# Major Fire Breaks out at Smurfit Kappa Plant in Nechells



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West Midlands Fire Service has deployed multiple crews to tackle a significant fire at the Smurfit Kappa packaging plant located on Mount Street, Nechells, Birmingham. The incident began early on the morning of Friday, June 28, 2024.

Residents in the vicinity have been advised to keep their doors and windows closed due to the smoke generated by the blaze. The fire service posted an alert on social media platform X at 7:57 am, urging locals to take precautionary measures.

The exact cause of the fire has not yet been identified. The current situation appears less severe compared to a major incident at the same site two years ago. That previous fire, on June 12, 2022, involved 8,000 tonnes of cardboard and paper, requiring a near-week-long firefighting effort with over 100 firefighters and 30 fire engines.

The incident two years ago was attributed to coals from a disposable barbecue.

Updates will follow as more information becomes available.