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## **Waste service discussions due to start next week**

Talks will continue next week in a bid to avoid disruption to waste and recycling collections across Wealden.

Biffa Municipal Ltd – the waste services contractors - has informed Wealden District Council that it has received formal notification from the GMB union that its members intend to take industrial action at the depots operating services in Wealden from Monday 25 April for at least two weeks.

Biffa is in discussions with unions to try to resolve the dispute and talks are due to resume on Thursday 21 April.

In the meantime all waste and street cleansing services continue to operate as normal so the council is asking residents to continue to put their bins out on the scheduled collection day.

Averil Price, the lead director for the Joint Waste Partnership, said, “Should an agreement not be reached, there may be some disruption to services from Monday 25 April.

“Please be assured the council will inform residents of what is happening with their collections through our website, My Alerts e-newsletter and social media. Regular updates on this situation will be published on our website.

“Residents should continue presenting their bins as normal. Biffa is in active and ongoing negotiations with the unions and remains committed to reaching a solution as quickly as possible.”

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