

Asda Distro managers to vote on union recognition



Managers working in Asda's distribution operation will vote on whether they want a union voice following a decision from the Central Arbitration Committee (CAC).

More than 1,000 salaried employees working in 23 depots across the UK will take part in a ballot on whether they want GMB to be their recognised union.

The CAC granted the ballot after the union provided a petition showing more than 60 per cent of workers backed the move.

Nadine Houghton, GMB National Officer, said:



"A clear majority of the workforce want GMB to be their collective union voice at work – now they will have a chance to vote in a full ballot.

"If the vote is for recognition, GMB will negotiate directly with company bosses over pay, terms and conditions – things which have been significantly eroded since Asda was brought out and asset stripped by private equity owners TDR Capital.

"Since being granted the vote, Asda has attempted to stymie support for the union by offering a pay rise and other concessions.

"But workers know this was only achieved because they started to organise into the GMB.

"Union recognition is about winning improvements now and for years to come while protecting what is achieved."

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