GMB@ASDA Retail



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Ambient & Online Grocery - Redundancy Collective Consultation

As you will be aware from colleague briefings, Asda opened collective consultations with GMB national representatives on 15th November 2017.

The collective consultation period lasts for a minimum of 45 days and weekly meetings have been scheduled with GMB reps from now until Christmas.

Individual consultations will not start until January 2018 after the completion of collective consultations.

Asda Proposals

The company is proposing to reduce the number of hours and re-rota its online grocery operation in approximately 285 stores across the country. The GMB has a list of stores and the potential numbers affected.

Asda is also proposing to introduce faster facing, which it says is a quicker way to face up and tidy shelves, as well as rolling out CAP (customer availability programme) to replenish lines that customers need. These proposals will potentially reduce the number of hours in all ASDA stores.

The proposals also affect the leadership structure, with proposed reduction of Night Section Leader Roles, Produce Section Leader Roles, Fresh and Ambient Process Section Leader Roles and the creation of new Night Replenishment Section Manager Roles.

The paperwork sent to GMB puts 3,866 colleagues at potential risk of redundancy. GMB will be working with Asda management to significantly reduce this number.

The numbers facing redundancy were dramatically reduced in the last and most recent round of redundancy consultations.

Collective Consultation

GMB will be involved in all the meetings, putting forward our members' views and working hard to reduce and minimise the number of proposed redundancies.

However volatile the retail sector might be at present, GMB is striving to protect jobs and incomes. We want Asda to do well and believe this will be best achieved by offering secure, rewarding and well paid employment.

Feedback, Advice & Representation

We appreciate this is an unsettling and stressful time for colleagues, especially in the run up to Christmas and the New Year. If you want advice or wish to have your say on Asda's proposals, please speak to your local GMB rep or contact your GMB office.

If you're not yet a GMB member and would like to join; you can complete the form overleaf or join online at www.gmb.org.uk

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