

26th September 2008

Ms. Julie Humphreys,
Head of Enforcement,
The Electoral Commission,
Trevelyan House,
Great Peter Street,
London.
SW1P 2HW

Dear Ms Humphreys,

RE: MALDON AND DISTRICT INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE

Further to your letters dated 15th and 17th September respectively, which were only received by myself yesterday and with regard to the copy letter attached dated 14th July, the original of this letter has not been received at all.

Usually all paperwork for the party is sent to Mr. Richard French the Chairman at the Whispering Trees address and he dealt with all the paperwork for the party. However, Mr. French has been dealing with a very seriously ill wife and in April of this year he himself passed away and the paperwork has been forgotten about and it is not until his son has passed on these letters to me that this error has come to light.

Also as I was not re-elected during the local elections in 2007, I subsequently resigned from the party and assumed that Mr. French would have notified you accordingly.

We can confirm that there are no money or donations involved and we would withdraw the registration of the party with immediate effect.

We can only profusely apologise for this oversight and ask that you take these mitigating circumstances into account when reviewing this case as this was a genuine oversight on the part of the party.

Yours sincerely,



Michael W Helm.