Coronation parking warden strike: GMB condemns management behaviour



GMB, the union for public sector workers, has condemned the behaviour of NSL managers towards its members undertaking industrial action on the King's Coronation.

Workers taking lawful strike action yesterday were physically blocked from using the toilet on this week's traffic warden picket line which continues on Saturday in Westminster as follows:

Date: Saturday 6th May 2023

Time: From 11am



Venue: Outside Circus House, Little Portland Street, WIW 8BX

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The dispute centres around pay, with the union members unhappy with the pay offer so far tabled by NSL, the parking contractor for Westminster Council.

The members have complained to the union that an NSL manager physically blocked the entrance to the building, which is not owned by the company and therefore not out of bounds for striking workers, preventing the picketers from entering the building containing the toilet facilities.

Alex Etches, GMB Organiser said:

"This is disgraceful and inhumane behaviour from a company that has grown fabulously rich off the public purse.

"Westminster residents will be shocked that their taxes are funding this sort of aggressive and bullying behaviour.

"This company should be looking to de-escalate this dispute in the run up to the coronation but instead it is going to war with its workers.

"NSL makes tens of millions in profit, because of our members hard work, yet they are being treated like naughty children by bosses.

"The strike action over the coronation is set to bring traffic chaos to the streets of Westminster on Saturday as thousands take advantage of free parking."

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