



STATEMENT ON GMB UNION STRIKE – 7 March 2022

Picket line blocks vehicles from leaving Hills Municipal Collections' sites

This morning GMB Union representatives blockaded both the Stephenson Road, Churchfields Depot in Salisbury and the Riverway Depot in Trowbridge stopping waste collection vehicles and staff from leaving the sites.

This is a clear breach of the regulations governing lawful picketing, with GMB Union representatives standing in front of the lorries as they tried to leave the depots.

It should be noted that the action by the GMB Union today follows their rejection of a pay rise offer equal to a minimum of 7.1% from 1 March 2022 and includes a backdate of between 2% and 10% from October 2021.

We are liaising with Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Council and would like to assure residents we are doing everything possible to minimise disruption to household waste collection services in the County.

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Notes to editors:

Wiltshire Council awarded a contract to Hills Municipal Collections in 2018 to collect waste and recycling from all homes in Wiltshire. The service includes black bag waste, recyclables and green waste, as well as clinical, bulky waste and bin deliveries. The service collects from over 220,000 homes in Wiltshire which receive a fortnightly collection of waste and recyclables.

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