

# Sunderland bus strike dates announced as talks break down



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GMB Union has announced the dates of the Sunderland bus strike after talks broke down.

Almost 200 Stagecoach bus drivers will walk out for five continuous days from 00:01 on Tuesday 11 October until midnight on Saturday 15 October.

GMB met with Stagecoach today [Friday] – but the company refused to budge on their initial offer, which amounts to a big real terms pay cut.



**Stuart Gilhespy, GMB Organiser, said:**

"Sunderland's bus drivers will be on strike five straight days in October.

"We met with Stagecoach today in the hope of finding some compromise, but they refused to put any more money on the table.

"As a result, the people of Sunderland will be desperately inconvenienced.

"Stagecoach has plenty of money but are refusing to invest in the workers – or in Sunderland's bus fleet which is in a shocking state.

"It's time they got their priorities straight before Sunderland grinds to a halt."

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