

# Worker vote to strike at Fox's Glacier Mints, Mint Humbugs and Poppets factory



## **GMB Union will now meet with members to discuss dates for industrial action**

Workers have voted to strike at the factory where Fox's Glacier Mints, Mint Humbugs and Poppets are made.

Staff at sweet manufacturer Valeo, in York, are ready to walk out in a dispute over terms and conditions.



Despite the cost-of-living crisis – and rampant inflation – bosses have offered below inflation pay rise.

Lowest paid workers are also excluded from a one-off payment, while others are set to lose two days holiday a year.

The company has also given notice to GMB they want to end collective bargaining at the York site.

GMB will now meet with members to discuss potential strike dates.



**Katherine Mitchell, GMB Organiser, said:**

“The deal has been overwhelmingly rejected twice by workers at the York site.

“The company has refused to increase the offer, despite an improved offer being made to workers at the sister plant in Pontefract.

“GMB members have kept the company and production going throughout the pandemic – all they are asking for is a fair deal.

“They have been left with no option but to take strike action.

“There is still time for the company to get back round the negotiating table before industrial action begins.

“GMB urges them to do just that, for the good of the workers and morale at the site.”



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