

New Sunderland bus strike dates announced



Stagecoach won't let striking drivers work during rush hour

GMB Union has announced two new strike dates in the Sunderland Bus dispute.

Almost 200 bus drivers will take part in 24 hour walkouts on 28 and 31 October.

GMB members were keen to take part day strikes – from 10am until 3pm – so the people of Sunderland were able to get to and from work and school.

Unfortunately Stagecoach told them they would not be able to work for any part of a day when they took industrial action.



The dispute broke out after Stagecoach offered a massive real terms pay cut of just 4 per cent, with 2 per cent to follow later in the year.

Stuart Gilhespy, GMB Organiser, said:

“The last thing Sunderland’s bus drivers want to do is strike.

“But Stagecoach have backed them into a corner – they’re refusing to negotiate and drivers are desperate.

“It’s a shame management won’t let members work during the rush hour so families and children can get to work and school.

“But Stagecoach bosses seem hell bent on causing as much misery to the people of Sunderland as they can.”

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