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Dear colleague

PROPOSED NETWORK RAIL MOVE TO MILTON KEYNES

You may be aware that Network Rail is proposing to establish a new national centre in Milton Keynes in 2012 to combine engineering, investment planning and management, logistics, operational planning, information management and national functions into one location. This move obviously has huge implications for thousands of administrative and clerical staff throughout the country.

National consultations have started on this matter and your union's representatives have been briefed with an outline of the company's proposals and how this will impact on around 3,000 staff. A number of meetings have taken place and your union's initial concerns with regards to this process have been expressed to the company.

The matter has been considered by your General Grades Committee and the following decision taken:

"We note the proposals on file off Network Rail and accordingly instruct the G.S. to write to TSSA seeking a joint trade union front on this matter in the defence of jobs and the movement of 3,000 jobs and posts.

The full protection of the agreed PTR&R is to be defended, including home move arrangements and mortgage protection. All developments to be placed back before the GGC."

Further meetings will be held with the company and I have written to TSSA requesting a joint approach as instructed in the decision. I will keep members updated with all further developments.

Yours sincerely

Bob Crow
General Secretary