

**GMB TO STAGE LONDON DEMONSTRATION TO URGE ON
MORRISONS TO COMPENSATE HGV DISTRIBUTION DRIVERS NO
LONGER ABLE TO DRIVE**

**3 GMB drivers will demonstrate outside Morrisons Camden supermarket on
Wednesday 4th November to highlight failure of company to honour agreement**

GMB is organising a demonstration, to be attended by 3 GMB members who were employed by Morrisons at their former distribution depot in Aylesford Kent, to urge the company to pay compensation to these drivers no longer able to drive. The three members, Rob Jordan and Alan Snelling of Sittingbourne and Charles Chalk of Rainham all lost their HGV licences in 2004 due to medical reasons. They were entitled to compensation of up to £6,000 each which has not been paid.

The demonstration will take place:

From 11am

On Wednesday 4th November

Outside Morrisons Supermarket Camden

Chalk Farm Road

Camden Town

Greater London

NW1

The members will have placards and will give out leaflets to shoppers asking them to make representation to the supermarket manager.

These 3 GMB members were originally employed by Safeways supermarket at the Aylesford depot. In 2005, their employment was transferred to Morrisons under the Provisions of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 1981. The members were all made redundant in January 2006. The members terms and conditions of employment were set out in the Aylesford agreement which covered employees on the site and Clause 18.1 of that agreement expressly provided that employees have insurance cover in the event of loss of their LGV driving licence due to accidental bodily injury, sickness or disease occurring or manifesting itself during the period of cover. This cover provides for a single payment of up to £6000 in respect of each member.

Brendan Kemp, GMB Regional Officer who represents these members said **“GMB is staging this demonstration because Morrisons has failed to pay the benefit payments due under the agreement. The members have provided medical evidence in support of their claims but Morrisons has failed to respond at all. GMB and employers for good reasons set up schemes such as this to look after drivers who are no longer adjudged fit to drive HGV vehicles. We want**

Morrison's to attend to this matter, to honour a written agreement and pay our members what is owing to them."

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