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## UNION REACTS WITH FURY AT PROPOSED SITE CLOSURE

The North East's biggest general trade union has today reacted angrily at a proposed site closure at a key factory in South Tyneside.

Essentra PLC started a 45 day consultation process yesterday regarding their proposals to transfer the majority of its work from their Jarrow site to Hungary, resulting in 220 job losses by the end of the year.

GMB Northern regional organiser, Keir Howe said: "the GMB are devastated by the announcement to close the site in Jarrow and we will be doing everything within our power to mitigate the impact of this upon our members".

The long established site has 250 experienced and dedicated employees and GMB believe this is a site with a viable future.

Mrs Howe said: "the site makes a profit so in our view there is no need to close it"

A 45 day consultation period started yesterday, 8th July, but at the first meeting, GMB raise major concerns about the consultation process.

Mrs Howe said "I am concerned the employer are not engaging in a meaningful consultation process as much of the information presented so far show the move is a fait accompli."

The GMB will continue to push to save the site and will be presenting ideas on how to do this next week.

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