

Teesside military paint workers vote to strike



More than one hundred military paint workers have voted to strike in fury over 'pittance' pay.

GMB members at PPG industries, in Shildon, voted to walk out after bosses hit them with a real terms pay cut.

PPG produces defence level quality paint for companies, including Airbus and BAE, and GMB members make the military green paint used on army vehicles.

The firm has official Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) status due to the dangerous chemicals the workforce use.



The company already has an order back log and it's anticipated that this action will result in significant production delays.

Industrial action is now expected this autumn.

Etain Stobbart, GMB organiser, said:

"These workers are simply asking for a decent pay rise that reflects the work they do.

"PPG is a hugely successful multinational company, raking in millions in profit.

"It's so successful that the company is currently expanding the Shildon site.

"Despite this, workers have been offered a pay deal well below inflation.

"A total of 95 per cent of GMB members voted to strike – showing the strength of feeling on site.

"It's time PPG thought again and put a reasonable offer on the table.

"Unless they do, GMB members have no choice but to strike."

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