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House of Lords grants leave to appeal to Mr John Rutherford and Mr Samuel Bentley

Gordon Lishman, Director General of Age Concern England said: "We are delighted for Mr Rutherford and Mr Bentley, who continue to fight long and hard to have their rights upheld. This judgement will have given hope to the hundreds of older workers who still have cases pending.

Age should not be a factor in determining people's rights as employees. It is deplorable to see so many people having to defend their right to work simply because of their date of birth."

Age Concern has endorsed this landmark legal action.

Gordon Lishman said, "The Government's failure to abolish mandatory retirement age was a "cowardly u-turn".