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Westminster security guards suspend strike action

Employer agrees to pause introduction of controversial new shift patterns

Security guards at the House of Commons have suspended strike action after bosses agreed to pause the introduction of an unpopular new shift pattern.

The more than 250 Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union members [voted to take action](#) on October 31, November 1, 6 and 7 after being told to work extra night shifts to cover for a lack of staff.

Now managers have back-tracked, saying they will suspend the implementation of the new roster while they talk to union representatives.

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.”

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