

# Railway engineering workers to stage 48-hour strikes after rejecting pay offer

Railway engineering workers are set to take part in a series of 48-hour strikes next month due to a pay dispute.

The action comes after the workers at infrastructure group Balfour Beatty overwhelmingly rejected the company's offer of a 5.5% increase in pay.

Members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) union will take [strike action](#) between the 3-5 March, 10-12 March, and 17-19 March – with each of the walkouts starting at 10pm on the Friday and ending at 10am on the Sunday.

“These highly skilled workers have had enough of not been offered a decent wage rise”, said RMT general secretary Mick Lynch in a statement on Saturday.

“The cost of living crisis has affected all workers and our members are not prepared to pay the price while the company enjoy huge revenues.”

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Balfour Beatty made over £8bn in revenue last year, RMT said.

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Mr Lynch added: “Balfour Beatty is a highly profitable company and they need to use some of their excess wealth to reward their workers properly.”

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The union said it had received “no new offers” from employers involved in the rail dispute, having earlier [rejected the terms](#) offered by Network Rail and 14 train operators on the grounds they “did not meet the needs of members on pay, job security or working conditions”.