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Thames weir and lockkeepers suspend industrial action



River Thames weir and lockkeepers have suspended industrial action after a last-minute offer from bosses.

Workers, employed by the Environment Agency, had voted to strike and we're set to begin 'work to rule' today [Tuesday] over concerns only 52 permanent trained staff were expected to perform tasks needing more than 90 during peak season.

They have now received an offer pledging at least 80 staff during the summer.

Industrial action has been suspended will GMB and members review details of the offer.

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Kevin Brandstatter, GMB National Officer said:

"The last thing our River Thames weir and lockkeepers wanted to do was take industrial action.

“But they were worried about the safety of the public – and themselves.

“It’s good the environment agency has pledged more staff and appears to value these hard-working professionals.

“GMB will now examine the finer points of the offer with members before deciding on next steps.”

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