From:	FOI
To:	[redacted]
Subject:	FOI 121/18 - Objections to application Horwich First - Response
Date:	28 August 2018 13:48:14
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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI 121/18

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated **25 July 2018.**

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and regrets that on this occasion we have not done so.

Your request is in bold below followed by our response.

1. **We would wish to see the previous objections to our previous application under FOI if that is possible, taking out the names / contact details of the objectors which we understand for privacy reasons.**

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested. Please find this attached.

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.

Exemptions under section 40(2)
You will notice that certain personal details have been redacted from the documents we are releasing. Section 40(2) provides exemption where the information requested constitutes personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA), and where release of the information requests 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 section1 of the DPA because the information relates directly to an identifiable living individual. This includes names and contact details of individuals in some instances. The individuals in some cases are junior staff members and they would not reasonably expect their information to be released.

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: https://ico.org.uk/

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]
Access to Information Officer (FOI and DPA)

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From: [redacted]
Received: 27/05/2018 20:01
To: Partyreg
Subject: Party identifier feedback

- Name: [redacted]
- Application you would like to comment on: Horwich First
- Your feedback: Hi I notice an application has gone in to the electoral commission for a "Horwich First" Party with various descriptions. [redacted] or using the name Horwich First (or similar) at local elections for Town and Borough Councils. [redacted] We would like to know who has put this application in and ensure that it is refused. We would like to see the constitution of this group (which has not publicised its meeting or formation) and also its applicants: The proposed Leader, Treasurer, & Monitoring Officer. [redacted] we have taken no such steps thus far, although it is something we are due to consider again shortly. [redacted] ocal boundaries mean a Ward is shared between Horwich and Blackrod at borough council elections, [redacted] If you could please respond via email, or on [redacted] so we can discuss this further. Many thanks, [redacted]
- Enw:

- Y cais yr hoffech wneud sylwadau arno:
- Eich adborth:
- Email address: [redacted]
- Eich e-bost:

---------- Original Message ----------
From: [redacted]
Received: 30/05/2018 01:09
To: Partyreg
Subject: Party identifier feedback

- Name: [redacted]
- Application you would like to comment on: Horwich First
- Your feedback: Further to my previous comment, I would like to further object to this application to [redacted] stress that if this application must be rejected, otherwise it will without a doubt "mislead voters as to the effect of their vote," as Horwich First is a Community Group locally in Horwich who stand [redacted] Candidates. Horwich First is a well known community group, [redacted] would mislead people to vote [redacted] Likewise Blackrod First is a community group in neighbouring Blackrod. Allowing this application for a party [redacted] would confuse voters at election time as they would think a vote for this proposed party [redacted] I would like to reiterate and stress [redacted] and wish to avoid the resulting confusion for voters that would entail should this application be successful. Many thanks, [redacted]
- Enw:
- Y cais yr hoffech wneud sylwadau arno:
- Eich adborth:
- Email address: [redacted]
- Eich e-bost:

---------- Original Message ----------
From: [redacted]
Received: 29/05/2018 06:36
To: Partyreg
Subject: Party identifier feedback

- Name: [redacted]
- Application you would like to comment on: Horwich First
- Your feedback: I object to the inclusion of Blackrod First - and Horwich and Blackrod First, [redacted] This application is malicious [redacted] Please will you identify who has made the application.
- Enw:
- Y cais yr hoffech wneud sylwadau arno:
- Eich adborth:
- Email address: [redacted]
- Eich e-bost:

From: [redacted]
Sent: 30 May 2018 02:45
To: Partyreg
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Horwich First

Dear Sirs
[redacted]

I have been advised on 2nd May 2018, a notice was published to register a political party with the proposed name Horwich First and 12 proposed descriptions.

One of the 12 proposed names is 'Putting Horwich First', [redacted]

[redacted]

It appears to be a clear attempt to mislead voters by using the name Horwich First, [redacted]

I would ask that you register my objection to the application for these reasons.

Kind Regards

[redacted]

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: 01 June 2018 16:26
To: Partyreg
Subject: Horwich First

Hi.

I have seen on your website that 'Horwich First' has applied.

[redacted]

If this party is allowed the name, then there will be a lot of confusion regarding who the electorate are voting for.

The name is already in use, but the group have not yet registered with yourselves. It seems like a malicious way of somebody stopping them from doing so.

Regards,

[redacted]

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