV/0!           |
| Tyseley                    | 1420            | 680          | 740             | 47.9%             |

| Thursday 12/03/2026 (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              | 23           | 1               | 95.8%             |
| Castle Bromwich            | 24              | 18           | 6               | 75.0%             |
| Tyseley                    | 48              | 46           | 2               | 95.8%             |

**Data report for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

How much waste has been collected by weight?

**1403 tonnes collected at kerbside; 175 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 have been made.**

**Agency planned deployment.**

**Drivers:**

|       | Legally Permissible | Actual | Variance |
|-------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| Atlas | 32                  | 32     | 0        |

|            |    |    |   |
|------------|----|----|---|
| Perry Barr | 22 | 19 | 3 |
| Smithfield | 27 | 24 | 3 |

**Loaders:**

|            | Legally Permissible | Actual | Variance |
|------------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| Atlas      | 105                 | 67     | 38       |
| Perry Barr | 82                  | 37     | 45       |
| 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**

**Perry Barr: 22 vehicles**

**Refer to Exhibit DCH3/6 in OneDrive folder**

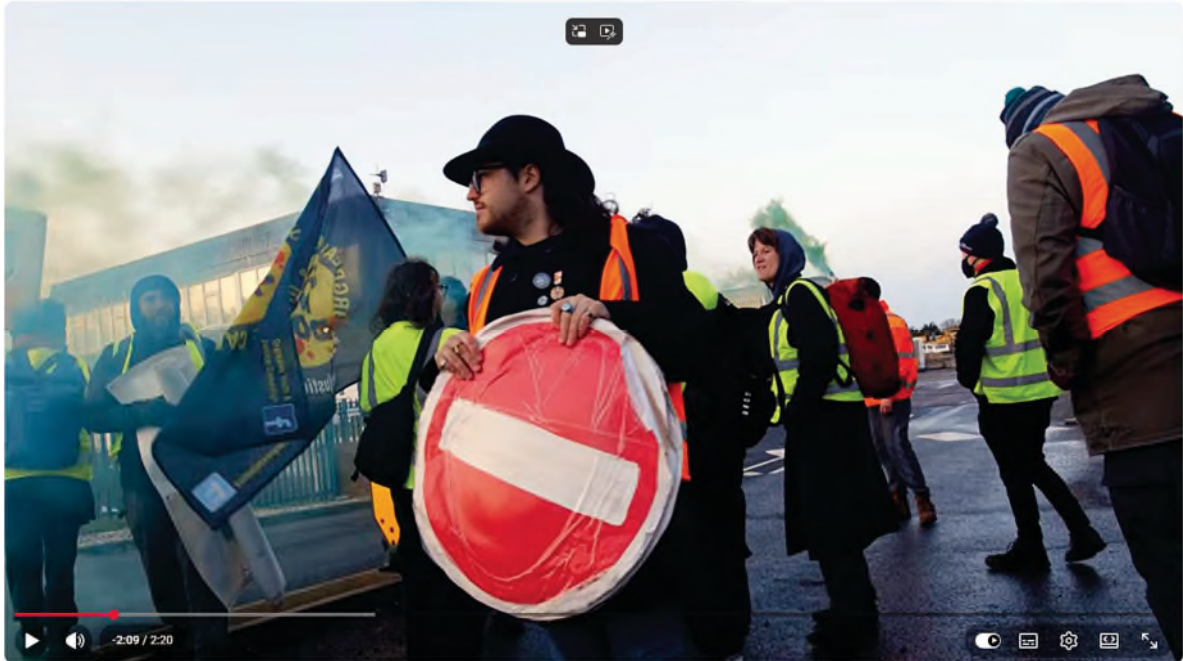
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<https://x.com/DaveBlacklist/status/2032505658726052097/photo/2>

**Dave Smith** @DaveBlacklist  
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Extract from [Birmingham bin strike: Persons Unknown shut down Coventry scabbing operation - YouTube](#) – 13 March 2026



8 January 2026 – Perry Barr



8 January 2026 – Perry Barr



15 January 2026 – Atlas



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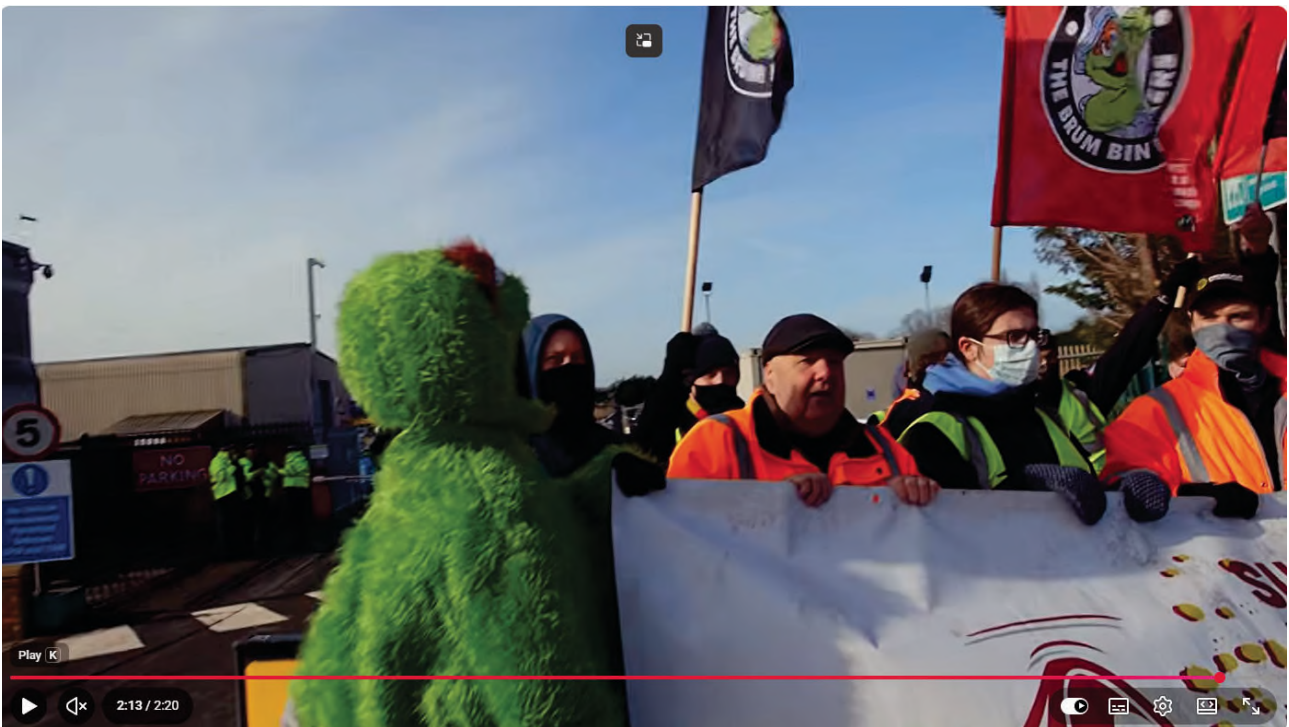


**Mr Camouflage**

Ryton Depot, Coventry, 1 April



Ryton Depot, Coventry – 13 March



Brewery Depot – 30 January 2026



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# Birmingham bin strike row spills into Coventry



Birmingham bin strike supporters took their fight to Coventry after it emerged Coventry City Council-owned Tom White Waste was helping Birmingham City Council clear rubbish in the neighbouring city

**Simon Gilbert**

Political Reporter, Coventry and Warwickshire

24 March 2026

**Supporters of the Birmingham bin strike have descended on Coventry, accusing the council there of attempting to "break the strike" in the neighbouring city.**

About 50 members of the union Unite took part in a protest outside a full meeting of Labour-controlled Coventry City Council on Tuesday.

They were protesting after it emerged Tom White Waste, **which is wholly owned by Coventry City Council**, was sending vehicles to collect rubbish bags from Birmingham during the ongoing industrial action.

The authority said the company operated as a standalone entity, and that operational decisions rested with the company's management.

Bin workers in Birmingham **have been on strike for more than a year** because of a row with the Labour-run council there over pay and the removal of some roles.

Matthew Reid, the Unite convenor for the Birmingham bin dispute, said Tom White Waste had been sending 20 to 25 vehicles a day to Birmingham during the strike.

"Another Labour council is sending crews over to Birmingham to break another Labour council's strike," he claimed.



Matthew Reid, Unite's Birmingham bin strike convenor, said Coventry City Council had attempted to "break the strike" in Birmingham

A statement from Coventry City Council said: "Although Tom White Waste is owned by the council, it operates as a stand-alone limited company.

"As shareholder, the council expects the company to operate to high standards, and responsibility for operational decisions rests with the company's management."

Tom White Waste's board is made up entirely of Coventry City Council employees, including Grant McKelvie, who said: "We are a commercial waste management business, and we continue to provide waste collection services to Birmingham City Council under a short-term services agreement."



Unite has warned it could withdraw support for Labour candidates in May's all-out elections in Coventry and Birmingham over the Birmingham bin dispute

Reid hit out at the council's assessment, saying closeness between the authority and the company was illustrated by taxpayer money from Coventry City Council being used to bail out the company in the past.

He said: "I would say they are fully responsible for what Tom White gets up to."

He also accused the councils in each city of "talking like Labour but not acting like Labour" and suggested that union support for the party's candidates in the upcoming all-out local elections in Coventry and Birmingham could be withdrawn.

The union recently removed £580,000 of funding from the Labour Party as a result of the Birmingham bin dispute – about 40% of the union's total contribution.

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## Wednesday 1st April 2026

### Daily Operational Sit Rep

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

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

**Atlas and supporting depots:** 35 BCC vehicles have been deployed from Atlas and alternative depots; 12 Coventry crews yet to be deployed. There is no picket at the depot this morning and approx. 20/30 protesters on Redfern Road. All vehicles safely deployed by 06:50 am.

30 BCC vehicles deployed. There is no picket at the depot this morning and approx. 30/40 protesters. All vehicles safely deployed by 06:30 am.

**Perry Barr:** 22 BCC vehicles have been deployed from the depot; 7 Coventry crews yet to be deployed. There is no picket at the depot this morning and approx. 20/30 protesters. All vehicles safely deployed by 06:25am.

**Brewery Street, Food Waste:** 1 BCC vehicles deployed from the depot. There is no picket at the depot and no protesters. Vehicle safely deployed by 06:00am.

Coventry crews have been blockaded by protesters pigeon walking in front of the deployment gates, stopping vehicles from exiting. The protesters include individuals wearing GMB Union tabards.

As of 12:35 pm protesters were still blockading Coventry's deployment depot. There have been no Coventry crews deployed. If the crews are able to deploy tomorrow, they will start with today's work that has been missed as a priority.



Total number of waste collection vehicles deployed today: 88, including 88 BCC vehicles and 0 for Coventry.

Persons unknown injunction was granted on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026, to date there have been no breaches.

1 x MHWC 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; 62% for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April and 28% for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Please see below booking for the HWRC for Tuesday 31st March.**

| <b>Tuesday 31/03/2026 (Cars)</b> |                        |                     |                        |                          |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>LOCATION</b>                  | <b>AVAILABLE SLOTS</b> | <b>BOOKED SLOTS</b> | <b>REMAINING SLOTS</b> | <b>PERCENTAGE BOOKED</b> |
| Sutton Coldfield                 | 1600                   | 1164                | 436                    | 72.8%                    |
| Kings Norton                     | 912                    | 905                 | 7                      | 99.2%                    |
| Perry Barr                       | 1128                   | 729                 | 399                    | 64.6%                    |
| Castle Bromwich                  | 0                      | 0                   | 0                      | #DIV/0!                  |
| Tyseley                          | 1368                   | 1226                | 142                    | 89.6%                    |

| <b>Tuesday 31/03/2026 (Vans)</b> |                        |                     |                        |                          |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>LOCATION</b>                  | <b>AVAILABLE SLOTS</b> | <b>BOOKED SLOTS</b> | <b>REMAINING SLOTS</b> | <b>PERCENTAGE BOOKED</b> |
| Sutton Coldfield                 | 76                     | 39                  | 37                     | 51.3%                    |
| Kings Norton                     | 0                      |                     | 0                      |                          |
| Perry Barr                       | 52                     | 44                  | 8                      | 84.6%                    |
| Castle Bromwich                  | 39                     | 35                  | 4                      | 89.7%                    |
| Tyseley                          | 52                     | 45                  | 7                      | 86.5%                    |

**Data report for Tuesday 31st March.**

How much waste has been collected by weight?

**1293 tonnes collected at kerbside; 250 tonnes collected at the HWRC.**

Did we deliver the planned activity in the day?

**Yes.**

What is the overall level of residual waste?

**97% of scheduled collections have been made, this was due to a vehicle breakdown.**

**Food Waste**

How much waste has been collected by weight?

**1.8 tonnes collected at kerbside.**

Did we deliver the planned activity in the day?

**Yes.**

What is the overall level of residual waste?

**100% of scheduled collections have been made.**

**Agency planned deployment.**

**Drivers:**

|            | Legally Permissible | Actual | Variance |
|------------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| Atlas      | 32                  | 32     | 0        |
| Perry Barr | 22                  | 22     | 0        |
| Smithfield | 27                  | 25     | 2        |
| Brewery    |                     | 1      | 0        |

**Loaders:**

|            | Legally Permissible | Actual | Variance |
|------------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| Atlas      | 105                 | 70     | 35       |
| Perry Barr | 82                  | 41     | 41       |
| Smithfield | 82                  | 61     | 21       |
| Brewery    |                     | 2      | 0        |

Variance in loaders is in line with operational expectations.

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

**Atlas 35 vehicles**

**26 contractor crews – Coventry**

**Perry Barr: 22 vehicles**

**Refer to Exhibit DCH3/12 in OneDrive folder**

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