

ASDA workers to hand bosses 23,000 strong petition during mass protest



Public backing Asda workers in fight against Draconian contracts

Asda workers will hand in a 23,000 strong petition opposing a controversial new contract at the company's HQ today.

The tens of thousands of signatures will be delivered to Asda head office in a shopping trolley as part of a mass protest in Leeds today.



Up to 1,000 protestors from across the UK are expected to gather at City Square, in Leeds, at 12noon today in anger at the so-called 'flexible' Contract 6.

Asda workers have been told to sign the contracts – which will see them lose all their paid breaks and forced to work bank holidays – or be sacked on November 2 in the run up the Christmas.

Dr Who star Paul McGann, who also starred in cult hit Withnail and I and Aliens 3, and Rob Delaney, who appeared in Catastrophe and Deadpool 2, [both leant their support to Asda workers ahead of today's demo.](#)

Asda workers have been protesting outside stores up and down the country, while more than 1,000 turned out for a protest in August.

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Latest company accounts show directors trousered a whopping £12million last year – and profits rocketed more than £92 million – at the same time Asda slashed 5,000 jobs

Gary Carter, GMB National Officer, said:

“Tens of thousands of members of the public are backing our Asda workers in their fight against these Draconian contracts.

“Contract 6 is shocking – the changes are forcing our members to choose between looking after their families, or being able to support them. It's a disgrace.

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