

# Hammer blow' as 2,500 Asda jobs under threat



## Jobs put at risk amid supermarket giant's merger with Sainsbury's

GMB, the union for ASDA workers, has responded to news the supermarket chain could cut up to 2,500 jobs early from February 2019.

ASDA has issued potential redundancy notices for just under 2,500 workers in 5 separate areas of work: combined back office, George desks, petrol, hosting and bakery.



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Pledging to fight tooth and nail for every single job, GMB said it would remind ASDA bosses the supermarket is highly profitable because of the hard work of its employees – who are the backbone of the company.

**Gary Carter, GMB National Officer said:**

"These proposed redundancies are a hammer blow to ASDA workers. The timing of this announcement, in the run up to Christmas, is doubly appalling.

"ASDA is performing well and is highly profitable because of the hard work of our members, who are the backbone of the company.

"These cuts make no sense whatsoever – slashing our members jobs would hurt the service ASDA customers receive. GMB will fight tooth and nail for every single job.

"With all the speculation surrounding the proposed Sainsbury's merger and potential sell offs of stores – this news will not put anyone's mind at rest."

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