Tesco reveals changes to restocking and petrol forecourts in move that puts hundreds of jobs at risk

Tesco has announced changes to its supermarket network in a move that will put over 1,500 jobs at risk.

They said the changes to re-stocking and petrol forecourts are part of efforts to "serve customers in the best way possible in a competitive market".

The chain said the move means it can re-invest in the things that "add most value for customers".

It comes after an announcement yesterday about scrapping the <u>Jack's discount brand and cutting meat and deli counters</u>.

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Stock replacement

Tesco said: "Following successful rollouts, we have shown that by moving our overnight stock replenishment to daytime trading hours, we can ensure more colleagues are available on the shop floor to help customers at peak times.

"We have therefore taken the decision to move our overnight stock replenishment into the daytime in 36 large stores and 49 convenience stores."

Petrol forecourts:

Tesco said: "In 36 stores, we will also convert our petrol stations to be pay-at-pump only during overnight hours."

Meat and Deli counters

Tesco is shutting meat and deli counters at hundreds of stores.

The <u>supermarket giant</u> says it will shut counters across 317 of its supermarkets where it has seen "lowest demand" as customer habits have changed.

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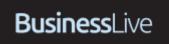
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Jobs at risk

This, combined with other recent changes including the proposed closure of seven Jack's stores, will put around 1,600 roles at risk of redundancy across the business, but Tesco said it aims to offer alternative roles at Tesco for as many colleagues as they can.

They said: "We currently have around 3,000 vacancies in our business, and we will work individually with each affected colleague to support them during this period of change and help them to find another role."

Tesco UK and ROI CEO, Jason Tarry said: "We operate in a highly competitive and fast-paced market and our customers are shopping differently, especially since the start of the pandemic.

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"We are always looking at how we can run our business as simply and efficiently as possible, so that we can re-invest in the things that matter most to customers. The changes we are announcing today will help us do this.

"Our priority now is to support our impacted colleagues through these changes and, wherever possible, find them alternative roles within our business."

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