

# Yorkshire politicians join GMB's fight to save dairy factory



Yorkshire politicians have joined GMB's fight to save a dairy factory from closure.

More than 130 jobs will be lost if Arla Foods UK goes ahead with its plan to close a facility in Settle and move production to the company's site in Lockerbie, Scotland.

GMB Union today met key stakeholders, including the MP for Skipton and Row Sir Julian Smith and the North Yorkshire Mayor David Skaith.

This broad-based coalition is determined to challenge Arla's decision and explore all options to keep the site open.



The union will meet company bosses on Thursday (13 March), while **almost 200 people have a signed a petition to save the factory.**

**Deanne Ferguson, GMB Regional Organiser, said:**

"GMB will work collaboratively to save the Settle Arla site and the 130 direct jobs - along with the many more at risk in the supply chain.

"Workers and their families face a devastating impact, some have spent their entire careers at Arla, others moved here for their 'forever jobs'.

"Now their futures are uncertain. Some will be forced to relocate to find work, tearing them away from their homes and communities.

"The loss of these jobs won't just affect individuals; it will have a lasting economic and social impact on Settle.

"That's why we're calling on the local community and all stakeholders to stand with us in this fight."

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