

Statement of Solidarity with Striking Workers at Veolia Sheffield

We stand in full solidarity with the striking workers at Veolia's Lumley Street depot in Sheffield.

This is not a new recognition claim. It is about defending rights that already exist. When Veolia took over the refuse contract, the union recognition agreement in place under the previous employer should have transferred under TUPE. Veolia also has a national recognition agreement with Unite. Both are being ignored.

Refusing to honour these agreements is an attack on the right to union representation. Unite members at the depot have taken lawful industrial action to defend that right. Their fight is not only justified, it is essential.

This is not a dispute between unions. It is about holding an employer to account for undermining collective bargaining and ignoring legal obligations. If allowed to stand, Veolia's actions set a dangerous precedent.

We call for:

- Reinstatement of the transferred recognition agreement
- Full application of the national agreement with Unite
- An end to defamatory attacks on striking workers
- Serious engagement with Unite to resolve the dispute
- A shared commitment across the trade union movement to uphold

recognition where it reflects the will of the workforce

Trade unionism means standing together. We stand with the workers at Veolia Sheffield.

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TRADE UNION/AFFILIATED BODY:

POSITION HELD:

DATE:

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