

## Heston HSC – Risk Assessments

Colleagues

I visited the new ASDA Heston Home Shopping Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 along with Graham Williams (GMB National H&S Representative – Southern Region), Utim Ruparelia (GMB Shop Steward – ASDA Heston HSC), Keith Dixon (GMB Lead Role Officer) and ASDA's Compliance team to review the risk assessments for the site.

For those who have not had the chance to view Heston HSC, it is an impressive site and a hive of technology and automation.

Some may see this as a reduction in jobs however we need to be mindful of the advances in technology and be at the forefront of retail to remain competitive. Whilst on site I saw that in addition to the ASDA Colleagues it was good to see there are many skilled engineers, some whom are GMB members, maintaining the automation and repairing the home shopping fleet.



The visit was to jointly review the site's risk assessments and several alterations were suggested by GMB to improve the Health & Safety of our members.

This degree of automation with a home shopping centre is new to ASDA and therefore it is important to gain feedback so that improvements, if required, can be implemented.

I would therefore request that members visit our GMB Members Support Centre at [www.gmb-asda.com/support](http://www.gmb-asda.com/support) if you have any concerns or can suggest improvements upon the site.

GMB also have Stewards on site who would be willing to speak with you in person.

Regards

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