
CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you in the absence of Mick Rix GMB National Officer.

As you will be aware your GMB Shop Stewards on the Negotiating Committee have been dealing with difficult and contentious issues over the past few months. The priority of the GMB Negotiating Committee has been to protect jobs. The ongoing economic downturn has meant this has been difficult. However, the input of the union nationally and the work of Shop Stewards at store level has helped keep many GMB members in work.

Personally I want to thank all those GMB Regions, Shop Stewards and members who fed back on the pay deferment. The issues and concerns raised by members were well made. Your GMB Shop Stewards on the negotiating committee have made it clear that whatever happens in the next stage in the pay process there needs to be an all-member ballot. I fully support this position and assure that members will be balloted on whatever position we end up with on pay. I hope this commitment to an all member ballot will help allay any concerns on the part of members.

Members will be kept advised of developments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Smith'.

GARY SMITH
GMB National Secretary