

This CLP notes with great concern the suspension of Chris Williamson MP for Derby North.

Jewish Voice for Labour have rightly pointed out that Williamson's suspension is unjust and have called for it to be rescinded.

The allegation that Chris is downplaying anti-Semitism is totally unfounded and his comments taken out of context. He actually said: "The party that has done more to stand up to racism is now being demonised as a racist, bigoted party. I have got to say, I think our party's response has been partly responsible for that because in my opinion... we've backed off far too much, we have given too much ground, we've been too apologetic... We've done more to address the scourge of anti-Semitism than any other party."

Williamson based his statement on the official statistics published by the General Secretary, Jennie Formby, which confirm that we have worked tirelessly to purge anti-Semitism from our party.

This Constituency offers our whole hearted support for the way that Jeremy Corbyn, Jennie Formby and the NEC have acted in setting up a process to deal fairly with anti-Semitism complaints, and resolve them within a reasonable time scale. However, it is concerned that right-wing MPs in collaboration with the mainstream media are being allowed to interfere in this process and put pressure on The General Secretary and The NEC to suspend pro-Corbyn MPs such as Chris Williamson on dubious grounds prior to due process being followed.

This CLP resolves to:

- * Write a letter of support to Chris Williamson MP
- * Write to Jennie Formby and the NEC, with a copy of this motion, and demanding that Chris is reinstated immediately.

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