


# Gatwick taxi drivers protest over attack on Unite rep

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Gatwick airport taxi drivers are today (Friday) protesting over an attack on their rep by their employer, Airport Cars.

The worker has been sacked for undertaking his duties as a Unite union workplace representative.

## Full force

Unite general secretary Sharon Graham said: *"Unite will not tolerate attacks on our reps. The full force of the union will be directed into making Airport Cars right this wrong and cease its hostile treatment of union members."*

*"Attacks on members of our union will not go unchallenged, and our members at Airport Cars have Unite's full support."*

## Airport Cars

Last week, Airport Cars notified the worker by email that he can no longer work for the company because he represented a colleague during a workplace dispute.

Unite represents nearly 300 Airport Cars taxi drivers, who are currently part of an employment tribunal case that will determine their employment status.

## No investigation

The company has not conducted an investigation or held a hearing and has told the worker he cannot appeal the decision to sack him. Unite is in the process of launching a legal claim against the company.

The protest is also being held to challenge the company's treatment of another driver, who is a former Unite rep. Airport Cars have prevented this driver from returning to work since the end of the pandemic, refusing to give an explanation as to why, other than claiming he has a 'ban' on his file.

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