

# Serco Sandwell waste collectors strike ballot begins after shielding disabled workers sacked



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A strike ballot has begun for workers at Serco Sandwell waste collection services after bullying from management and disabled workers were sacked for shielding.

The vote opens today Thursday, July 1 2021 and will last for three weeks until Thursday, July 22.



Any strike action could start in early August.

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The strike ballot follows months of management intimidation – including threatening workers who spoke out about safety issues and the sacking of disabled workers who shielded during the pandemic, one of which was awaiting a kidney transplant.

**Justine Jones, GMB Regional Organiser said:**

“Serco bosses have behaved appallingly. Sacking disabled workers for trying to keep them and their families safe, while bullying those who raise safety concerns is no way to run a business,

“GMB members have had enough and are flexing their industrial muscle.

“They now face crippling industrial action and inconveniencing the people of Sandwell if they do not address these concerns.”

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