

Teesside wind workers to striker over 'pitiful' pay



More than 150 Teesside workers at Seah Wind will walk out on Wednesday [\[15 October\]](#) and every Wednesday for six weeks after rejecting imposed shift allowances and a 3.1 per cent pay offer that's both below inflation and industry standards.

Workers will also begin a continuous overtime ban after talks with conciliatory service Acas broke down today [\[Tuesday\]](#).

The company, which builds wind turbine monopiles in Middlesbrough, has received millions of pounds of Government money in subsidies to boost the production of green energy.



Industrial action highlights the current gap between promises made by companies and the Government on well-paid jobs in renewables and the reality for many workers.

Andrew Blunt, GMB Organiser said:

"Seah is starting to look like a perfect example of the reality gap between promises of well-paid jobs in renewables and the daily experience of workers who are key to the transition to green energy.

"These talented workers are being asked to work unsociable hours, sacrificing time away from families at weekends and nights, but without being paid the industry standard rate to do it.

"Although bench marking has been addressed for some roles, it's a pitiful pay deal and it's just not right.

"Terms and conditions need to be retained and protected to future proof these industries - not to deskill and devalue the skills our members have.

"Seah has received around £900 million in public money - it should pay its workers properly."

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