

Quarter of a million

Nottinghamshire homes hit by

refuse chaos as Veolia strike

action begins.



**Neighbouring Derbyshire risks becoming Nottinghamshire's waste bin, says GMB.**

Members of GMB Union have today began five days of strike action at Veolia waste and recycling plants across Nottinghamshire.



The industrial action comes after service provider Veolia refused to negotiate a pay offer that reflects the cost of living crisis.

Mansfield's Materials Recycling Facility, Ashfield's Welsh Croft Close site and Bassetlaw's Claylands Avenue site will all be impacted by strike action.

These plants process household waste and recycling for over 250,000 homes in north Nottinghamshire.

Refuse collections for Mansfield, Ashfield and Bassetlaw are now being forced to make a gruelling 50 mile detour to drop off sites in Derbyshire.

GMB and local residents have also raised alarm at the prospect of Veolia using temporary agency staff to cover the impact of the dispute.

**Mick Coppin, GMB Organiser, said:**

"Our members are on strike for a pay packet that covers the bills; it's that simple.

"They're minimum wage workers being treated with disdain by Veolia.

"For Veolia to think it's fair to dump Nottinghamshire's waste in Derbyshire's creaking refuse collection sites is shocking.

"Derbyshire residents will no doubt resent Veolia creating a situation where their fine county is becoming Nottinghamshire's waste bin in this way.

"It's time for Veolia to commit to listening to our members and getting this settled once and for all."

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