

Contract row threatens thousands of jobs at ASDA

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COVENTRY, UNITED KINGDOM, October 25, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ASDA could be set for mass job losses after the supermarket giant changed the terms of its hourly [worker's contracts](#).

The new contract offers an increase to £9 pounds an hour, but scraps paid lunch breaks as well as some compensation for bank holiday shifts. Night workers will also be hit by a reduction in the number of hours they are eligible to receive enhanced pay.



Angry Asda Worker

Business bosses have given staff until the second of November to sign up to the new deal. Failure to agree to the redrafted contracts will see up to 12,000 employees forced to leave the company.

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Asda's stance has attracted plenty of criticism from prominent public figures, including Jeremy Corbyn. As far back as August the Labour leader described it as "shameful exploitation" and urged the firm to "listen to the hardworking staff who make the business a success."

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hourly paid colleagues."

[The Workers Union](#) is clear that decisions that erode the hard-won rights of staff are an attack on the fundamental principle of a fair day's pay for a fair day's work. A spokesperson for The Workers Union said: "Breaks are an important part of the working day in which staff get the opportunity to socialise with one another and build networks of trust and friendship. It's entirely typical of where we as a country that paid breaks are being taken away from people. Companies have got to wake up to the fact that there's value in giving staff the chance to be together away from the pressure of the front line. Why should eating or meeting up with colleagues be punished? This is a punitive measure and a fast-track to demotivated staff having a quick bite to eat before returning to the shop floor."

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