

Workers at Saint-Gobain Abrasives threaten to strike in row over pay

Workers at a Staffordshire abrasives manufacturer are threatening to strike after being offered a three per cent pay rise.

Staff at Saint-Gobain Abrasives, in Stafford, say the pay offer is a “real terms pay cut” amid “the worst cost of living crisis in a generation.”

Now GMB Union members are preparing to vote on strike action in the hope the company will increase its offer.

The GMB says the current offer “doesn’t even scratch the surface.”

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GMB organiser Stuart Harrison said: “In the midst of the worst cost of living crisis in a generation, bosses expect our members to accept a real terms pay cut.

“A three per cent pay offer doesn’t even scratch the surface given the pressure our members are under. It simply isn’t good enough.

“Our members are sick of getting the rough end of the deal.”

Around 90 staff are believed to be based at Saint-Gobain Abrasives, which [relocated from the old Universal Grinding Wheel site in Doxey, to Unicorn House on Redhill Business Park in 2019](#).

The company is a subsidiary of French-owned company Saint-

Gobain which designs, manufactures and distributes materials used in the construction and industrial markets – such as sandpaper, diamond blades and tools.

A spokesman for Saint-Gobain Abrasives said: “Saint-Gobain Abrasives are continuing to engage in dialogue with colleagues and Union officials regarding pay discussions at the site in Stafford.

“We hope to bring our talks to a positive conclusion in due course.”

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