

# Solihull bin strike looms as ballot begins today



**Refuse collectors have worked right through the pandemic – all they want is pay in line with the industry average**

A bin strike in Solihull could affect more than 86,000 homes as GMB began balloting members today over a pay dispute.

More than 100 refuse collectors working for Amey Services Limited will take part in the ballot, which begins today [7 February 2022] and ends on March 4.

Amey are refusing to negotiate collectively with GMB Union on workers' pay.



If the strike goes ahead, refuse and recycling services for Solihull Metropolitan Council – including Bickenhill waste tip and recycling centre, local cemeteries, street cleansing, parks and more than 86,000 households will be affected.



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**Dave warwick, GMB Organiser, said:**

“Refuse collectors in Solihull do not want to go on strike, but Amey has backed them into a corner by refusing to negotiate.

“Inflation is rampant, we’re in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis and these workers are massively in demand.

“These refuse collectors have worked right through the pandemic – all they want is pay rise to keep them in line with the industry average.

“It’s up to Amey – they can stop industrial action in its tracks by getting round the table and avoiding disruption for the people of Solihull.”

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