

# Residents complain of stinky town, refuse not collected

**The area of Tongaat was among the areas under eThekweni Municipality badly affected by the illegal strike, undertaken by the Cleansing and Solid Waste and Expanded Public Works Programme workers, recently.**

The strike caused interruptions to the refuse service collection and street sweeping in and around the municipality, for the majority of last week. Areas affected included Tongaat, Durban North, Newlands, Chatsworth, Bellair and Malvern among others. On 4 October, the residents took to social media complaining about the eyesore and the stink the refuse was causing. According to the residents, Tongaat CBD was worse with refuse scattered on all the streets.

Some residents blamed the municipality of failing the

residents, saying there should be alternative measures in place for such occasions. A DSW worker who asked to remain anonymous said: "The only thing I can tell you is that there are internal problems. We are demanding that these problems be addressed or we will not pick up our tools."

On Facebook, Azeem Moildin said: "It pains me that the garden town off the North has turned into a dump site," while Vijay Govender said: "How shameful to see this at the entrance of Tongaat."

Msawakhe Mayisela, eThekweni municipality spokesperson said that DSW was experiencing service interruptions due to an ongoing illegal strike action by workers. He said: "DSW is doing all it can to resolve the issues as speedily as possible for service to go back to normal. Residents are requested to keep all refuse within their properties."