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Heathrow Border Force strike suspended

The strike due to start next week has been suspended in an attempt to seek further negotiations with the Home Office.

Following roster changes that could see as many as 250 staff forced out of their jobs by the end of April, more than 600 Border Force officers at Heathrow Airport were due to strike on 11, 12, 13 and 14 April.

In the notice issued to the Home Office on 28 March of our intention to induce members to strike, PCS outlined which Border Force roles would be participating. Following the Home Office's desire for clarification and in a spirit of collaboration, PCS has suspended the planned strikes.

Until now, the Home Office has refused to withdraw its proposals or to amend the new roster in any meaningful way. An overwhelming 90% of members voted for strike action, knowing that they deserve better from their employer.

The suspension of the strike gives the Home Office the opportunity to resolve the dispute. If there is no progress in the talks, strike action will take place.

PCS General Secretary Fran Heathcote said:

“This is a significant move on the part of PCS that demonstrates a genuine will to work constructively in devising a new roster system that is acceptable to our members, particularly those with disabilities or those with caring responsibilities.

“This does not end the dispute. It is an opportunity for the Home Office to demonstrate they are genuinely seeking a resolution.”

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