

# Greens: “The Stansted 15 are human rights defenders – the real criminals are the Home Office.”



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In reaction to the conviction of the Stanstead 15 [1], Green Party of England and Wales co-leader Jonathan Bartley denounced the treatment of the activists as “unprecedented and wrong”. He also called for root and branch reform of the UK’s immigration system and an end to charter flights.

Bartley said:

“The treatment of the Stansted 15 is unprecedented and is wrong. From the trumped up charges they faced to the verdicts handed down. The principled action the Stansted 15 took exposed the brutality of these secretive charter flights, and a number of people set to be removed from the UK on that plane have been able to stay in the UK safely as a result of their principled actions. The Stansted 15 are human rights defenders – the real criminals are the Home Office.

“We need root and branch reform of our immigration system and that can start with stopping the use of charter flights for deportations immediately.”

[1] <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/stansted-15-deportation-stop-london-airport-guilty-verdict-terror-a8675966.html>

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