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BBES ballot: two to one vote 'yes' to strike

Unite members have again voted by a huge majority for strike action. 66 per cent voted for strike action and 70 per cent voted for action short of a strike.

295 voted 'yes' for strike action (66%), 145 voted 'no' for strike action and there were 6 spoilt ballot papers.

313 voted 'yes' for action short of a strike (70%), 131 voted 'no' action short of a strike and there were 2 spoilt ballot papers.

This result shows our members' determination to stand up to the bullying tactics by BBES in their attempt to impose the inferior BESNA contracts.

BBES High court injunction

Despite two ballots where workers have made it clear they don't want BESNA, BBES has ignored their workers and taken out an injunction in the High Court to prevent strike action. Unite says this is misguided. Law courts don't settle industrial disputes - only negotiations will. Unite is clear. If BBES wins its injunction **Unite will ballot again. Unite has had to give an assurance to the court that it will not call strike action until the result of the hearing on Tuesday 7 February is known. If Unite successfully defends our ballot we will announce strike action soon.**

90 per cent of workers in the Seven say 'no' to BESNA

Unite's recent text survey of our members in the Seven shows that a massive 90 per cent of workers only signed the new agreements because of the threat of dismissal NOT because they were happy with the deal.

Hitting them where it hurts

Unite is lobbying many clients, including BAA, Leeds City Council, the Scottish Parliament to ensure pressure is put on the Seven to pull back from the brink. A few powerful clients have told us that they will only use contractors who hold agreements with Unite as they do not want industrial unrest. Keep up the pressure it's working.

Give us your details

Unite is moving to ballot in Spie Mathews and NG Baileys in the coming days. We must have your up-to-date details to comply with balloting laws. Please tell us your current address, occupation, site and contact numbers. Please contact Nick Drysdale on 0203 371 2083 or email nick.drysdale@unitetheunion.org

Hand the completed form to your Unite rep, or Freepost to: Freepost RRSE-LJ CZ-YLRE, Attn Bernard McAulay, Unite office, 55 Call Lane, Leeds, LS1 7BW.

Membership Form - Construction

About You

Surname Mr Mrs Miss Ms Miss Male Female
 Forename Mr Ms Miss Male Female
 NI No. / /
 House No./Name
 Street
 City/Town
 Postcode
 Home Tel. -
 Mobile
 Email

About Your Job

Employer/Company Name
 Department
 Occupation
 Work Address
 Postcode - Work Tel.
Tick 1 box only
 I am an apprentice or on full time training scheme Student in full time education
 21 or more hours per week (full time rate) Self employed
 Less than 21 hours per week (part time rate)

Equal Opportunities

The Union is committed to the promotion of equal opportunities for all and it is the Union's aim to provide services and support to members that is free of discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation or disability. What ethnic group do you belong to?
 Mixed White & Black Caribbean Asian or Asian British Pakistani Black or Black British African
 White British Mixed White & Black African Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi Black or Black British Other
 White Irish Mixed Other Asian or Asian British Other Chinese
 White Other Asian or Asian British Indian Black or Black British Caribbean Mixed White & Asian
 Other/please specify
 Do you regard yourself as disabled?
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Originators ID Number **9 7 1 4 6 7**
 Name of bank/building society
 Town of the Bank
 Sort Code - - On the selected day of the month:
 7th 14th 21st 28th
 Account Number
 Name(s) of Account Holder(s)

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay Unite the Union Direct Debit monthly from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Unite the Union and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank Building Society.

Authorisation of deduction of your trade union contribution from your pay (check-off)

Note: Not all employers operate check-off. I hereby authorise the deduction of Unite the Union subscriptions from my pay of such amounts as shall be notified to my employer on my behalf from time to time by Unite the Union. I also authorise my employer to inform Unite the Union of any changes of address.

Paid weekly or monthly? Weekly Monthly Payroll No.

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Signature(s)

Date / /

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