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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 109/17

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **30 June 2017**.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and has done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

Your request is in bold below followed by our response.

You have requested:

Can I have a FOI on everything connected to my application including details of the meeting determining the decision and also copies of any other Judicial Reviews on identity marks or Appeals/Reviews made against the Commission.

Our response is as follows:

Everything connected to your application including details of the meeting determining the decision

The Commission has responded to this FOI request on the basis that the request relates to an application from the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI) under covering letter dated 8 March 2017.

We hold the information you have requested.

Copies of the documents that the Commission holds as at the date of your request in relation to the registration application from the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI) under covering letter dated 8 March 2017 are attached.

There are also some documents published on our website in relation to the application, which you can view here:

https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0014/222071/2017-Party-registration-decisions-english-version.pdf

https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0015/222072/2017-Party-registration-decisions-welsh-version.pdf

https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/225376/2017-Party-registration-decisions-April-to-June-english-version.pdf

https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/225377/2017-Party-registration-decisions-April-to-June-welsh-version.pdf

Some of the information contained in the attached documents contains personal data, such as the names and contact details of junior staff members and the contact details of external stakeholders which is exempt from disclosure under Section 40 of the FOI Act. These documents have been redacted prior to release. Further explanation of the exemption is provided below.

Section 40(2) and (3)(a)(i) of the FOI Act
In the information we released, we redacted some of the information in the documents. Section 40(2) provides for an exemption where the information requested constitutes personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act 2000 (DPA), and where release of the information requested would breach one of the data protection principles. Some of the information contained in the requested information falls within the description of personal data as defined by section 1 of the DPA because the information relates directly to an identifiable living individual. Release of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which states the information must be processed fairly and lawfully.

Copies of any other Judicial Reviews on identity marks *(i.e. party names, descriptions and emblems)* or Appeals/Reviews made against the Commission

Judicial reviews on identity marks made against the Commission
"Judicial review" refers to a type of court proceeding in which a judge reviews the lawfulness of a decision or action made by a public body, rather than any particular category of document. We have interpreted your request for copies of "judicial reviews" to mean the outcomes of judicial review claims that have received permission to proceed by the High Court. We understand that these outcomes would be reasonably accessible otherwise than under FOI through the High Court (and the equivalent courts in Scotland and Northern Ireland) by or under an enactment, and therefore are exempt from disclosure under section 21(1) and (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, we have searched our files to ascertain whether there are any judicial review cases that fall within your request, as interpreted above. We found two such cases and have provided the details below:

- In April 2010 the Commission registered an emblem for the party "Bromsgrove Independent Conservative" (BIC) in the form of a flaming torch. The Conservative and Unionist Party (CUP) brought judicial review proceedings against the Commission's decision to register the emblem for BIC on the basis that it resembled an emblem that they had previously registered (but had requested its removal) and that it should not have been registered on the basis it would be likely to result in electors being misled as to the effect of their vote, since voters would associate the torch emblem with the CUP. The Commission and the CUP reached agreement that the High Court should order the BIC emblem to be removed from the Register. The order requiring the removal of the BIC emblem from the Register was made on 20 April 2010.

- In March 2016 the English Democrats Party brought judicial review proceedings against the Commission's decision to remove from the Great Britain register of political parties one of their emblems because it did not meet the statutory criteria, namely that use of the emblem was likely to hinder an elector's understanding of directions for voting given on ballot papers. The English Democrats Party subsequently withdrew its claim by consent order on 25 July 2016.

Appeals/Reviews on identity marks made against the Commission
There is no statutory right of appeal or review in relation to the Commission's decisions on applications to register party names, descriptions or emblems. Accordingly, as there is no avenue to bring such appeals or reviews, we do not hold any information about them.

I trust that this information satisfies your request. The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority, but in some circumstances we cannot responsibly release requested information, and we ask for your understanding in this regard.

If you are not satisfied with this response, please note that the Commission operates a review procedure, details of which can be found on the Commission website at: http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information-requests/how-do-I-make-an-foi-request

Please also note that if you have exhausted all internal Commission review procedures and you are still not satisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website: http://www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI)

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CONSTITUTION

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☒ 1. Definitions and Interpretations

The party committee : the equivalent of other party's NEC.
CANDI : an abbreviation of Chesterfield & North Derbyshire Independents
Members/membership : Someone who is a full member and voting rights at the Conference
Official Supporter : A cheaper alternative. Supporters have virtually the same rights as full members. The complete list of their rights are – official supporters are automatically part of the party's consultation exercises, receive all the party's electronic Newsletter, and can become council candidates
EGM means Extraordinary General Meeting
AGM means Annual General meeting
Local Branch means a committee set up to deal with issues relating the party activities within a local council area.
Any wording in the masculine implies a person of either gender.

☒ 2. Name/s

a. The Official name of the Party shall be 'Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI)'.
b. Local Members may use other names as and when registered with the UK Electoral Commission.
c. The CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS (CANDI) is shortened to CANDI or The Party within this constitution.

☒ 3. Preamble

We have been let down by the political elite, both nationally & locally.

In these turbulent political times there exists a possibility of building a better society by utilising the skills and views of the silent majority.

CANDI is a Pro-BREXIT but not a tribal party and supports individuals and other parties in the fight against prejudice, intolerance for and the betterment of the silent majority who have been ignored for too long.

☒ 4. Logo and Party Image

The party may register up to 12 Party Description and 3 emblems
Here are the list of descriptions the CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS applied for in November 2015 to the Electoral Commission.

- C.A.N.D.I
- Chesterfield Independents
- North East Derbyshire Independents
- Bolsover Independents
- North Derbyshire Independents
- Staveley Independent Party
- Say no to Staveley Town Council
- Young Independents
- Whittington & Staveley Independents
- Shirebrook Independents
- Brimington Independents
- End the Brimington Council Tax Precept

☒ In the first quarter of 2017 the following further descriptions were requested.

- Spire Independents
- Labour Brexit
- UK Brexiteers

East Midlands Independents was added previously when we were unable to use North East Derbyshire independents

This would mean the 12 descriptions are :
- Chesterfield Independents
- East Midlands Independents
- Bolsover Independents
- North Midland Independents
- Staveley Independent Party
- Peak Independents
- Whittington & Staveley Independents
- Shirebrook Independents
- Brimington Independents

- Spire Independents
- Labour Brexit
- UK Brexiteers

☒ 5. Aims and Objectives

a. To utilise the skills of members, official supporter and the public outside of the party to benefit society.
b. To be proactive in voicing the concerns of the silent majority.
c. To work with other independent group and parties where possible and appropriate to further Society and The Party's aims.
d. To change & improve the administration of all local councils.
e. To achieve election success to achieve our aims.
f. To promote a real alternative for parliament & other elections for the benefit of local people.
g. To foster the spirit of friendship, tolerance and fairness within the party.
h. People should come before political parties, not the other way around.

☒ 6. Membership and Official Supporters

a. Membership and Supporter Status is open to those living in Derbyshire over 17 years of age who selflessly support our aims and who are respectful of other members' boundaries and rights regardless of race, gender, disability or background
b. Bullying, lying, physical violence or it's threat have no place within C.A.N.D.I
c. Any member or supporter of The Party has the right to raise awareness to the party chairman or their delegate any new member who they believe does not fit the spirit or aims of the party within the first year of the new members membership.
d. To achieve success we must work hard and clever. Members and Official Supporters are encouraged to contribute to our success.
e. Respect the positive contributions of members and official Supporters.
f. Membership or Supporter Status for those 18 years and over living outside of Derbyshire can be granted at the Party Committee's discretion.
g. Although CANDI welcomes Membership and Supporters from all

backgrounds, there is no automatic right to any membership or to join as a official supporter.

h. The Party reserves the right to refuse membership or supporter status to any individual through a vote of the Party's Committee.

i. Where there is a local branch, a vote of their existing membership will be required to block someone joining that branch.

j. The membership of any existing branch may be revoked by the Party Committee after due consideration and a vote of it's members who are eligible to vote.

k. Local Branch may revoke existing membership and supporter status of that branch alone.

l. All membership and official supporter fees will require a written letter for requesting a refund. The refund is on a pro rata basis.

- Rights

a. Have voting rights as set down in the Party Constitution

b. Have the right to be treated with respect and honesty

c. Have the right to be included in consultation exercises

- Responsibilities

a. By entering into Membership the member agrees at all times that he will abide by the terms of the constitution.

- Subscriptions

a. Subscriptions are to set by the party committee for membership of £30 per year, £10 for unwaged/students and for official supporters of £3 for the year or £1 per month (standing order)

b. Upon written request the party committee may make special dispensation to those wishing to join as full members

☒ 7. Officers, Roles and Responsibilities

- Officers

a. There are 3 officers on the party's committee

i. Chairman acting as Leader

ii. Treasurer

iii. Nominating Officer/Secretary.

b. These 3 officer positions underlined are required by the Electoral Commission.
c. Leaders of a local area should have be represented on the committee to speak up for the various local residents at the discretion of the Party Committee..
d. Leaders of local areas are encouraged to create a tolerant, friendly and fair-minded atmosphere for Members and Supporters, free from tribalism and bullying.

- Other Roles

a. Other non-voting members can be appointed to the party committee by the committee itself, or Conference. Party Advisors may be appointed for specific reasons.
b. Members who lead local council areas should have non-voting representatives on the committee to speak up for the various local areas.

- Responsibilities

a. If there is a problem the party committee should make the final decision
b. Leaders of local areas are encouraged to create a tolerant, friendly and fair-minded atmosphere for members and Supporters, free from tribalism and bullying.

8. Elections

- Positions

a. The following are the positions both internally and externally that members may stand for

i. Party Chairman (acting as Leader)
ii. Party Secretary (acting as Nomination Officer)
iii. Party Treasurer
iv. Branch/Local Area Chairman
v. Branch/Local Area Secretary
vi. Borough & District Councils Elections
vii. Town & Parish Council Elections
viii. County Council Elections
ix. Parliament
x. European Parliament

- Internal Election Rules

a. Members joining after the initial month of the founding of the party are required to be in continual membership for at least 12 months before being able to nominate other members to the committee.

- External Elections : Candidates, Election of Candidates

a. A list of candidates for each election is to be produced by the party committee on the basis of local opinion.
b. Candidate lists for Town or Parish Council to be voted by that area's membership
c. Candidate lists for Borough or District Council to be voted by that area's membership

d. Candidate lists for County Council elections to be voted by all party membership
e. Candidates for all other positions to be put forward by the party committee and voted on by the whole membership
f. The party committee liaising with other independent groups and parties can propose lists for all the national elections. This is to be voted on by all in full membership

- Campaign Teams and Agents

a. All Borough and District areas to have their own Campaign Teams
b. Where local Parish or Town Council areas are strong enough to organise their own teams they may do so.
c. All elections to County Councils and by the Borough and District Campaign Teams.
d. Where a County Council Division overlaps a Borough/District boundary, the Campaign team with the largest number of electors in the division should spearhead the campaign in that Division
e. Where there are strong local Parish/Town Council teams, they should be encouraged where possible to organise their own County Division Election Team
f. The campaigning of national elections and referendums to be decided by the party committee with the assumption that the campaign teams should be as local as practically possible.

☒ 9. Meetings

- Types of Meetings :

a. Branch Meetings are to cover constituency areas as set by parliament
b. Local Area meetings are to run by local leaders focusing on the needs of local people
c. Party Committee meeting are held to deal with the smooth running of the Party as a whole. One goal should be to encourage a party free from politics and empire building
d. Campaign committees are set up by the party to deal with the various electoral campaigns the party will take part in. Clear roles should be established.
f. EGMs and AGMs can take place with the written support of 18 registered members with full membership or 40% of Full Members, whichever is greater.

- Meeting Quorum

a. All meetings should have at least two thirds of voting members in attendance for decisions to be made or 2 members of the Party's Committee
b. Decisions of less than the quorum can be officially sanctioned by the party committee to ensure smooth running of an area. But a local area should encourage all members to be involved in that areas process.

- Standing Orders

a. Standing orders are a list of rules which expand upon ideas within the constitution including the conduct of meeting.
b. The Party's standing orders are available to members on request
c. The Party Committee sets the Standing Orders within the first 24 months of the founding of the party

☒ 10. Conference

a. The Party may organise conferences to promote, unite, inform & communicate with members and official supporters.
b. All conferences should take part in the County of Derbyshire

☒ 11. Party Communication and Structure

- Communication Policy

a. The communications policy is to be set out by the party's communications officer or Party Committee.
b. Procedures should be in place within 24 months of the setting up of the party and reviewed prior to conference

- Branches and Internal Groups

a. The Party Committee can authorise the setting of a local branch only if there has been a successful vote.
b. Internal Groups i.e. Policy Review Panel can be set up with a majority vote by the Party Committee
c. Local Branches must abide by the rules of the party and the Electoral Commission.

- Structure of the Party

a. The party should delegate as far as is practical, micromanagement is to be avoided.

- Power and Composition of the Committee

a. The power of the Party Committee should be conducted in the spirit of the constitution
b. The party committee shall be made up of the Leader (Chairman), Treasurer and the Nomination Officer/Secretary.

- Setting Policy

a. It is recommended that Members are consulted before a Policy Document is produced for voting on.
b. Policy is voted on by the Party Committee. Consultation is a recommendation during this period.

- Consultation of Members and Supporters

a. Consultation with both Members and Official Supporters is to be encouraged. One of the vehicles should be the Party's Newsletter.
b. A Party Newsletter should be produced for members and Offficial supporters. This should be produced up to 12 times a year and no less than two.

- Spokesmen

a. Spokesmen are just that, they are responsible to promoting a policy area rather than setting it. They should have good communication skills.

☒ 12. Disciplinary Procedures

- View on the Whip System

1. Independents should not be constrained by party whips

- Refusal & Revocation of Membership

a. Membership or Supporter Status may be refused/revoked by the party committee automatically if a member is found to have joined an organisation incompatible with membership of the Party.
b. Membership or Supporter Status may be refused/revoked if the prospective member is judged likely to contravene the constitution or to bring the party into disrepute.
c. If a Member or Official Supporter actively supports a person standing or stands against a CANDI candidate, Membership and Official Supporter Status can be terminated.
d. Membership and Supporter Status can be refused/revoked on failure to comply with the law relating to political parties and elections.
e. Anyone whose membership is refused/revoked may appeal in writing to the party. The party will take reasonable steps to ascertain the full facts of the case.

☒ 13. Financial Details

a. Accounts will be made up to the 31st of December for presentation to the party from 2016 onwards.

b. The party committee should operate a bank, Building Society or Credit Union account on behalf of the party

c. The treasurer/s of the party and any accounting units must maintain proper financial records.

d. The treasurer of the party can authorise a local branch having a treasurer but this must be done in a way that meets Electoral Commission guidance and legal regulations.

e. If the Party is dissolved the members must be allowed to decide if any remaining money is given back to the membership or donated to a local good cause.

f. Under PPERA, CANDI as a registered political party must comply with financial regulations and reporting requirements.

☒ 14. Miscellaneous

- Amending Constitution

1. During the first 24 months of the party the constitution may be changed by a simple majority of the party committee.

2. After the first 24 months of the party the constitution may only be changed with a vote of two thirds of the Party's Committee or at a Conference.

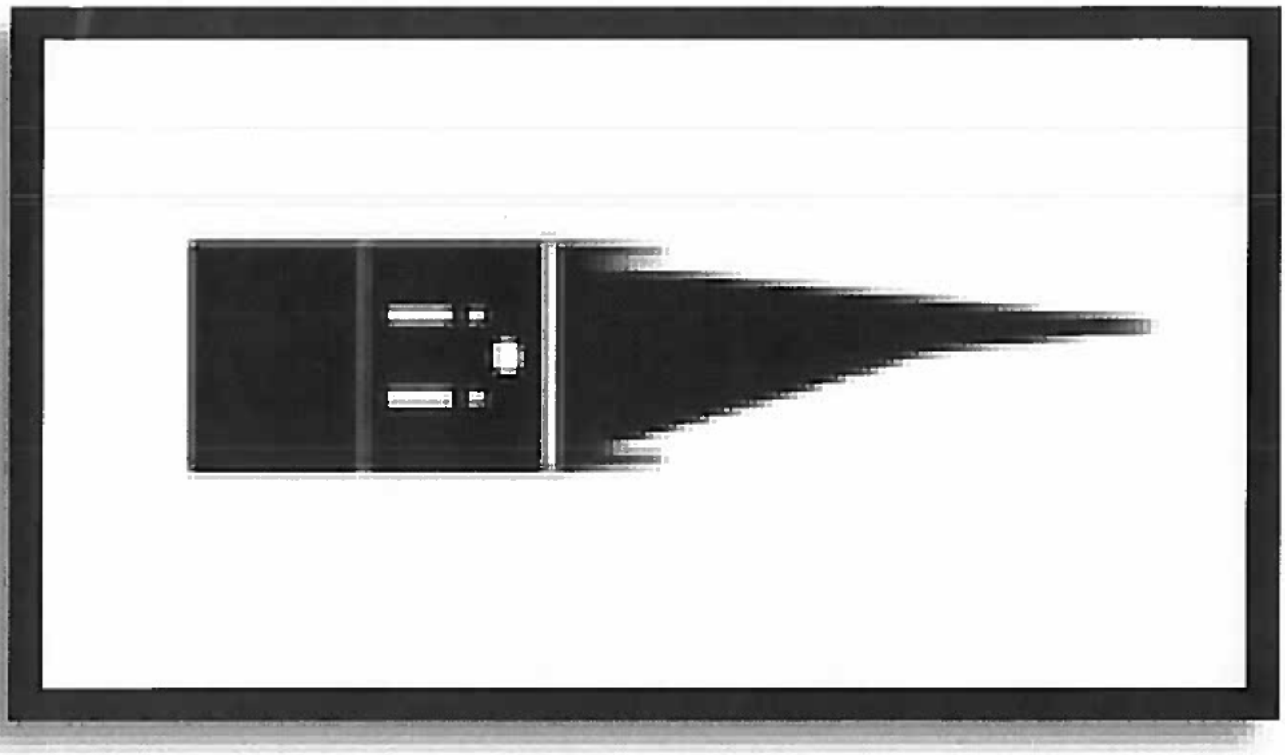
- Exceptional Circumstances and Emergency Powers

1. Under exceptional circumstances and in emergencies the party chairman should take decisions if required for the benefit of the party or individuals within the Party with the decision being reviewed at the earliest opportunity by the Party Panel.

2. Where possible decisions should be taken with the consultation of at least one committee member

- Dissolution of the Party

1. In the first 24 months the party may be dissolved with the unanimous support of the party committee.
2. Following the first 24 months, the party may only be dissolved with a two thirds majority of those who are members.
3. The interpretation of this and other rules should be the responsibility of the party chairman.





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Financial scheme

[CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS]

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Introduction

1.1 This scheme sets out how [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS] ('the party') will organise its financial affairs to comply with the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 ('the Act').

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Constitution

1.2 A copy of [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS]'s constitution, setting out our structure and organisation, and how we take decisions about the management of the party, is attached to this scheme or has been provided separately to the Electoral Commission.

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Accounting units

1.3 The [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS] does not wish to register any separate accounting units with the Commission.[1]

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Organisations within the party

1.4 For the purpose of compliance with the Act, the financial affairs of any local branches or affiliated organisations of the party, whether currently existing or to be established in future, will be wholly controlled by the party treasurer.

Financial year

1.5 The party's financial year will run from 1 January to 31 December.

Role of the party treasurer

1.6 [Paul Christopher Stone], the registered treasurer of [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS] is responsible for the whole party's compliance with the requirements of the Act, including the following:

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Annual accounts

1.7 The [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS] will submit our annual statement of accounts to the Commission by the required date, being 30 April of the year following the end of the financial year

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[1] Please refer to sections 2.13 and 2.14 in our brief guide *Registering a political party*.

if both our expenditure and income are under £250,000 in that year, or 7 July of the year following the end of our financial year if either our expenditure or income exceeds £250,000 in that year. We understand that if our income or expenditure exceeds £250,000 our accounts must be submitted with an auditor's certificate.

1.8 In order to comply with this requirement, [Paul Christopher Stone] has:

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- put in place arrangements for ensuring that annual statements of accounts for the party are prepared, approved, audited where necessary and submitted to the Commission by the prescribed deadline for each register the party is on
- put in place accounting processes capable of meeting the Act's accounting record keeping requirements and of any regulations made by the Commission about the format of statements of accounts

Donations and Loans (regulated transactions)

1.9 [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS] will report the donations and loans it receives each quarter to the Commission, for each of the registers it is registered on, within the following timescales:

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- quarter 1 (1 January – 31 March) by 30 April of that year
- quarter 2 (1 April – 30 June) by 30 July of that year
- quarter 3 (1 July – 30 September) by 30 October of that year
- quarter 4 (1 October – 31 December) by 30 January of the following year

1.10 In order to comply with this requirement, [Paul Christopher Stone] will:

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For donations:

- record information for all donations of more than £500, including:
  - amount or value of the donation
  - full name of donor
  - registered address of donor
  - company registration number (if applicable)
  - date on which the donation was received
  - date on which the donation was accepted or returned
  - information about the trust (if applicable)[2]
- check the permissibility of any donations over £500 within 30 days of receipt[3]
- ensure that impermissible or unidentifiable donations of more than £500 to the party are recorded as outlined above and returned to the sender or financial institution that transferred the money or, if that is not possible, surrendered to the Commission
- ensure that a submission of quarterly donation reports covering donations exceeding £7,500 (including aggregates of donations and regulated transactions) and any impermissible or anonymous donations

[2] More details can be found in our guidance documents by visiting our parties pages at: http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance/those-we-regulate/register-a-new-party
[3] See above.

of more than £500 is made to the Commission within the above timescales; submitting a nil return if there are no reportable donations[4]
- provide weekly donation reports to the Commission during UK Parliamentary election campaigns if we are contesting the election

1.11 We understand that if we submit four consecutive quarterly nil donation returns, we will then be exempt from submitting further quarterly returns in respect of donations until we receive a reportable donation.

1.12 We also understand that separate quarterly donation returns must be submitted if we appear on the Northern Ireland register of political parties.

For loans (regulated transactions):
- record information about all regulated transactions (loans, credit facilities, etc.) of more than £500, including:
  - value of benefit of the transaction
  - name of all authorised participants
  - registered addresses of participants
  - company registration number (if applicable)
  - nature of the transaction
  - date agreement entered
  - the terms of the transaction
- ensure that the party does not enter into any regulated transactions over £500 with unauthorised participants
- ensure that a submission of quarterly transaction reports covering transactions exceeding £7,500 (including aggregates of donations and regulated transactions) and any void transactions or transactions of more than £500 entered into with an unauthorised participant is made to the Commission within the prescribed timescales; submit a nil return if there are no reportable transactions
- ensure weekly regulated transaction reports can be submitted during UK Parliamentary election periods if we are contesting the election

1.13 We understand that if the party has submitted four consecutive quarterly nil loans returns, we will then be exempt from submitting further quarterly returns until we enter into a reportable loan.

1.14 We also understand that separate quarterly loan returns must be submitted if we appear on the Northern Ireland register of political parties.

Campaign expenditure

1.15 The party will submit a campaign expenditure return if we have candidates contesting a UK Parliamentary election, European election, Scottish Parliamentary election, National Assembly of Wales election, or Northern Ireland Assembly election. The campaign expenditure return will be submitted within three months of the date of the election if our expenditure is less than £250,000 or within six months of the date of the election if our

[4] See above.

expenditure exceeds £250,000. We note that if our expenditure during the campaign exceeds £250,000 our return must be submitted with an auditor's certificate.

1.16 In order to ensure compliance with the legislation, [Paul Christopher Stone] will:

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- ensure that campaign expenditure and claims payments are duly authorised, received and paid on time and that all relevant receipts and invoices are kept
- put in place budgeting and monitoring arrangements to ensure that campaign expenditure is within the statutory limits
- ensure the compilation, auditing (if necessary) and timely submission to the Commission of a campaign expenditure return within the statutory deadlines

Referendums

1.17 If the party participates in a referendum to which Part VII of the Act applies, [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS] will develop and put in place arrangements for complying with the controls on referendum expenditure. We will do this by adapting our arrangements for the control of campaign expenditure.

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Grants

1.18 [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS] will ensure that any grants from the Commission to the party are spent in accordance with the conditions of grant imposed by the Commission. We agree to cooperate with any associated audit requirements specified by the Commission.

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Changes to registered details

1.19 [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS] will ensure that the party's details that are registered with the Commission are kept up to date. We will inform the Commission of any changes to registered officers within 14 days of the change and any other changes within 28 days.

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1.20 We will ensure that our RP8 annual confirmation of registered details and £25 fee are submitted to the Commission with the annual statement of accounts by 30 April of the following year (if our expenditure or income is less than £250,000) or by 7 July of the following year (if our expenditure or income exceeds £250,000).

1.21 We note that failure to submit our RP8 annual confirmation of registered details within the prescribed timescale will result in our statutory removal from the register of political parties. We understand that this would mean that the party would no longer be able to field candidates at elections under the party name.

Penalties and offences

1.22 [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS] understands that the Commission may impose civil penalties on parties that fail to comply with their legal obligations, including failures to submit statutory returns on time. The party also understands that failure to comply with certain legal requirements of being a registered political party is a criminal offence.

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Role of other party officers

1.23 Should the appointment of the registered party treasurer terminate for any reason, then the registered party leader will, until a new treasurer is appointed, be treated as the party treasurer and will be responsible for ensuring that the party complies with its legal obligations.

1.24 Should the treasurer whose appointment is terminated also be party leader, then the nominating officer will, until a new treasurer is appointed, be treated as the party treasurer.

1.25 Should the treasurer whose appointment is terminated also be party leader and nominating officer, then the other registered officer will, until a new treasurer is appointed, be treated as the party treasurer.

Promoting compliance with the Act

1.26 The Party will have processes in place to ensure compliance with its legal obligations. The registered treasurer, [Paul Christopher Stone], will ensure that the registered leader and all other officers and members of [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS] have sufficient knowledge of our financial obligations under the Act to ensure that the party as a whole complies with these obligations.

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Amendments to the financial scheme

1.27 The registered treasurer, [Paul Christopher Stone], will ensure that any proposed amendments to this financial scheme are submitted to the Commission for approval.

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Signed

Leader:	PAUL CHRISTOPHER STONE	Date:	01/11/2015
Treasurer:	Paul Christopher Stone	Date:	
Nominating officer:	Sharon Buxton	Date:	
Campaigns officer		Date:	

(if applicable):

Deputy Nominating Officer Paul Christopher Stone Date:

Deleted: Other officer (if applicable):

Financial scheme

[CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS (CANDI)]

Deleted: [insert party name]

Introduction

1.1 This scheme sets out how [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS (CANDI)] ('the party') will organise its financial affairs to comply with the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 ('the Act').

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Constitution

1.2 A copy of [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS (CANDI)]'s constitution, setting out our structure and organisation, and how we take decisions about the management of the party, is attached to this scheme or has been provided separately to the Electoral Commission.

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Accounting units

1.3 The [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS (CANDI)] does not wish to register any separate accounting units with the Commission.[1]

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Organisations within the party

1.4 For the purpose of compliance with the Act, the financial affairs of any local branches or affiliated organisations of the party, whether currently existing or to be established in future, will be wholly controlled by the party treasurer.

Financial year

1.5 The party's financial year will run from 1 January to 31 December.

Role of the party treasurer

1.6 [Paul Christopher Stone], the registered treasurer of [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS (CANDI)] is responsible for the whole party's compliance with the requirements of the Act, including the following:

Deleted: Name of registered treasurer

Deleted: party name

Annual accounts

[1] Please refer to sections 2.13 and 2.14 in our brief guide *Registering a political party*.

1.7 The [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS (CANDI] will submit our annual statement of accounts to the Commission by the required date, being 30 April of the year following the end of the financial year if both our expenditure and income are under £250,000 in that year, or 7 July of the year following the end of our financial year if either our expenditure or income exceeds £250,000 in that year. We understand that if our income or expenditure exceeds £250,000 our accounts must be submitted with an auditor's certificate.

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1.8 In order to comply with this requirement, [Paul Christopher Stone] has:

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- put in place arrangements for ensuring that annual statements of accounts for the party are prepared, approved, audited where necessary and submitted to the Commission by the prescribed deadline for each register the party is on
- put in place accounting processes capable of meeting the Act's accounting record keeping requirements and of any regulations made by the Commission about the format of statements of accounts

Donations and Loans (regulated transactions)

1.9 [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS (CANDI)] will report the donations and loans it receives each quarter to the Commission, for each of the registers it is registered on, within the following timescales:

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- quarter 1 (1 January – 31 March) by 30 April of that year
- quarter 2 (1 April – 30 June) by 30 July of that year
- quarter 3 (1 July – 30 September) by 30 October of that year
- quarter 4 (1 October – 31 December) by 30 January of the following year

1.10 In order to comply with this requirement, [Paul Christopher Stone] will:

Deleted: name of registered treasurer

For donations:

- record information for all donations of more than £500, including:
  - amount or value of the donation
  - full name of donor
  - registered address of donor
  - company registration number (if applicable)
  - date on which the donation was received
  - date on which the donation was accepted or returned
  - information about the trust (if applicable)[2]
- check the permissibility of any donations over £500 within 30 days of receipt[3]
- ensure that impermissible or unidentifiable donations of more than £500 to the party are recorded as outlined above and returned to the sender

[2] More details can be found in our guidance documents by visiting our parties pages at: http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance/those-we-regulate/register-a-new-party
[3] See above.

or financial institution that transferred the money or, if that is not possible, surrendered to the Commission

- ensure that a submission of quarterly donation reports covering donations exceeding £7,500 (including aggregates of donations and regulated transactions) and any impermissible or anonymous donations of more than £500 is made to the Commission within the above timescales; submitting a nil return if there are no reportable donations[4]
- provide weekly donation reports to the Commission during UK Parliamentary election campaigns if we are contesting the election

1.11 We understand that if we submit four consecutive quarterly nil donation returns, we will then be exempt from submitting further quarterly returns in respect of donations until we receive a reportable donation.

1.12 We also understand that separate quarterly donation returns must be submitted if we appear on the Northern Ireland register of political parties.

For loans (regulated transactions):

- record information about all regulated transactions (loans, credit facilities, etc.) of more than £500, including:
  - value of benefit of the transaction
  - name of all authorised participants
  - registered addresses of participants
  - company registration number (if applicable)
  - nature of the transaction
  - date agreement entered
  - the terms of the transaction
- ensure that the party does not enter into any regulated transactions over £500 with unauthorised participants
- ensure that a submission of quarterly transaction reports covering transactions exceeding £7,500 (including aggregates of donations and regulated transactions) and any void transactions or transactions of more than £500 entered into with an unauthorised participant is made to the Commission within the prescribed timescales; submit a nil return if there are no reportable transactions
- ensure weekly regulated transaction reports can be submitted during UK Parliamentary election periods if we are contesting the election

1.13 We understand that if the party has submitted four consecutive quarterly nil loans returns, we will then be exempt from submitting further quarterly returns until we enter into a reportable loan.

1.14 We also understand that separate quarterly loan returns must be submitted if we appear on the Northern Ireland register of political parties.

Campaign expenditure

[4] See above.

1.15 The party will submit a campaign expenditure return if we have candidates contesting a UK Parliamentary election, European election, Scottish Parliamentary election, National Assembly of Wales election, or Northern Ireland Assembly election. The campaign expenditure return will be submitted within three months of the date of the election if our expenditure is less than £250,000 or within six months of the date of the election if our expenditure exceeds £250,000. We note that if our expenditure during the campaign exceeds £250,000 our return must be submitted with an auditor's certificate.

1.16 In order to ensure compliance with the legislation, [Paul Christopher Stone] will:

Deleted: name of campaigns officer if registered, otherwise name of registered treasurer

- ensure that campaign expenditure and claims payments are duly authorised, received and paid on time and that all relevant receipts and invoices are kept
- put in place budgeting and monitoring arrangements to ensure that campaign expenditure is within the statutory limits
- ensure the compilation, auditing (if necessary) and timely submission to the Commission of a campaign expenditure return within the statutory deadlines

Referendums

1.17 If the party participates in a referendum to which Part VII of the Act applies, [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS (CANDI)] will develop and put in place arrangements for complying with the controls on referendum expenditure. We will do this by adapting our arrangements for the control of campaign expenditure.

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Grants

1.18 [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS (CANDI)] will ensure that any grants from the Commission to the party are spent in accordance with the conditions of grant imposed by the Commission. We agree to cooperate with any associated audit requirements specified by the Commission.

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Changes to registered details

1.19 [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS (CANDI)] will ensure that the party's details that are registered with the Commission are kept up to date. We will inform the Commission of any changes to registered officers within 14 days of the change and any other changes within 28 days.

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1.20 We will ensure that our RP8 annual confirmation of registered details and £25 fee are submitted to the Commission with the annual statement of accounts by 30 April of the following year (if our expenditure or income is less than £250,000) or by 7 July of the following year (if our expenditure or income exceeds £250,000).

1.21 We note that failure to submit our RP8 annual confirmation of registered details within the prescribed timescale will result in our statutory removal from the register of political parties. We understand that this would mean that the party would no longer be able to field candidates at elections under the party name.

Penalties and offences

1.22 [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS (CANDI)] understands that the Commission may impose civil penalties on parties that fail to comply with their legal obligations, including failures to submit statutory returns on time. The party also understands that failure to comply with certain legal requirements of being a registered political party is a criminal offence.

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Role of other party officers

1.23 Should the appointment of the registered party treasurer terminate for any reason, then the registered party leader will, until a new treasurer is appointed, be treated as the party treasurer and will be responsible for ensuring that the party complies with its legal obligations.

1.24 Should the treasurer whose appointment is terminated also be party leader, then the nominating officer will, until a new treasurer is appointed, be treated as the party treasurer.

1.25 Should the treasurer whose appointment is terminated also be party leader and nominating officer, then the other registered officer will, until a new treasurer is appointed, be treated as the party treasurer.

Promoting compliance with the Act

1.26 The Party will have processes in place to ensure compliance with its legal obligations. The registered treasurer, [Paul Christopher Stone], will ensure that the registered leader and all other officers and members of [CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE INDEPENDENTS (CANDI)] have sufficient knowledge of our financial obligations under the Act to ensure that the party as a whole complies with these obligations.

Deleted: name of registered party treasurer

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Amendments to the financial scheme

1.27 The registered treasurer, [Paul Christopher Stone], will ensure that any proposed amendments to this financial scheme are submitted to the Commission for approval.

Deleted: name of registered party treasurer

Signed

Leader: PAUL CHRISTOPHER STONE Date: 01/11/2015

Treasurer:	Paul Christopher Stone	Date:	25.5.16
Nominating officer:	Sharon Buxton	Date:	25.5.16
Campaigns officer (if applicable):		Date:	
Deputy Nominating Officer	Paul Christopher Stone	Date:	25.5.16

Deleted: Other officer (if applicable).

CHESTERFIELD
&
North Derbyshire Independents



PAUL CHRISTOPHER STONE, 13 Sanforth Street, Whittington Moor, CHESTERFIELD, Derbyshire, S41 8RS

Paul Christopher Stone
13 Sanforth Street,
Whittington Moor,
CHESTERFIELD, Derbyshire,
S41 8RS.
[redacted]

[redacted]
The Electoral Commission
3 Bunhill Row
London, EC1Y 8YZ.

8th March 2017

Dear [redacted],

Please find details of the Party to be changed.

1) List printed off the Electoral Commission site with the new descriptions included

2) The Financial Statement & New Constitution with the new names/descriptions

3) A physical Copy of the NEW third emblem to replace the OLD Staveley Independent Party Logo.
The NEW LOGO is a simple Crooked Spire (no wordings)

4) Cheque for £25 for changes

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

Paul Christopher Stone
(Leader, Finance & Deputy Nominating Officer)

[redacted]

Sharon Buxton
(Nominating Officer)

Application to change the registered details of a party registered in Great Britain

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The Electoral Commission

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This application was submitted electronically to the Electoral Commission on 10/02/2017 at 14:56:26.
PEF Online reference: 2883

Declaration

I declare that Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI) intends to contest one or more relevant elections in Great Britain (which will not be confined to parish (England) or community (Wales) elections) and is accordingly applying to be registered in the following part(s) of the Great Britain register:

England	Y	Scotland	N	Wales	N

I also declare that Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI) intends to contest one or more elections to the European Parliament in the combined region of Gibraltar and the South West of England.

I declare that Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI) has in place the appropriate mechanisms to comply with the regulations which govern the election and financial activities of political parties.

Parliamentary election status

Exempt from UK parliamentary elections	N

Signatures

Party leader

I declare that I am authorised to sign this application on behalf of the above named party.

Signed [redacted]

Printed name Mr Paul Stone

Date 0 (dd) 03 (mm) 2017 (yyyy)

Party treasurer

I declare that I am authorised to sign this application on behalf of the above named party.

Signed [redacted]

Printed name Mr Paul Stone Date 08 03 2017
dd mm yyyy

Party nominating officer

I declare that I am authorised to sign this application on behalf of the above named party.

Signed [redacted]

Printed name Ms Sharon Buxton Date 08 03 2017
dd mm yyyy

For electoral commission use

Date of receipt dd mm yyyy Checked by

Outgoing party officer(s)

If any of the above officers have changed, the outgoing officer(s) should sign below

I declare that I relinquish the position of

Signed

Printed name Date
dd mm yyyy

I declare that I relinquish the position of

Signed

Printed name Date
dd mm yyyy

I declare that I relinquish the position of

Signed

Printed name

Date dd mm yyyy

Unavailability of a party officer

If any of the above officers are unable to sign this form, please sign on behalf of them in the relevant boxes.

You must then state your name, position in the party and the reason why the other officer(s) were unable to sign below.

Party name

Primary name	Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI)
Language	English
Secondary name	
Language	
English translation	

Address (party headquarters or for correspondence if no HQ)

Address	13 Sanforth Street,
	Whittington Moor
Town	Chesterfield
County	Derbyshire
Postcode	S41 8RS
Country	United Kingdom

Telephone number	[redacted] Extn
Fax number	
Email address	
Website address	

Emblems

Emblem Id	1289

Monochrome emblem



The word CANDI with a crooked spire as the letter 'I' and 2 sweets

Emblem Id	1290

Monochrome emblem



Emblem 2

Emblem Id	1291

Monochrome emblem



Emblem 3

Party descriptions

Description	Chesterfield Independents
Translation language	
Translation	

Party descriptions

Description	East Midlands Independents
Translation language	
Translation	

Party descriptions

Description	Bolsover Independents
Translation language	
Translation	

Party descriptions

Description	North Midlands Independents
Translation language	
Translation	

Party descriptions

Description	Staveley Independent Party
Translation language	
Translation	

Party descriptions

Description	Peak Independents
Translation language	
Translation	

Party descriptions

Description	Whittington & Staveley Independents
Translation language	
Translation	

Party descriptions

Description	Shirebrook Independents
Translation language	
Translation	

Party descriptions

Description	Brimington Independents
Translation language	
Translation	

Party descriptions

Description	Spire Independents
Translation language	
Translation	

Party descriptions

Description	Labour Brexit
Translation language	
Translation	

Party descriptions

Description	UK Brexiteers
Translation language	
Translation	

Party officers

Party Leader

Title	Mr
First name(s)	Paul
Surname	Stone
Home address	[redacted]
Telephone number	[redacted]
Extn	

Fax number	
Email address	[redacted]

If leader for a particular purpose, please specify

Treasurer

Title	Mr
First name(s)	Paul
Surname	Stone
Home address	[redacted]
Town	
County	
Postcode	
Country	
Telephone number	Extn
Fax number	
Email address	[redacted]

Nominating Officer

Title	Ms
First name(s)	Sharon
Surname	Buxton
Home address	[redacted]
Town	
County	
Postcode	
Country	
Telephone number	[redacted] Extn
Fax number	
Email address	

Financial and organisational information

An online payment of £25.00 has been initiated.

Copy of party's constitution enclosed?	☑ Yes	☐ No	(tick as appropriate)
Copy of financial scheme enclosed?	☑ Yes	☐ No	

Please return the form to:
Party and Election Finance
The Electoral Commission
3 Bunhill Row
London
EC1Y 8YZ

Tel: 020 7271 0616
Fax: 020 7271 0505
Email: pef@electoralcommission.org.uk
Website: www.electoralcommission.org.uk

Application summary

PR 17/11 – 25 April 2017

The following table summarises the applications received by the Commission and the registration team's recommendations

Table 1: Director of Political Finance & Regulation and Legal Counsel delegated party registration decisions

Party name and proposed party identity marks (link to assessment note)	Registration team assessment
Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents **Proposed name** Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI) **Proposed descriptions:** 1. Spire Independents 2. Labour Brexit 3. UK Brexiteers **Proposed emblem:** 1.  Party is removing the following descriptions and emblem: • Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI) • Young Independents • Shirebrook Independents • End the Brimington Council Tax Precept • 	• Existing party • Application complete 10.03.17 • Published online 07.04.17 • Recommendation to approve party name, descriptions 1 and 3, and emblem • Recommendation to reject description 2 **Initial view** BP 28.4.2017: I am minded to – • Approve the amended party name and the emblem; • Refuse the three applied for descriptions for reason of them not being descriptions of the party name, such that they do not constitute made applications and fall for consideration of the statutory tests under PPERA. (By way of comment had they, I agree with the registration team assessment recommendations). **Approval Board Comments** LE: I agree with the initial view. TH: I agree with Bob's initial view. RT: agree with the initial view CWe: Agree with the initial view AON: Agree with the initial view

Application summary

PR 17/11 – 25 April 2017

The following table summarises the applications received by the Commission and the registration team's recommendations

Party name and proposed party identity marks (link to assessment note)	Registration team assessment
	SS: I agree with Bob's initial view. By way of comment this view reflects the further thinking and clarification on what "description" means. **Final Decisions** BP 3.5.2017: Approve the amended party name and the emblem. Refuse the three applied for descriptions for reason of them not being descriptions of the party name, such that they do not constitute made applications and fall for consideration of the statutory tests under PPERA.
[redacted]	

Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents

Application to change registered identity marks for a party registered in Great Britain

Political objectives/party information

- The party outlines in their constitution that their aims are:
  - To utilise the skills of members, official supporters and the public outside of the party to benefit society.
  - To be proactive in voicing the concerns of the silent majority.
  - To work with other independent groups and parties where possible and appropriate to further Society and the Party's aims.
- The party's application[1] is compliant with the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA).
- The party have submitted a fresh constitution that is compliant with PPERA. It sets out the responsibilities of the party and treasurer and is not inconsistent with their financial scheme. This new constitution primarily changes the references to the party identity marks in it. This is the current constitution.
- The party have submitted a replacement financial scheme that has some formatting changes but no substantive changes to the current financial scheme.
- The party is registered to stand candidates in England only and has applied to be on the Great Britain register of political parties.
- Party is removing the following descriptions and emblem:
  - Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI)
  - Young Independents
  - Shirebrook Independents
  - End the Brimington Council Tax Precept

[1] emblem is on the last page of this document



Recommendation

In determining my opinion I am required to consider whether the proposed party identifiers (name, descriptions and emblems) meet the statutory tests as set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000. Except where indicated in Appendixes A, B and C or when recommending rejecting them, I considered all of the proposed party identifiers below to have met the following the statutory tests.

That the name, descriptions and emblem are:

- Not the same as that of a currently-registered party identity mark
- Not likely to result in voters confusing it with a registered political party
- Not more than 6 words
- Not, in my opinion, obscene or offensive
- Doesn't contain words the publication of which would be likely to amount to the commission of an offence
- If a name or description doesn't include any script other than Roman script
- Does not contain any words prohibited by order of the secretary of state
- Is not likely to mislead voters as to the effect of their vote
- Is not likely to contradict or hinder instructions or guidance given for voting.

I recommend that the following identity marks be **approved** and entered onto the register of political parties in Great Britain.

- Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI)
- Spire Independents
- UK Brexiteers

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I recommend that the following identity marks be **rejected** for the reasons as set out in this assessment.

- Labour Brexit

A summary of the searches for similarity are included in Appendix D.

[redacted]
24 April 2017

Appendix A: Proposed Name

Proposed name: Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI)
Recommendation: Approve

1.1 In making my recommendation to approve the proposed party name I have considered the issues set out in the following paragraphs.

1.2 The proposed name is currently a registered description and was approved in January 2016.

1.3 The word “Independent” is a prohibited word and can only be used if it is used with an(other) word(s) as long as those other word(s) are not; the name of a registered party; “independent”, “official”, or “Unofficial”; the word ‘party’. ‘Chesterfield And North Derbyshire (CANDI)’ is not the name of a registered party.

1.4 I searched the register to examine whether this proposed name is likely to cause a voter to confuse it with another already registered identity mark or one that is protected after deregistration.

1.5 The identity mark that contained the same word was:

1.5.1 Derbyshire Independents’[2]

1.6 There is a possibility that ‘Derbyshire Independents’ could be seen as a branch of the proposed name and therefore be misleadingly similar. However the word ‘Chesterfield’ does not appear anywhere on the register and given this difference I believe the proposed name to be sufficiently different to this other identity mark.

1.7 The abbreviation CANDI is fully spelled out in the description and I am satisfied that the proposed name is unlikely to mislead a voter as to the effect of their vote.

[2] A description of the ‘British Independents’

1.8 I am satisfied that the proposed name does not contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for their guidance in voting given on the ballot paper or elsewhere.

1.9 I have not identified a group or people that would be offended by the proposed name. The proposed name is not obscene.

Appendix B: Proposed descriptions

Proposed description 1: Spire Independents
Recommendation: Approve

1.1 In making my recommendation to approve the proposed party description I have considered the issues set out in the following paragraphs.

1.2 The proposed description contains the word independents[3]. The word *Independent* is a prohibited word[4] and can only be used if it is used with an(other) word(s) as long as those other word(s) are not the name of a registered party or the word(s) official, unofficial, or party. The word *Spire* is the word used to qualify the word *independents*.

1.3 I searched the register to examine whether this proposed description is likely to cause a voter to confuse it with another already registered identity mark or one that is protected after deregistration. The word *Spire* is not currently registered on the register of political parties in Great Britain.

1.4 I believe the term spire refers to the Crooked Spire Church in Chesterfield[5]. We have previously permitted other public locations such as St Barts in the description *Barristers, Butchers and Barts* of *Temple and Farringdon Together*[6] registered on 16.02.17 to act as a local area name and differentiate itself from the large number of identity marks that use the term *independents*. I am therefore content that the word *Spire* provides this level of differentiation and the proposed description is not likely to be confusingly similar to another identity mark.

1.5 I am satisfied that the proposed description is unlikely to mislead a voter as to the effect of their vote.

[3] Our policy is that the word independents is also covered by the SI, part 3
[4] The Registration of Political Parties (Prohibited Words and Expressions) Order 2001 accessed 24.04.17
[5] http://www.visitchesterfield.info/thedms.aspx?dms=3&venue=6012303 accessed 24.04.17
[6] http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP6322 accessed 24.04.17

1.6 I am satisfied that the proposed name does not contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for their guidance in voting given on the ballot paper or elsewhere.

1.7 I have not identified a group or people that would be offended by the proposed description. The proposed description is not obscene.

Proposed description 2: Labour Brexit
Recommendation: Reject

2.1 In making my recommendation to reject the proposed party description I have considered the issues set out in the following paragraphs.

2.2 I searched the register to examine whether this proposed description is likely to cause a voter to confuse it with another already registered identity mark or one that is protected after deregistration.

2.3 The most similar identity marks are:

2.3.1 Labour Party[7]

2.3.2 Labour Betrayed us – Vote Liberty GB[8]

2.3.3 Stop Brexit[9]

2.4 I do not believe these already registered identity marks contain sufficient similarity with the proposed description as to likely confuse a voter.

[7] A party name
[8] A description of Liberty GB
[9] A description of Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK

2.5 However I have a significant concern that the proposed description is likely to mislead a voter as to the effect of their vote. The use of the term Labour without including a reference to the party name provides scope for a voter to be misled and believe that they are voting for the Labour Party.

2.6 For example Liberty GB was able to use the word Labour as they have included the party name in their description *Labour Betrayed us – Vote Liberty GB.*

2.7 Finally the Labour Party has indicated that they support Brexit, which in my opinion associates the party with the policy of leaving the European Union. The following speech[10] by the Shadow Chancellor illustrates this support

We know that the population has voted to leave the European Union, we must respect that decision, but we now need to do more work to find out which elements of our European relationship our people want to preserve, and which must be changed.

2.8 These three elements in my opinion point towards a voter being misled as to the effect of their vote, in that I believe that a voter would cast their vote in the opinion that this description was the Labour Party's.

2.9 We have not received any representation from the Labour Party that they object to this proposed description.

2.10 I am satisfied that the proposed name does not contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for their guidance in voting given on the ballot paper or elsewhere.

2.11 I have not identified a group or people that would be offended by the proposed description. The proposed description is not obscene.

Proposed description 3: UK Brexiteers
Recommendation: Approve

3.1 In making my recommendation to approve the proposed party description I have considered the issues set out in the following paragraphs.

[10] Accessed 24.04.17

3.2 The description contains the abbreviation UK. It is my belief that this abbreviation is well known and widely used. UK stands for the United Kingdom which a prohibited word[11]. However it is our reading of the order that it only applies to those terms laid out in the order. Even if it did apply *Brexiteers* is not an already registered identity mark.

3.3 I searched the register to examine whether this proposed description is likely to cause a voter to confuse it with another already registered identity mark or one that is protected after deregistration.

3.4 There is no reference to the word *Brexiteers* on the register of political parties. The term likely refers to a person who is in favour of the United Kingdom withdrawing from the European Union[12]. I am satisfied that the proposed description would not confuse a voter.

3.5 I considered whether to apply the wider version of the mislead the voter test to include a consideration of what parties are most associated with leaving the European Union. I believe that a voter would not immediately consider this description to refer to the applicant party as the party of Brexiteers. It is my opinion that the parties most associated with Brexit are UKIP or the Conservative and Unionist Party, as they campaigned heavily for it or implementing it as the Government. That these parties have chosen not to register these terms indicates that they do not want to use them on ballot papers.

3.6 On balance I believe it is stretching the application of the mislead a voter test to apply it in this fashion, and I am satisfied that the proposed description is unlikely to mislead a voter as to the effect of their vote.

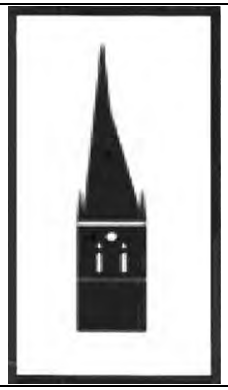
3.7 I am satisfied that the proposed name does not contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for their guidance in voting given on the ballot paper or elsewhere.

3.8 I have not identified a group or people that would be offended by the proposed description. The proposed description is not obscene:

[11] http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2001/82/article/2/made retrieved 24.04.17
[12] http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/brexiteer accessed 24.04.17

Appendix C: Proposed emblems

Proposed emblem 1
Recommendation: Approve

Ballot paper size, 2cm^2	5cm^2 for review and assessment
	

1.1 In making my recommendation to approve the proposed party emblem I have considered the issues set out in the following paragraphs.

1.2 The emblem meets our minimum requirements and contains a designed element in the form of a picture with a border.

1.3 I searched the register to examine whether this proposed emblem is likely to cause a voter to confuse it with another already registered identity mark or one that is protected after deregistration. I considered other emblems that contained a spire:


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1.4 I am satisfied that the proposed emblem would not likely cause a voter to confuse it with another already registered or protected identity mark. I did consider whether the emblem of the Residents Associations of Epsom and Ewell was too similar as they are both long narrow logos with a tower. However in my opinion they contain some key design differences. The proposed emblem provides an abstract ideal of the tower and does not contain the detail of the already registered emblem which provides a more natural representation of a tower. This creates the key element of differentiation in my view. In addition the border of the proposed emblem provides another point of distinction.

1.5 They are set out below for your reference:

Lewis, Bob (address in the Constituency)		
McDonald, Amy (address in the Constituency)		
Wells, Eric (address in the Constituency)		

[13] An emblem of Residents Associations of Epsom and Ewell
[14] An emblem of Upminster and Cranham Residents Association
[15] An emblem of The Beverley Party

1.6 I am satisfied that the proposed emblem does not contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for their guidance in voting given on the ballot paper or elsewhere.

1.7 I have not identified a group or people that would be offended by the proposed emblem. The proposed emblem is not obscene.

Appendix D – Searches for the same or similar names and descriptions[16]

Table D1: Similarity score results

The following table lists those identifiers that were found to be similar to by an electronic matching process. The higher the value the higher the similarity between the proposed descriptions and the identifier listed below. If no proposed marks appear in the table they did not return any results.

Proposed identity marks	Similar identifiers	Party Name of similar identifiers (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)	Similarity
Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI)	Derbyshire Independents	British Independents	0.8581
Labour Brexit	Valour	Valour	0.5945
Labour Brexit	Brit Dems	British Democratic Party	0.5259
Labour Brexit	No Brexit	Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	0.5214

Tables D2: Party identity marks that contain words that appear in the proposed identity marks

Party names and descriptions that contain the word North	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Standing Up For North East England	The North East Party
Sandown Independents: Working for Sandown North	Sandown Independents

[16] Party identity marks of the applicant party are not reported

Party names and descriptions that contain the word North	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Putting people in Northumberland first	North of England Community Alliance
Putting North West people first	North of England Community Alliance
Putting North of England people first	North of England Community Alliance
Northfield	Communities Against the Cuts
Northern Patriotic Front	New Dawn
Northampton -Save our Services	Northampton - Save Our Public Services
Northampton - Save our Public Services	Northampton - Save Our Public Services
Northampton - Save our NHS	Northampton - Save Our Public Services
North West Independent Network	Independent Network
North East Independent Network	Independent Network
Lincolnshire Independents - North Kesteven	Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First
Northchurch Residents Association	Northchurch Residents Association
Independents of North Yorkshire	Independents of North Yorkshire
Northampton - Save Our Public Services	Northampton - Save Our Public Services
The North East Party	The North East Party
North of England Community Alliance	North of England Community Alliance

Party names and descriptions that contain the word Derbyshire	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Derbyshire Independents	British Independents

Party names and descriptions that contain the word Labour	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Welsh Labour Party Candidate	Labour Party
Welsh Labour Candidate	Labour Party

Party names and descriptions that contain the word Labour	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Welsh Labour	Labour Party
The Labour Party Candidate	Labour Party
Scottish Labour Party Candidate	Labour Party
Scottish Labour Party	Labour Party
Labour Party Candidate	Labour Party
Labour Betrayed Us – Vote Liberty GB	Liberty GB
Labour and Co-operative Party (Joint Description with Labour Party)	Co-operative Party
Labour and Co-operative Party (Joint Description with Co-operative Party)	Labour Party
Glasgow Labour	Labour Party
Aberdeen Labour, making it happen	Labour Party
Labour Party	Labour Party
Socialist Labour Party	Socialist Labour Party

Party names and descriptions that contain the word Brexit	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Stop Brexit	Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK
No Referendums, Maintain Union, Pro-Brexit	A Better Britain – Unionist Party
No Referendum, Maintain Union, Pro-Brexit	A Better Britain – Unionist Party
No Brexit	Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK
English Independence - Brexit Now	English Independence
Building the People's Brexit	English Futures Party

Party names and descriptions that contain the word UK	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)

Party names and descriptions that contain the word UK	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Young People's Party UK	Young People's Party YPP
World Socialist Party (UK)	The Socialist Party of Great Britain
UKIP Wales	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
UKIP Scotland	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
UKIP - Scrap HS2	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
UKIP	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
UK Life	Life
UK Independence Party Wales	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
UK Independence Party Scotland	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
UK Independence Party	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
UK Freedom Party	Freedom Party
The UK Life Party	Life
The Pirate Party UK	Pirate Party UK
Scotland's Voice in the UK	Unity Scotland - The Unity Party
Pirates Party UK	Pirate Party UK
Official Pirate Party UK Candidate	Pirate Party UK
Libertarian Party UK	Libertarian Party
Independence from Europe, and the UK	English Independence
UK Yorkshire Socialist Alliance Party	UK Yorkshire Socialist Alliance Party
Shiromani Akali Dal Amritsar UK	Shiromani Akali Dal Amritsar UK
Jammu Kashmir National Awami Party UK	Jammu Kashmir National Awami Party UK
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
Pirate Party UK	Pirate Party UK
Alliance EPP: European People’s Party UK	Alliance EPP: European People’s Party UK
UK Meritocracy Party	UK Meritocracy Party

Party names and descriptions that contain the word UK	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Revolution UK	Revolution UK
UK Workers Equality & Fairtrade Party	UK Workers Equality & Fairtrade Party

Party names and descriptions that contain the word Independents	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Winstanley Independents	Wigan Independents
Westgate Independents	Morecambe Bay Independents
Werrington First Independents	Werrington First
Torrisholme Independents	Morecambe Bay Independents
The Independents Alliance Candidate	The Independents Alliance
The Association of English Local Independents	Independent Network
Standish Independents	Wigan Independents
Spennymoor Independents People Before Politics	Spennymoor Independents
South Woodham Ferrers Independents	South Woodham Ferrers Independents
Shevington Independents	Wigan Independents
Selston Independents Getting Things Done	Selston Parish Independents
Selston Area Independents Working For You	Selston Parish Independents
Selston Area Independents Putting People First	Selston Parish Independents
Selston Area Independents Here For You	Selston Parish Independents
Sandown Independents: Working With Local People	Sandown Independents
Sandown Independents: Working for Sandown South	Sandown Independents
Sandown Independents: Working for Sandown North	Sandown Independents
Sandown Independents: Working for Sandown	Sandown Independents
Sandown Independents: Putting Sandown First	Sandown Independents
Sandown Independents: People Before Politics	Sandown Independents
Richmondshire Independents	Richmondshire Independents

Party names and descriptions that contain the word Independents	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Reading Independents - Putting Voters First	The Independents Alliance
Poulton Independents	Morecambe Bay Independents
Orrell Independents	Wigan Independents
Nottinghamshire Independents	Nottinghamshire Independents
Morecambe Independents	Morecambe Bay Independents
Lowton and Golborne Independents	Wigan Independents
Lincolnshire Independents, putting Lincolnshire People First	Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First
Lincolnshire Independents, Lincolnshire First	Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First
Lincolnshire Independents - South Kesteven	Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First
Lincolnshire Independents - South Holland	Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First
Lincolnshire Independents - Sleaford	Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First
Lincolnshire Independents - North Kesteven	Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First
Lincolnshire Independents - Lincoln	Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First
Lincolnshire Independents - Giving Boston a Voice	Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First
Lincolnshire Independents	Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First
Leigh Independents	Wigan Independents
Lancaster Independents	Morecambe Bay Independents
Independents representing Rayleigh	Rayleigh Independents
Independents of the Yorkshire Dales	Independents of North Yorkshire
Independents of the Upper Dales	Independents of North Yorkshire
Independents of Selby District	Independents of North Yorkshire
Independents of Scarborough Borough & District	Independents of North Yorkshire
Independents of Ryedale	Independents of North Yorkshire
Independents of Richmondshire	Independents of North Yorkshire
Independents of Harrogate Borough & District	Independents of North Yorkshire

Party names and descriptions that contain the word Independents	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Independents of Hambleton	Independents of North Yorkshire
Independents of Craven	Independents of North Yorkshire
Independents Against Social Injustice	Party of Dissent
Hindley Independents	Wigan Independents
Heysham Independents	Morecambe Bay Independents
Hartlepool Independents - Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independents - Putting Hartlepool First
Hartlepool Independents	Hartlepool Independents - Putting Hartlepool First
Harbour Independents	Morecambe Bay Independents
East Wycombe Independents working for Totteridge	East Wycombe Independent Party
East Wycombe Independents working for Micklefield	East Wycombe Independent Party
East Wycombe Independents working for Bowerdean	East Wycombe Independent Party
East Devon Alliance of Independents	East Devon Alliance
Derbyshire Independents	British Independents
Carnforth Independents	Morecambe Bay Independents
Bryn Independents	Wigan Independents
British Independents	British Independents
Bolton-Le-Sands Independents	Morecambe Bay Independents
Bare Independents	Morecambe Bay Independents
Aspull and Standish Independents	Wigan Independents
Ashton Independents	Wigan Independents
Ashtead Independents, working with Ashtead Residents	Ashtead Independents
Ashtead Independents, working for Ashtead Residents	Ashtead Independents
Ashtead Independents - local people, local issues	Ashtead Independents
Ashtead Independents	Ashtead Independents

Party names and descriptions that contain the word Independents	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Ashfield Independents Working All Year Round	Ashfield Independents
Ashfield Independents Putting Underwood First	Ashfield Independents
Ashfield Independents Putting Sutton First	Ashfield Independents
Ashfield Independents Putting Selston First	Ashfield Independents
Ashfield Independents Putting People Before Politics	Ashfield Independents
Ashfield Independents Putting Local People First	Ashfield Independents
Ashfield Independents Putting Kirkby First	Ashfield Independents
Ashfield Independents Putting Jacksdale First	Ashfield Independents
Ashfield Independents Putting Hucknall First	Ashfield Independents
Ashfield Independents Putting Eastwood First	Ashfield Independents
Ashfield Independents Putting Ashfield First	Ashfield Independents
Alliance of East Devon Independents	East Devon Alliance
Tewkesbury Independents	Tewkesbury Independents
Weybridge & St. George's Independents	Weybridge & St. George's Independents
Derwentside Independents	Derwentside Independents
Calverton First Independents Party	Calverton First Independents Party
Morley Borough Independents	Morley Borough Independents
City Independents	City Independents
Wickford Independents	Wickford Independents
Winchester Independents	Winchester Independents
Independents for Desborough	Independents for Desborough
Wells Independents a non political approach	Wells Independents
Wells Independents Candidate	Wells Independents
Wells Independents candidate a fresh approach	Wells Independents
Wells Independents candidate non political approach	Wells Independents
Wells Independents fresh and positive approach	Wells Independents

Party names and descriptions that contain the word Independents	Party Name of the similar identifier (if the same indicates the similar identifier is a party name)
Wells Independents offering a fresh approach	Wells Independents
Wells Independents: a fresh approach	Wells Independents
Independents for Arlesey	Independents for Arlesey
Independents for Frome	Independents for Frome
Morecambe Bay Independents	Morecambe Bay Independents
Richmondshire Independents	Richmondshire Independents
Selston Parish Independents	Selston Parish Independents
Ashtead Independents	Ashtead Independents
Independents of North Yorkshire	Independents of North Yorkshire
Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First	Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First
Wigan Independents	Wigan Independents
Nottinghamshire Independents	Nottinghamshire Independents
South Woodham Ferrers Independents	South Woodham Ferrers Independents
Hartlepool Independents - Putting Hartlepool First	Hartlepool Independents - Putting Hartlepool First
Spennymoor Independents	Spennymoor Independents
Sandown Independents	Sandown Independents
British Independents	British Independents
West Suffolk Independents	West Suffolk Independents
The Independents Alliance	The Independents Alliance
Stone Independents	Stone Independents
Ashfield Independents	Ashfield Independents
Independents for Sutton	Independents for Sutton
Rayleigh Independents	Rayleigh Independents
Wells Independents	Wells Independents

Words that do not appear on the register

- Chesterfield, Brexiteers

[redacted]

---------- Original Message ----------
From: Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI) (GB)
Received: 30/06/2017 16:49
To: Partyreg
Subject: 23 May 2017 Notice of proposed names, descriptions and emblems and our decisions CCM:028884

Dear [redacted]**,**

Thank you for the document.

So that there is no misunderstanding, you are refering to the description 'Spire Independents' as an identity mark, and that
I am not allowed to submit a new application with additonal and local information; as to why local independents would want to use the word Spire and
how important and symbolic to our location of Chesterfield and North Derbyshire the term is?

Having checked your previous email, even if the decision is wrong or right, am I correct that the Electoral Commission does not have an
internal appeals process in place to deal with this matter or any other procedure of dealing with this matter, outside of a Judicial Review ?

I understand that a Judicial Review deals with procedures. So that I have all the information at hand, can I have a FOI on everything
connected to my application including details of the meeting determining the decision and also copies of any other Judicial Reviews
on identity marks or Appeals/Reviews made against the Commission.

Because there is a time limit with applying for a Judicial Review, could I have a response from this email within 14 days.

Kind regards
Paul Christopher Stone

[redacted]

---------- Original Message ----------
From: Partyreg
Received: 30/06/2017 15:15
To: Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI) (GB); Paul Stone
Subject: RE: 23 May 2017 Notice of proposed names, descriptions and emblems and our decisions CCM:0288845

Dear Paul Christopher Stone

Thank you for your response.

As I outlined in my previous email: 'If we refuse a particular identity mark then you can choose to submit a **new application** or an **alternative identity mark** to us to consider.' You would not be able to submit the same identity mark for review.

Our guidance outlines the considerations we make when assessing applications to register descriptions, names, and emblems.

Kind regards

[redacted]

From: Paul Stone [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: 30 June 2017 14:53
To: Partyreg
Subject: Re: 23 May 2017 Notice of proposed names, descriptions and emblems and our decisions CCM:0288845

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email.

I still believe that the term of 'Spire Independents' is an appropiate description.

Based upon what you have outlined, It seems that I am entitled to submit the application for this description again. If I am wrong, please let me know.

Could you also send me a link or copy of the various regulations and policies that govern and relate to this type of application's determination.

Kind Regards,
Paul Christopher Stone
13 Sanforth Street,
Whittington Moor,
Chesterfield,
Derbyshire, S41 8RS

On Friday, 30 June 2017, 14:31, Partyreg <Partyreg@electoralcommission.org.uk> wrote:

Dear Paul Christopher Stone

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission.

We are more than happy to outline our decision to reject the proposed description 'Spire Independents' to you.

The reason why this proposed description was rejected was because we deemed that it was not a description of the party name. It is likely, in our view, that a voter would not be able to recognise your party from the description i.e. a voter is unlikely to be sure that a vote for a candidate with the description 'Spire Independents' would be a vote for CANDI.

If we refuse a particular identity mark then you can choose to submit a new application or an alternative identity mark to us to consider. However, there is no statutory right of appeal against our decision. If you disagree with our decision and the reasons for it you can seek a remedy through the courts by applying for a judicial review of our decision.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Kind regards

[redacted]
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From: Paul Stone [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: 16 June 2017 15:29
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: 23 May 2017 Notice of proposed names, descriptions and emblems and our decisions CCM:0288845

Good Afternoon,

Now that the tussle and bustle of the Local and National Elections are out of the way
I thought it a good time to respond to the decision regarding the registration of the names
- Spire Independents
- Labour Brexit
- UK Brexiteers

Having viewed the decision once more it's obvious that the UK Brexiteers wouldn't meet the requirements, just because of the abbreviation, and I am not surprised by the decision to refuse Labour Brexit.
However, I would like you to reconsider the decision over the name 'Spire Independents'.

In hindsight it would have been helpful if I had spoken to yourself well in advance of my application

for those names to be registered.If you wish me to call you to give background to my request, please let me know.

Regards,

Paul Christopher Stone
Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents.

On Tuesday, 30 May 2017, 12:58, [redacted] wrote:

Good afternoon,

Today we published on our website the following notices of proposed names, descriptions and emblems:

- Notice of proposed names, descriptions and emblems which are not yet registered
  - Community Minded Supporters Group
  - Independents for Seaford

We have recently updated our guidance regarding registration applications for the upcoming elections on 8 June

Notices of proposed names, descriptions and emblems which are not yet registered

Yesterday we published the following notices of proposed names, descriptions and emblems on our website.

If you wish to comment on whether a proposed party name, description or emblem should be registered please reply to this email or complete the form available on this page.

An overview of the rules on what can be registered as a name, description and emblem by the Commission can be found here.

Application by 'Community Minded Supporters Group' to register a new minor party in Great Britain

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Part of the UK that this application applies to: England

Proposed name: Resolve

Proposed descriptions:
1. A Voice For Our Community
2. Your Local Group
3. Consulting And Acting For You

Proposed emblem:

Application by 'Independents for Seaford' to register a new minor party in Great Britain

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Part of the UK that this application applies to: England

Proposed name: Independents for Seaford

Proposed descriptions:
1. Your Voice for Our Town
2. A local voice for our town
3. Seaford Voices for Seaford Residents

Proposed emblem:

Registration applications for the upcoming elections on 8 June

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Registration applications ahead of the of the June 2017 UK Parliamentary general election

The deadline to receive a decision on any registration applications for the June 2017 polls has now passed.

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[redacted]

---------- Original Message ----------
From: Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI) (GB)
Received: 30/03/2017 15:23
To: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI) description application CCM:0288471

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for getting back to me and I'm pleased you have received the Cheque and

documentation.

Kind Regards,
Paul Christopher Stone

On Wednesday, 29 March 2017, 16:50, [redacted] > wrote:

Dear Paul Stone,

I can confirm that we have received your cheque and your other documents on 10 March. My apologies that we did not respond to you sooner, we have been dealing with a large number of applications in the lead up to the May polls and had been prioritising applications that were complete before 10 February.

I can also confirm that we will not be able to complete your assessment before the close of nominations for the May Polls.

Your party candidates will be able to use what is currently registered - http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP2883

We will pick up your application next week.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 07 March 2017 16:45
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI) description application CCM:0288471

Dear Paul Stone,

We have not received any further information in regards to this application. It is now unlikely that we would be able to complete an assessment before the close of nominations for the May polls.

If we do not receive any further information from you regarding this application by 13 March we will consider your application closed and reject your application on PEF Online.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: 13 February 2017 17:00
To: [redacted]
Subject: Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI) description application CCM:0288471

Dear Paul Stone,

We have received your application to change your descriptions and to register to contest European Parliament elections in the combined region of Southwest England and Gibraltar.

We have not received your online payment of £25. You will now need to provide a cheque for £25, payable to the Electoral Commission to the address below.

You have also elected to authorise your application by post, which means you will need to provide physical signatures to the application form.

We will not be able to proceed with your application until this fee is paid and the signed application form is received.

Once your application is complete we aim to process your application within 30 working days.

Kind regards,

[redacted]
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