

Scandal of Arcadia collapse as taxpayers to pay for sacked workers redundancy



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GMB has revealed the 'scandal' of Arcadia's collapse as it emerges the taxpayer will have to for out of sacked workers redundancy pay-outs.

The historic Burton site in Leeds is set to close with 400 jobs lost, it was announced last week.



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The former Burton factory in Leeds has been in operation since 1922 – most recently as a distribution centre for Arcadia stores including Dorothy Perkins and Burtons.

Administrators Deloitte, who raked in millions for their services during the sell off of Philip Green’s Empire, told workers there would be no money left to pay their notice pay or redundancy.

This leaves hundreds of members have staff having to apply to the Government for the money that is rightfully theirs – which will ultimately be funded by taxpayer cash.

Peter Davies, GMB Senior Organiser, said:

“Obviously this is an absolute tragedy.

“This site was a thriving distribution centre still rammed with stock.

“The administrators have raked in millions overseeing selling off the company names.

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“But not one jot of effort has been made on the workers’ behalf who will have to carry on up to the closure date, clearing that stock and won’t get a penny out of.

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