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Parliamentary security action suspended

A strike by House of Commons security guards planned to take place on 31 October and 1 November and 6 and 7 November has been suspended.

Management have withdrawn their proposal to introduce an imposed roster, due to begin on 1 November, which would have seen our members work extra night shifts. PCS and management will now enter negotiations to seek to create a revised roster that members can accept. These discussions will continue until 31 January 2024.

PCS General Secretary Mark Serwotka said: "This is a big win for our members working in the House of Commons, but it's only the first step.

"While it shows what a strong union in the workplace can achieve, we'll have no hesitation in announcing new strike action if we fail to secure a satisfactory new roster for our members."

PCS has a mandate for industrial action for six months and will, if necessary, trigger action should insufficient progress be made with the employer.

The change in management's position is in no small measure down to the massive mandate members gave the union in the strike ballot. The change in attitude illustrates the importance of a strong union.

Encourage any non-members [to join PCS](#) and make us even stronger in your workplace.