

MP meet striking workers at Fox's Glacier Mints factory



Rachael Maskell MP pledges to meet Valeo bosses and raise workers concerns

York MP Rachael Maskell met with workers at Valeo, manufacturer of Fox's Glacier Mints, Mint Humbugs and Poppets, ahead of their strike action.

Dozens of GMB members voted to walk out after Valeo bosses offered below inflation pay rise, excluded the lowest paid workers from a one-off payment and took two days holiday off others.

Industrial action is set to start on 21 March.



While meeting Rachael Maskell, MP for York Central, workers told her what the pay deal would have meant to them if accepted – as inflation and the cost-of-living-crisis rocket – workers would be left choosing whether to buy food or heat their homes.

The company has also given notice to GMB Union they want to end pay bargaining at the York site.

Rachael Maskell, MP for York Central, said:

“I have met with workers from Valeo in York and listened to their concerns; they have told me that the company’s pay deal has been overwhelmingly rejected twice by workers at the York site.

“It was worrying to hear the concerns of workers – many of them with years of loyal service to the company – and some already struggling to make ends meet because of rising fuel and food prices.

“I will be meeting with the company in the coming weeks and agreed with the workforce that I will raise these concerns with management on their behalf.”

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