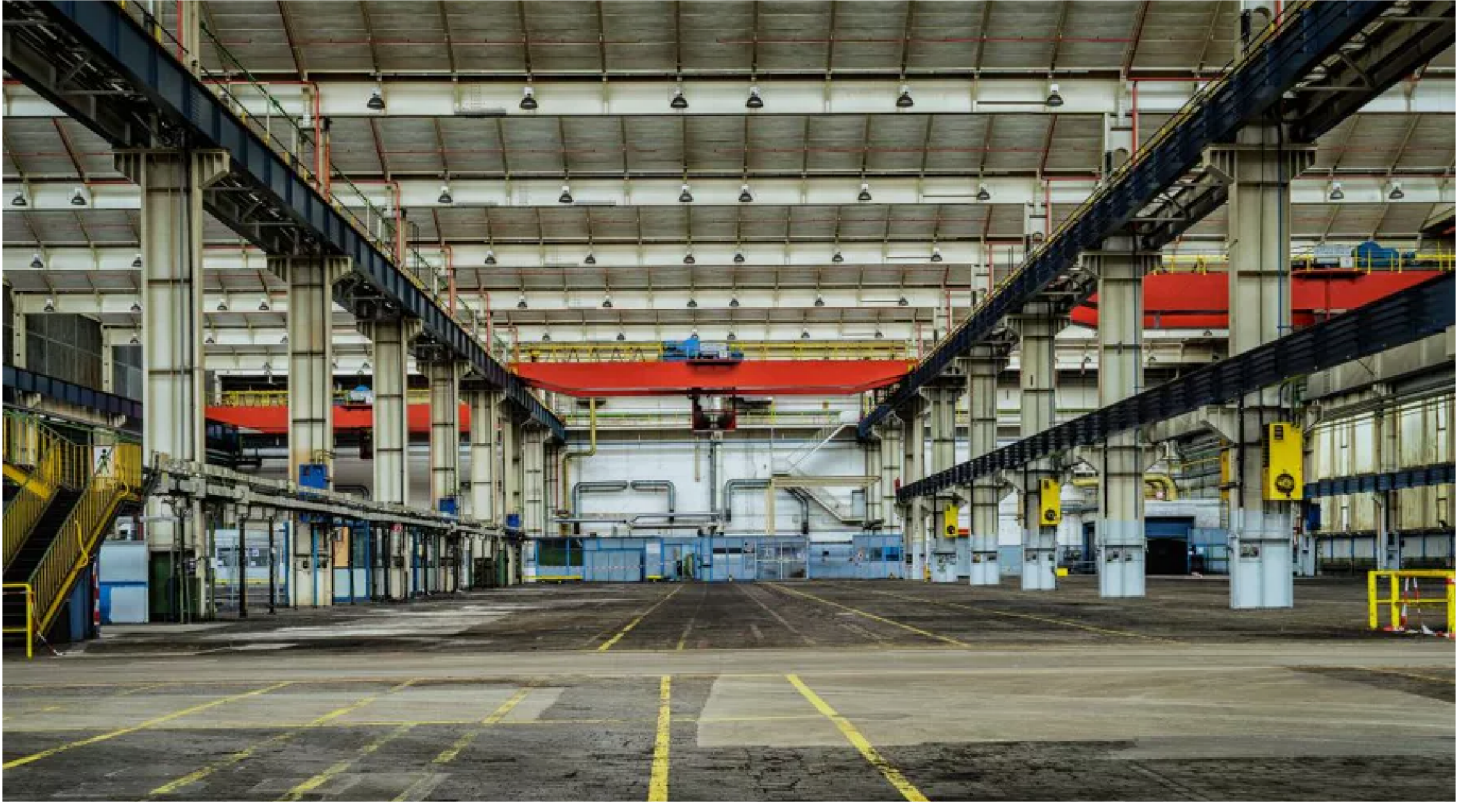


Thousands of Spirit Aerosystems Belfast workers left 'in limbo'



More than 2,500 workers at one of Northern Ireland's largest employers still face an uncertain future as bosses at Spirit Aerosystems Belfast remain silent,

Earlier this year, the company announced Boeing was taking ownership of the factory and production of the wing for the A220 jet.

But since that announcement workers have been left in limbo.

GMB has met with the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, the Economy Minister and the local MP.



But requests to meet with the CEO from Spirit, Boeing and Airbus have been met with silence - while to date Secretary of State Hilary Benn has also refused to meet with unions which is not acceptable.

Alan Perry, GMB Senior Organiser, said:

"It is totally unacceptable that these workers have been left fearing for their livelihoods; Boeing and Airbus refuse to give assurances jobs won't be affected.

"The uncertainty comes from the non-Airbus part of the business, which makes up 60 per cent of the overall workforce.

"Any dismantling of the business would be hugely detrimental to the long term future of the Belfast business.

"Every political party - along with local Government Ministers - agree the best solution is for Belfast to remain as one identity.

"This not only protects jobs within the company but also at least 10,000 jobs in the supply chain .

"GMB members demand answers and these answers need to be provided quickly."

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