

Workers to strike at Durham chemical company



GMB members have smashed the threshold for strike action

Almost 100 workers at a Durham chemical company have voted to strike in anger over a real terms pay cut.

GMB members at Thomas Swan, in Consett, have overwhelmingly voted to take industrial action, with a majority of more than 92 per cent.

Five 24 hour strikes will take place on 30 Nov, Dec 7, 14 and 21 and 4 Jan.



A revised offer of 5.1 per cent – capped at £1,000, meaning the vast majority of the workforce would get even less – was overwhelmingly rejected.

Andrew Blunt, GMB Organiser, said:

“GMB members have smashed the threshold for strike action with an overwhelming majority.

“This sends a clear message to Thomas Swan.

“The directors are doing very well out of the business, but they tell hardworking members there is no money.

“Thomas Swan needs to get back round the table and take a sensible approach and reward our members with an increase that will help them with the rising cost of living.

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