



STATEMENT ON GMB UNION STRIKE – 8 March 2022

Yesterday 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.

It is therefore very worrying and disappointing to hear reports that two striking pickets were allegedly struck by a vehicle attempting to legally exit from a depot. We are extremely relieved that no serious injury has been caused to the two individuals.

The incident is being investigated, including a review of the vehicle footage, and the matter has been reported to Wiltshire Police.

Preventing vehicles from leaving any Hills depot is a clear breach of the regulations governing lawful picketing. Clear guidance on crossing picket lines was issued to all Hills employees, customers and suppliers in advance of the industrial action.

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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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