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Parliament committee cancels Amazon warehouse visit.



MPs had been due to visit the retail giant's Coventry fulfilment centre today.

GMB Union, representing Amazon workers across the UK, has reacted to the news that Parliament's influential business committee has canceled a planned visit to the retail giant.

The Committee cancelled the visit after Amazon refused members of the Business, Industry, Science, Innovation and Trade Committee the opportunity to meet with GMB representatives within the workplace as part of the visit.

Amazon's refusal comes just weeks after the union applied for access rights to the Coventry warehouse, under new rights within the Employment Rights Act.

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Rachel Fagan, GMB Organiser, said:

“Last year Amazon failed to answer vital questions on workers’ rights when called in front of the Parliament's business committee.

“We understand MPs made the very reasonable request to meet with the trade union of Amazon workers as part of this visit, only to be told the company refused to accept.

“This visit was supposed to be their opportunity to reassure everyone that they are a fair and reasonable employer.

"Now Amazon have been left red faced after MPs pulled the visit".

Antonia Bance MP, A member of the Business, Industry, Science, Innovation and Trade Committee, said:

“Amazon were meant to use this visit as an opportunity to showcase their company.

“Following their performance in front of MPs in 2024, I had important questions about workers’ rights, union access and recent strike action at the company.

“It is disappointing that instead they have chosen to hold this line; with independent trade unions left out in the cold by company bosses.

“We hope Amazon bosses reconsider their position, and we are able to arrange a visit to Coventry again in the near future.”

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