



West Midlands bin strikers' fury over Sandwell Council 'snooper cameras'

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More than 100 striking refuse collectors are furious at a proposal by Sandwell Council Leader Rajbir Singh to mount cameras on bin lorries.

The council claims mounting Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras on council vehicles, including bin lorries, will help prevent anti-social behaviour.

Refuse workers, more than a hundred of whom have been on strike this month, were equal parts baffled and angered by the idea, with one worker branding it 'nonsense'.

Gillian Ogilvie, GMB Senior organiser said:

"Our members haven't been consulted on this move and are extremely angry.

"Let's be clear here, it puts them at risk from angry members of the public who will know where and when they'll be around to vent their frustrations.

"The council doesn't even have the jurisdiction for MOT or tax avoidance, so why are they getting involved?

"They're quick enough to dodge responsibility when it comes to the same staff in the Serco strike, so why the sudden change of policy to pick up the slack from the DVLA?"

