

# Asda faces three more strike votes



## Asda workers will begin a strike vote at three more stores.

Nearly 400 GMB members at the Wisbech, Brighton Hollingbury, and Brighton Marina stores will vote on whether to take industrial action.

The votes follow the first ever strike of ASDA workers at the retailer's Gosport store, where almost 100 GMB members walked out in protest at the 'toxic' working environment.

The new ballots will run from 16 February until 5 March. [See notes for ballot dates for each store]

Workers are angry at a series of issues including:



- cuts in hours
- poor health and safety
- inadequate training
- lack of collective bargaining (rights to negotiate on pay and conditions)
- failure to resolve equal pay

Estimates being shared among Asda staff reveal eight million hours have been lost across Asda's workforce in the last two years alone, with further reductions expected this year. [1]

**Nadine Houghton, GMB National Officer, said:**

"Asda workers are voting on strike action because they want to see a better, thriving company.

"Meanwhile the Issa Brothers and TDR Capital continue the asset stripping of Asda at pace.

"An estimated eight million hours have been cut from the shop floor in the past two years alone, reducing staff costs by up to tens of millions of pounds.

"GMB members want to know why they are being forced to do more work with fewer colleagues and worsening health and safety standards, while Moshin Issa spends millions on mansions and private jets.

"These cuts are not something that ASDA workers agreed to nor had any say in.

"That is why they are calling for proper rights for Asda's largest trade union - GMB - to represent them."

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