

# JUSTICE FOR GARY BOLISTER



**Islington residents, we need your help – please support our campaign!**

**We are asking you to support our campaign calling on the Council to reinstate lifelong Islington resident, Gary Bolister, after he was dismissed for taking part in a video about road closures.**

Gary has lived and worked as a caretaker in Islington all his life and has given a huge amount of his time and support to his local community. He has spent his life helping others, now he needs your support.

Last summer, Gary had been taking part in regular, peaceful protests against Islington's road closures. On 21 November, he appeared in a spontaneous Facebook live video in his own time on a public highway. The video captured a councillor and her adult daughters in their home and when Gary realised, he moved the video maker away from the property.

Soon after, a formal complaint was made by the councillor and Gary was investigated under the Council's disciplinary procedure. The investigation was flawed and prejudiced. Despite these issues being raised, Islington Council went ahead with the hearing and dismissed Gary.

Gary expressed full remorse from the outset and offered to write an apology to the councillor. At the time, he had been going through a difficult, personal period in his life and this was fully explained to the hearing officer. Sadly, Islington Council decided not to uphold his appeal.

Gary is utterly devastated by his dismissal. He is part of the fabric of Islington, having lived and worked in the borough all his life. This decision has broken him, affecting his mental health, relationships and finances. Islington Council has shown Gary no compassion or humanity.

The GMB, Gary's trade union, has supported him throughout his case and we are leading this campaign as we believe he has been unfairly treated.

**Please support our campaign for Gary's reinstatement by scanning the QR Code with your mobile phone & signing the petition.**

Sign and share our petition with your friends and family.



To access the link, scan this code using the camera on your phone

Alternatively you can sign the petition at:

[www.tinyurl.com/GMBLonGB](http://www.tinyurl.com/GMBLonGB)

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