



# Peugeot Sacked 2000

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# You're Either Peugeot or England



## **Don't go Peugeot**

In April, Peugeot announced plans to close its plant in Ryton, Coventry, condemning 2,300 UK workers to the dole.

Peugeot's plan to transfer car production from the UK to low wage Slovakia is not because their UK plant is unprofitable or unproductive, in fact the Coventry plant has one of the best records of all Peugeot's European plants.

Neither is it because the company isn't making enough money – in fact Peugeot Citroen made more than €1 billion profit in 2005.

The company have admitted that the closure of Ryton is all about their desire to make even more profit and yet the UK is the company's third largest market for Peugeot cars.

The UK is the third largest market in the world for Peugeot cars, selling 280,000 here in 2005, yet when the Coventry plant is closed next year they will not build a single vehicle in the UK.

By contrast in 2005 the company sold just 9,000 vehicles in Slovakia where wage rates are up to 25% lower than they are in the UK. In fact it would take the average Slovakian worker up to two years entire salary to buy a new Peugeot car.

## **Unions say 'Non' to Peugeot plan**

We believe that companies that rely on UK markets should commit to employing people in this country and we are appealing to people to support our campaign by boycotting Peugeot and Citroen cars.

Amicus and the Transport and General Workers Union have committed £1 million to an advertising campaign to encourage people not to buy Peugeot and Citroen, unless the company meets unions to consider a plan to save their UK plant.

## **Politicians want Peugeot to back down**

107 MPs have signed up to the campaign to urge Peugeot to stay in the UK and Prime Minister Tony Blair has also lent his support to the union's plans to keep the Ryton plant open.

## **How you can help**

We are appealing to the UK public to back England and support UK workers by choosing not to buy Peugeot or Citroen cars.

We want you to make a stand and send a clear message to Peugeot and to other companies contemplating doing the same thing - that they cannot expect to throw UK workers on the scrapheap, move production to other parts of the world and expect to sell their cars in this country.

**Companies that seek to sell in Britain should build in Britain. SAVE our jobs at Peugeot**

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