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Strike suspended as LU ready to listen *but dispute remains on and bosses must engage*

The RMT National Executive Committee has decided to suspend the industrial action planned for this week in our Night Tube dispute, and members should work normally.

This decision follows a period of intensive discussion under the auspices of ACAS to ensure that enough movement was achieved to allow these talks to continue with a realistic prospect of success. London Underground now has two weeks to continue discussions with the RMT and to take the actions we need to see, namely:

- 1. A guarantee of no job losses.**
- 2. A guarantee nobody is forced to work Night Tube who doesn't want to do so.**
- 3. No detriment to work / life balance as a result of London Underground's plan to scrap the Night Tube grade.**

The rest of the planned industrial action is still on for later in the month. The strike will likely proceed should London Underground not work with the RMT to ensure that nobody is forced to work Night Tube shifts who doesn't

want to and that the 200 jobs that the company wants to cut in the Night Tube grade are fully accounted for.

Voluntary Fixed links for Night Tube shifts

This dispute began because LU sought to ignore the RMT position and force through compulsory Night Tube shifts, potentially on any full-time train driver.

They have now agreed to stop all implementation on that and will work with the RMT to look at ways to make NT work voluntary. This will include looking at a voluntary fixed link system purely to cover the Night Tube work, so would mean a mix of nights, Night Tube nights and other shifts as necessary. This would also need an incentive to encourage a sufficient number of drivers to work it.

Members' resolve in dispute commended

RMT drivers and reps whose unity and resolve has allowed this stage to be reached today are to be commended.

With management talking of the service being suspended for most of the week, attacking us on Yammer and in the Tory press, and offering strike breakers vouchers to cross picket lines it was clear

that they were increasingly concerned by the RMT strength and organisation within the train grade.

We now need to maintain our strong resolve and reiterate our three key demands so should management not offer a resolution acceptable to our 1600 RMT train driver members we can be ready to take strike action.

A further meeting for members will be called soon to enable our negotiators to feed back to you about the progress of talks.

Further Action Named

All LUL Train Operators are instructed not to book on for any duty:

- Commencing from 12:00 (noon) on 24.8.21 until 11.59 on 25.8.21

- Commencing from 12:00 (noon) on 26.8.21 until 11.59 on 27.8.21

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