

MP attacks Clydesdale Bank over hunger striker John Guidi

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John Guidi, who pitched a tent outside Clydesdale Bank in Glasgow in March, is on another hunger strike

An MP has accused a bank of burying its head in the sand over its treatment of small business customers.

Stephen Kerr, who sits on an all-party parliamentary group on fair business banking, has written to David Duffy, the chief executive of CYBG, which owns Clydesdale Bank, to highlight his concerns. Mr Kerr said the case of [John Guidi, a Scottish businessman](#), needed to be “thoroughly examined”.

Mr Guidi, 63, [restarted a protest](#) outside the Clydesdale headquarters in Glasgow on Monday and has been refusing food. He staged a [similar protest in March](#) and holds the bank responsible for the destruction of his property-letting business.

CYBG, which also owns Yorkshire Bank and Virgin Money, had agreed to review Mr Guidi’s case again but concluded that it could not help him as it [no longer owned his debt](#) and was not liable to pay compensation.

Mr Kerr, 58, suggested that Mr Guidi’s was not an isolated case and that CYBG had yet to provide information requested by the fair business banking group.

A spokesman for CYBG said it had engaged “extensively” with Mr Guidi and added that “Mr Kerr’s letter is deeply disappointing, making a number of inaccurate and unfounded accusations against the bank.”