

Unions urge Goodfish to reopen talks



Striking workers at Goodfish's North Wales plant have renewed calls for the company to come back to the table as a second 24 hour strike gets under way.

The move comes after a rocky dispute that saw the plastics manufacturer **cancelling staff bonuses before previous day of action on the 13th of October.**

Last Friday the company informed workers that they intend to implement a pay increase without agreement of the onsite unions, GMB and Unite.

Both unions have criticised the move, claiming that the **below inflation pay rise** will fail to meet the cost of living for striking workers.



The unions have renewed calls for the company to come back to the table and show willingness to engage in 'proactive discussions' to de-escalate the situation.

Alyn Thomas, GMB Regional Organiser said:

"Our members remain committed to action due to the fact that the company's pay imposition will still see them taking a pay cut in real terms.

"Given the Company's current communication, we're hopeful that Goodfish will join us in further talks and avoid an escalation in actions.

"As with all negotiations there needs to be a willingness on all sides to conduct proactive discussions, our door is open if Goodfish are willing to achieve a positive outcome."

Daryl Williams, Unite Regional Officer said :

"Unite members remain determined in their pursuit of a fair pay settlement at time of rising inflation, increased Gas prices and the upcoming rise in National Insurance contributions.

"The announcement from the Company will not achieve that. There can be no end to the dispute without a willingness from the company to return to the table and reach an agreement with the unions. As it stands, the strike action will go ahead tomorrow and Unite will continue to support our members 100%.

"Unite remain open to meaningful talks aimed at avoiding the escalation of the dispute to two 24 hour stoppages of action planned next week and call on the company to return to the table."

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