

GMB pulls funding for Labour Party in London after grieving caretaker sacked

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Gary Bolister's sacking over honest error looks like political victimisation, says GMB London

GMB has withdrawn funding for the Labour party in London after a grieving caretaker was sacked after 24 years' service.

The union – one of the labour party's biggest donors – turned off the taps following the 'callous' dismissal Gary Bolister.

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The 43-year old was given his marching orders by Labour-run Islington council for his part in a Facebook live video against Islington road closures in November last year.

In the clip - which Mr Bolister appeared in but did not film – an Islington Councillor was inadvertently filmed in her home by accident. The video was immediately stopped and Mr Bolister offered to apologise.

Hundreds of people have signed a petition against the popular caretaker's sacking, with dozens gathering to protest outside Islington Town Hall.

Warren Kenny, GMB Regional Secretary, said:

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“GMB will always back our members and if Islington Labour refuse to listen to reason we will hit them where it hurts – in the party coffers.

“It’s a shame that other Labour candidates have to suffer the consequences of Islington council’s actions, but that’s the way it is until this matter is resolved.”

