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STATION STAFF SOLID

A massive picket line at Queens Park showed the strength of feeling of station staff over LUL's plans for lone working.

General Grades Committee names new strike day.

STATION STAFF: STRIKE AGAIN ON AUGUST 22

Last month's strike against the imposition of lone working north of Queens park was a success.

Respected overwhelmingly, by station and train staff, London Underground only managed an emergency service from Elephant to Queens Park.

At present two station staff are required to be on duty to carry out detrainments. The management want to reduce this to one person, we have been told, for an emergency or unplanned event. However in in the 'Newsline Extra' circular dated 27th June Kevin Bootle states" that if one member of staff is unavailable for any reason, the remaining member can still detrain, with the assistance of the T/Op".

The issue is not how many people detrain, but how many

on duty.

There was a well attended picket at Queens Park from 04.30 until 16.30. Many staff staying all day, others ebbing and flowing. This was despite the worst rain for years. Some were prepared for this and some were not. Even when the rain lashed down the solidarity of the line was maintained. A great atmosphere ensued amongst the pickets with a carnival feeling with whistles and flags. We received great support from the public and passing motorist's.

Such a large turn out on a picket has not been seen for years. This shows the strength of feeling over this issue.

Patricia McDaid, stations rep for detrainment staff said "The atmosphere on the picket line

was electric and I wish to personally thank all those people who respected the picket lines, especially RMT and ASLEF drivers"

The General Grades Committee has now called out all affected station staff for August 22. Relevant station staff do not book on for shifts commencing 00:01 on August 22 for 24 hours.

BRANCH MEETING

16:00 hours

Thursday

September 6, 2007

**Upstairs at The Clachan,
Kingly Street.**

Oxford Circus

ALL GRADES UNITED IN ONE COMMON OBJECT