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From: FOI
Sent: 22 April 2021 16:23
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI 036-21 - Response

Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-036-21

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission dated 18 March 2021 and received by the Commission on 19 March 2021.

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 shown below followed by our response.

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information I am requesting is;
1. Any applications from parties to the Electoral Commission by that have been rejected by the electoral commission between 2020-2021. With a breakdown including;
a. Date applied
b. Applicant/Parties name
c. Reason for rejection
2. The response by the Electoral commission in reference to the rejected application

I ask this information is sent to me electronically.

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary. I would like to remind you of your duty under section 16 of the Freedom of Information act to offer such advice and assistance on a request if necessary.

On 30 March, following our request to narrow the scope of your enquiry, you wrote:

Thank you for getting back to me and explaining the limitations placed on my request. Thank you for advising me on way in which to change this request, with that in mind, please can I alter the request changing the timeframe to be:

1. Any applications from parties to the Electoral Commission by that have been rejected by the electoral commission in 2021. With a breakdown including;
a. Date applied
b. Applicant/Parties name

c. Reason for rejection
2. The response by the Electoral commission in reference to the rejected application

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

You have requested "applications from parties to the Electoral Commission by that have been rejected". We understand that your request relates to the following types of applications:

- application to register a political party
- application from a registered political party to amend its registered name, descriptions or emblems, or its constitution or financial scheme.

In responding to this request, we have included the details of applications that have rejected in full or in part. An application is considered rejected in full where no element of it has been approved. An application is considered to be rejected in part where only some element of the application has been refused, but other parts approved (e.g. if a new party application has been approved, but an applied-for emblem has been refused).

Some of the information that you have requested is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. Section 21 provides for an exemption where the information requested is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. The information that you have requested, regarding the "1.a. Applicant/parties name" and "1.c. Reasons for rejection", are accessible to you via the Final Decisions page on our website (link here). Section 21 is an absolute exemption meaning there is no need to consider the public interest test.

We do not publish the details of applications to update a registered party's constitution or financial scheme on our website. Between 01 January 2021 and 19 March 2021, two applications to update a registered party's documents were rejected. The applications were from The Workers Party (NI) and Shildon and Dene Valley Independent Party. The correspondence for these decisions, which state the reasons for rejection, has been included in this response.

You requested information regarding the date each application was received, or "date applied". Between 01 January 2021 and 19 March 2021 (the date of your request), the applications listed below were either partially or fully rejected. The Table 1 states each party's name and the date on which we received the application.

Table 1.

Title	Date received	Page reference
All For Unity	30/10/2020	1
Andover Alliance	06/11/2020	5
Breakthrough Party	23/10/2020	10
Bucks Residents Association	10/11/2020	14
Chichester and Harbour Independents	09/02/2021	16
Christian Democratic Party	19/11/2020	19
Freedom Alliance- Integrity, Society, Economy	02/12/2020	21
Hatfield DN7 First	19/11/2020	24
Independents for Rame and Maker (INFORM)	30/10/2020	30
Light Party	30/10/2020	34

Our Ryde	24/11/2020	38
Patriotic Alternative	02/10/2020	44
Proud of Oldham & Saddleworth	14/11/2020	48
The Autonomous Party	23/11/2020	51
The London Party	05/11/2020	55
Welsh Nation Party / Plaid y Genedl Gymreig	01/10/2020	57
All for Unity	17/11/2020	63
Black Lives Matter	15/10/2020	67
Canvey First	09/12/2020	71
Heritage Party	18/01/2021	75
National Lion Democratic Party	07/12/2020	77
Whitehill & Bordon Community Party	17/12/2020	81
Basildon Community Residents Party	29/01/2021	85
Direct Democracy Party United Kingdom (DDPUK)	23/01/2021	88
Gloucester Independents	31/01/2021	91
Harmony Party UK	27/01/2021	94
Hartlepool People	26/01/2021	97
Independent Alliance for Reform / Y Gynghrair Annibynnol dros Ddiwygio	31/01/2021	100
Keep Equality Safe Party	28/01/2021	108
Let London Live	30/01/2021	112
Cymru Sovereign	30/01/2021	117
Northern Independence Party	29/01/2021	122
PLUR (Peace Love Unity Respect) Party	30/01/2021	125
Propel	15/01/2021	128
Saddleworth People Matter!	16/01/2021	134
Saving Scotland Party	01/01/2021	137
Scottish Eco-Devolutionist Party (SEDP)	30/01/2021	140
Shevington Independents	24/01/2021	144
the Borough first Independents	18/01/2021	146
The Democratic Network	31/01/2021	148
The Honesty Party / Y Blaid Gonestrwydd	23/01/2021	152
The Independent Socialist Party GB	29/01/2021	155
The Phoenix Political Party	08/01/2021	158
The Workers Party	30/11/2020	161
UK Truth	25/01/2021	163
Unity In Action	15/01/2021	165
We Matter Party	14/01/2021	168
YES to Independence	04/12/2020	171
Young People's Party YPP	23/12/2020	175
London Real Party	31/01/2021	177
Shildon and Dene Valley Independent Party	28/01/2021	181

You also requested the “response by the Electoral commission in response to the rejected application”. When a decision is made regarding an application the party receives a letter or email outlining the decision. The decision letters sent to each of the applications in Table 1 have been

included in the additional document. The right hand column in Table 1 states the page reference for each piece of correspondence.

The documents themselves have been collated and will be shared with you via our secure document-sharing portal, Objective Connect. Details of how to access this portal are given at the end of this email.

You will notice that in the document, some of the information has been redacted. Information is exempt under section 40(2) of the FOIA if it constitutes the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the UK GDPR. Personal information belonging to individuals that is not already contained on our public register, or that belongs to junior members of Commission staff, satisfies these qualities and therefore we have not disclosed it to you.

In addition, the emblems in the pdf document have been corrupted. Any emblems referenced in the attached pdf document can be cross referenced in the final decisions document available on our website.

I trust that this information satisfies your request. The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority.

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: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/freedom-information/make-a-freedom-information-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/.

How to access your documents via Objective Connect:

You will receive an 'Invitation to Objective Connect Email Notification' (sent to the inbox of [redacted]). This notification will contain a link to enable you to start accessing your information. Please find below details on how to access the specific area we have set up for your documents.

1. Click on the link in the email.
2. You will be prompted to set up your username and password. Your username will be your email address, and your password can be whatever you like.
3. With your username and password, enter both details at the login screen and click 'login'.
4. You will now see your personal page, which will show the Share 'FOI – 036-21.
5. By clicking on the name of the share, you will find your documents.
6. You may view any of these documents
7. In addition you may download a copy to your personal computer by selecting the 'download' option and then 'save'.

This service will be closed one month from our response date, this is the **22 May 2021, at 5pm.**

Yours sincerely

Information Officer

FOI@electoralcommission.org.uk

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register All For Unity

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register All For Unity. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation. The constitution must also be compliant with the provision in PPERA, and must be consistent with the party's financial scheme.

Section 31(4)(a) of PPERA sets out that a registered party must notify the Commission of changes to named officers for the party (caused by the death or termination of the appointment of a registered officer of the party) within 14 days.

Provisions 4a – 4f of the party constitution set out the procedures for officer changes, namely that officers are elected at the party's Annual General Meeting.

Provision 4f states that 'if an Officer position becomes vacant, for any reason, the Leader has the power to appoint a successor until the next Annual General Meeting'.

However, if the role of Leader were to become vacant for such a reason that the Leader would be unable to appoint their own successor, the party would be unable to replace this officer within the required timeframe of 14 days, unless the position became vacant shortly before the party's AGM.

For the reasons above, we decided that the constitution is not consistent with the party's financial scheme or PPERA, which require notification of officer changes within the legally obligated timeframe. We concluded that your constitution is not complaint with PPERA, and therefore the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA.

On this basis, the proposed constitution was refused.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

Provision 1.19 of the party's financial scheme states that the party must notify the Commission of any changes to registered officers within 14 days of the change.

As set out above, in our considerations of the party constitution, we could not be satisfied that in all circumstances, the party would be able to fulfil its legal obligation to notify the Commission of changes to the registered Leader within the 14 day timeframe.

On this basis, we could not be satisfied that the constitution and financial scheme are consistent, and that the party has adopted its scheme.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity mark(s) did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	All For Unity	Minded to approve.
Descriptions	All for Unity - No to Separatism	Minded to approve.
	All 4 Unity - No to Separatism	Minded to approve.
	All for Unity (George Galloway)	Minded to refuse. Our view is that the description is likely to mislead an elector as to the effect of their vote. Parties can also use descriptions on regional list ballot papers for Scottish Parliamentary elections. In our opinion, the inclusion of George Galloway's name in the description would be likely to result in electors being misled as to the effect of their vote if he were to stand as a candidate in the election, and the proposed description were used for a region(s) where he was not standing.
	All 4 Unity (George Galloway)	Minded to refuse. Our view is that the description is likely to mislead an elector as to the effect of their vote.

		Parties can also use descriptions on regional list ballot papers for Scottish Parliamentary elections. In our opinion, the inclusion of George Galloway's name in the description would be likely to result in electors being misled as to the effect of their vote if he were to stand as a candidate in the election, and the proposed description were used for a region(s) where he was not standing.
	All 4 Unity	Minded-to approve.
Emblem		Minded-to approve.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

Where we have refused two applications from your party, you must now make a further £150 payment.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

If you would like to:

- register a new political party;
- amend a name for an existing party;
- amend or add an emblem; or
- add a description

to be included on ballot papers for the elections taking place on 6 May 2021, please ensure that your application is with us by **Sunday 31 January 2021.**

We cannot guarantee that we will make a decision in time on applications submitted after this date for use on ballots papers at the elections.

Where a party has submitted an application containing all of the information required by law, we aim to reach a decision within 6 weeks of submission. However, it may take longer than this if the application is complex. We therefore advise that parties wishing to contest the May 2021 elections to submit their applications as soon as possible.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

The Electoral Commission
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Dear Mr Rowles,

Registration of Andover Alliance ([redacted])

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register **Andover Alliance**. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties in England as of 13 January 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12661
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity mark(s) that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark

Name	Andover Alliance
Emblem(s)	1. 

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark(s) that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Description	Andover Alliance	This does not meet the definition of a description, as it is the same as the party name. Please note that you are not required to submit a description.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the

relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	**Email**	**Telephone**
Party Headquarters	2 Pound Tree Cottages, High Street Wherwell Andover Hampshire SP11 7LG	[redacted]	[redacted]
Leader: Mr Richard Rowles	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Treasurer: Mr Richard Rowles	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
		[redacted]	

Nominating officer: Mr Maurice Sweeney	[redacted]		

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 13 December 2020 and 13 July 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

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We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

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Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

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Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Alex,

Registration of Breakthrough Party ([redacted])

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register Breakthrough Party. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties as of 26 January 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12596
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity marks that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	Breakthrough Party

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark that has been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Emblem	image002.png	

		Reject – Does not meet the requirements of an emblem An emblem, by its nature, should comprise primarily of a pictorial or symbolic element. An 'emblem' that comprises only text is unlikely to satisfy the meaning of an emblem. Our guidance says that we are unlikely to register an emblem that contains only text (see page 18 here). As your emblem comprises only text, and no obvious pictorial element, we do not consider that it is an emblem under PPERA and it has therefore been refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	306 Beaumont Building 22 Mirabel Street Manchester M3 1DX	[redacted]	[redacted]
Leader: Alex Mays	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Treasurer: Jess Brindle		[redacted]	
Nominating officer: James Daly		[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31 October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Kevin Wise,

Approval of changes to registered details

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to change the registered details for your party. These changes are in effect as of 07 January 2021. Please allow a day for any changes to appear on the party's entry on the register.

Our full decision on your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

Identity mark(s) that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Emblem	2x2vers ionsCL OCKTO WER (2)

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark(s) that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Emblem	SWA NSOL IDBL ACKV ERSI	A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. As part of our consideration for this, we will likely not register an emblem if it contains text that is smaller than our recommended height of 1.2mm. This is so that the text on the emblem can be read easily by a voter when included on a ballot paper (i.e. when the emblem is 2cm by 2cm). The proposed emblem contains text that is smaller than our recommended size. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review. The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

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[redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register Chichester and Harbour Independents

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Chichester and Harbour Independents. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

A party's constitution should describe the processes by which the party will operate in line with the requirements of PPERA. Where a party's constitution is inconsistent with itself, we may consider that it does not meet the requirement of a constitution set out in law.

Paragraph 7b of the constitution states that the party leader and party chairman are elected to their position. However this is contradicted by paragraph 10c which states that the party leader appoints the party chairman.

Furthermore, paragraph 7d states that the PEC shall appoint a party treasurer and party secretary, however this is also contradicted by paragraph 7n which states that members of the PEC shall be elected for a term not exceeding 3 years.

Due to the inconsistencies in officer terms of office and appointments, we concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

Should you apply again, we might also suggest that you include the following details in your constitution to determine the party's structure and organisation more clearly:

- Paragraph 18a outlines that the PEC may make rules concerning all matters relating to the selection, training, nomination, ranking, conduct, removal and organisation of candidates. This indicates that there is a candidate selection process, however no further details are provided in respect of this matter.
- There is no process described as to how the party will be dissolved.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	Chichester And Harbour Independents	Approve
Description	Responding Openly to Residents Concerns	Refuse To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it would have been refused.
Emblem		Approve

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

If you would like to:

- register a new political party;
- amend a name for an existing party;
- amend or add an emblem; or
- add a description

to be included on ballot papers for the elections taking place on 6 May 2021, please ensure that your application is with us by **Sunday 31 January 2021.**

We cannot guarantee that we will make a decision in time on applications submitted after this date for use on ballots papers at the elections.

Where a party has submitted an application containing all of the information required by law, we aim to reach a decision within 6 weeks of submission. However, it may take longer than this if the application is complex. We therefore advise that parties wishing to contest the May 2021 elections to submit their applications as soon as possible.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Dear Stuart Wilson,

Approval of changes to registered details

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to change the registered details for your party. These changes are in effect as of 07 January 2021. Please allow a day for any changes to appear on the party's entry on the register.

Our full decision on your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

Identity mark(s) that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Emblem(s)	image001.jpg 1. image002.jpg 2.

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark(s) that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Emblem	image003.jpg	A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. In applying this test, if an acronym or abbreviation is not well-known or widely-used in everyday language, it will not normally be permitted for your party identity mark. Examples of well-known acronyms used in common language include 'UK', EU' and 'NHS'. "CDP" is not well-known or widely used, and has not been spelt out within the emblem. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused.

		Our guidance states that identity marks should provide voters with a clear understanding and recognition of who you are.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review. The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register Freedom Alliance – Integrity, Society, Economy

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register **Freedom Alliance – Integrity, Society, Economy**. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

In order to satisfactorily determine its structure and organisation, the processes outlined in a party's constitution must enable it to operate within the requirements of PPERA.

The constitution states at section 4.5 that officers who leave will be replaced 'within 90 days'. This is outside the 14 day period within which a party is required, according to PPERA section 31, to notify the Commission of any changes to the details held for the party's officers.

As this provision is inconsistent with the requirements of PPERA, we concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, the proposed constitution was refused.

For your information, we also identified the following issues in your proposed constitution. Should the party resubmit its application we would advise that, in order to make clear the party's structure and organisation, you review your constitution with respect to the following matters:

- The responsibilities of the following party officers are not explicitly stated – Leader, Treasurer and Nominating Officer.
- The constitution does not explicitly state how the party will record decisions.
- The constitution does not state a specific process for the dissolution of the party.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	1. Freedom Alliance – Integrity, Society, Economy	Approve
Description	2. Freedom Alliance. Dignity and Democracy 3. Freedom Alliance. The Real Alternative 4. Freedom Alliance. Make Britain Free. 5. Freedom Alliance. Supporting Medical Freedom. 6. Freedom Alliance. No Lockdown. No Curfews. 7. Freedom Alliance. Supporting Personal Freedom 8. Freedom Alliance. Independent Britain. 9. Freedom Alliance. Personal Liberty and Freedom 10. Freedom Alliance. Make Scotland Free 11. Freedom Alliance. People Matter 12. Freedom Alliance. Liberty, Equality and Justice 13. Freedom Alliance. Scotland's Opposition to Lockdown	Approve
Emblem	2020-12-09 -	Refuse

	Freedom Alliance	A proposed description cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. In applying this test, if an emblem contains an acronym or abbreviation that is not well-known or widely-used in everyday language, it will not normally be permitted. Examples of well-known acronyms used in common language include 'UK', 'EU' and 'NHS'. If in the Commission's opinion an acronym is not well-known and widely-used, the words it is intended to represent must be spelled out. Your proposed emblem contains just the letter "A", which is not a well-known or widely-used abbreviation and has not been spelt out. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused. You should also note that an emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, voters are likely to confuse the party with another emblem already registered for a party in the same part of the UK (i.e. in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland). This emblem with the following emblem registered for 'Animal Welfare Party' or Ashtead Independents'. Should you wish to apply again, we advise that you try and make your emblem as distinct as possible from other registered emblems. GB_Animal Welfare Party_ GB_Ashtead Independents_368_08-03-2011

Party officers

Parties may only be registered with an additional officer if the party's leader, treasurer and nominating officer are the same person. Should the party apply again, and that application be approved with the current officer configuration proposed, we will not register additional officers for the party. This is for registration purposes only and does affect how the party otherwise operates.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register Hatfield DN7 First

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Hatfield DN7 First. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

1. The constitution allows for the treasurer to share responsibility for the party's compliance under PPERA, which contradicts the financial scheme the party has provided to us and the requirements of PPERA.
2. The constitution does not set out how officers can be changed within the 14 days required by PPERA and is not consistent with the financial scheme the party provided.
3. The party does not set out sufficient details relating to the candidate selection, meetings and other governance arrangements for the General and Executive Committee, and the process for the dissolution of the party.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, the proposed constitution was refused.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

For the reasons set out above, the financial scheme is not consistent with the financial scheme.

On this basis, we could not be satisfied that the party has adopted its scheme.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant

Name	Hatifeld DN7 First	Minded to approve
Description	DN7 United	Minded to reject. To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, we are of the view that voters would not recognise the party from these descriptions.
	DN7 The Peoples Choice	Minded to reject. To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, we are of the view that voters would not recognise the party from these descriptions.
	DN7 Community Work Better Together	Minded to reject. To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, we are of the view that voters would not recognise the party from these descriptions.
	DN7 Altogether Now	Minded to reject. To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used.

		In relation to this description, we are of the view that voters would not recognise the party from these descriptions.
	Hatfield First Bringing DN7 Community Together	Minded to approve
	DN7 community Group	Minded to reject. To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, we are of the view that voters would not recognise the party from these descriptions.
	DN7 Working for you.	Minded to reject. To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, we are of the view that voters would not recognise the party from these descriptions.
	DN7 Forward.	Minded to reject. To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, we are of the view that voters would not recognise the party from these descriptions.
	DN7 and surrounding villages.	Minded to reject. To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which

		party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, we are of the view that voters would not recognise the party from these descriptions.
	DN7 Moving Forward.	Minded to reject. To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, we are of the view that voters would not recognise the party from these descriptions.
	DN7 Residents Group.	Minded to reject. To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, we are of the view that voters would not recognise the party from these descriptions.
Emblem	image002.jpg	Minded to reject. A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. As part of our consideration for this, we will likely not register an emblem if it contains text that is smaller than our recommended height of 1.2mm. This is so that the text on the emblem can be read easily by a voter when included on a ballot paper (i.e. when the emblem is 2cm by 2cm). The proposed emblem contains text that is smaller than our recommended size. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused.
	image004.jpg	Minded to approve.

	image0 06.jpg	Minded to approve.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee. Where we have refused two applications from your party, you must now make a further £150 payment.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

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Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

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to be included on ballot papers for the elections taking place on 6 May 2021, please ensure that your application is with us by **Sunday 31 January 2021.**

We cannot guarantee that we will make a decision in time on applications submitted after this date for use on ballots papers at the elections.

Where a party has submitted an application containing all of the information required by law, we aim to reach a decision within 6 weeks of submission. However, it may take longer than this if the application is complex. We therefore advise that parties wishing to contest the May 2021 elections to submit their applications as soon as possible.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Ian,

Registration of Independents for Rame and Maker ([redacted])

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register Independents for Rame and Maker. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties as a minor party in England as of 08 January 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference RPP [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PPm12648
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

Our full decision on your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

Reporting obligations.

As you are now registered as a minor party, you are exempt from the controls under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) on donations and campaign expenditure that apply to political parties.

However, as outlined above, you still have other obligations under PPERA such as informing us of changes to your registered details. **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance on maintaining your party's details.**

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

If in future your party wishes to contest elections higher than parish level (e.g. local authority elections, UK parliamentary general elections etc.) then you will need to apply to register as a political party. Please contact us if you intend to do this and we will be happy to advise you further.

Identity marks that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	Independents for Rame and Maker (INFORM)
Emblems	2INFOR M_5cm 1.

	3INFORM_5cm 2.

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in England.

Identity mark that has been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Emblem	Enblem 1	A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. In applying this test, if an acronym or abbreviation is not well-known or widely-used in everyday language, it will not normally be permitted for your party identity mark. Examples of well-known acronyms used in common language include 'UK', EU' and 'NHS'. "INFORM" is not well-known or widely used, and has not been spelt out within the emblem. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

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Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	1 Cliff Terrace Devonport Hill Kingsand PL10 1NJ	[redacted]	
Leader: Ian Turpitt	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Nominating officer: Jette Johst		[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a minor party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For minor parties, this must be delivered each year within a period beginning one month before and ending six months after the party's registration anniversary. This means that, for your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 08 December 2021 and 08 July 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.**

You can confirm your party's registered details by completing and returning an RP8M form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

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We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register Light Party

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Light Party. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

Two issues were identified with the proposed financial scheme,

- The party has not replaced the name of the Treasurer with the text provided in the template throughout the financial scheme.
- The application submitted by the party stated that the financial year end for the party is 07 July. However, the constitution and financial scheme state that the financial year end for the party is 31 December. Therefore, the party has not applied for a financial year end which matches that applied for in the proposed financial scheme.

It is not possible for a party to adopt a scheme which does not properly set out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party. Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

We identified the following issues regarding your proposed constitution:

- The constitution does not explicitly state the register the party is applying to register in.
- The constitution does not explicitly state which region, or regions, the party wishes to stand candidates in.
- The constitution refers to a 'previous constitution', in Section 13. This document was not submitted to the Commission with the party's application, so could not be reviewed during the assessment. Without reference to this document, it was not possible for us to assess the constitution with respect to provisions concerning the membership, structure or organisation of the Judicial committee that are described in section 13.
- The constitution states, in Section 8, that 'LPNC' will have control of properties and funds of the party. This is not compliant with the financial scheme submitted by the party or Parts 3, 4 and 4A of PPERA which states that the Treasurer must be responsible for the party's compliance with this legislation.
- The constitution does not set out provision for the dissolution of the party.

- The constitution does not state explicitly that the party has adopted the party's financial scheme.

We concluded that, due the lack of sufficient detail within the constitution (particularly the absence of information referenced in a 'previous constitution'), the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. We also found that the constitution was inconsistent with the party's financial scheme. On this basis, the proposed constitution was refused.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	Light Party	Approve
Descriptions	A Greater Health for Tomorrow	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to these descriptions, in our view they are general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the descriptions is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis they have been refused.
	Illuminating the shadows	
	Living in Great Harmony Together	
	A Better Future for Communities	
	A Brighter Community Together	
Emblem		A minded to decision was not taken on this emblem. An emblem is meant to be a pictorial or symbolic representation denoting a party. If the party should re-apply with this emblem we would likely wish to

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee. Where we have refused two applications from your party, you must now make a further £150 payment.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

If you would like to:

- register a new political party;
- amend a name for an existing party;
- amend or add an emblem; or
- add a description

to be included on ballot papers for the elections taking place on 6 May 2021, please ensure that your application is with us by **Sunday 31 January 2021.**

We cannot guarantee that we will make a decision in time on applications submitted after this date for use on ballots papers at the elections.

Where a party has submitted an application containing all of the information required by law, we aim to reach a decision within 6 weeks of submission. However, it may take longer than this if the application is complex. We therefore advise that parties wishing to contest the May 2021 elections to submit their applications as soon as possible.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Cllr Lilley,

Registration of Our Ryde ([redacted])

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register **Our Ryde**. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties as a minor party in England as of 13 January 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PPm12674
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

Our full decision on your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

Reporting obligations.

As you are now registered as a minor party, you are exempt from the controls under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) on donations and campaign expenditure that apply to political parties.

However, as outlined above, you still have other obligations under PPERA such as informing us of changes to your registered details. **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance on maintaining your party's details.**

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

If in future your party wishes to contest elections higher than parish level (e.g. local authority elections, UK parliamentary general elections etc.) then you will need to apply to register as a political party. Please contact us if you intend to do this and we will be happy to advise you further.

Identity marks that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	Our Ryde
Description(s)	1. Our Ryde, Our Town, Our Place
	2. Our Ryde, Our Town
Emblem(s)	1. 

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in England.

Identity marks that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Description(s)	1. Working for Ryde	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, we are of the view that voters would not recognise the party from the description. Whilst we considered that the description contains the word "Ryde", which is also contained in the party's name, we did not think that reference to this word alone sufficiently identified the party. This is especially considering that the description could conceivably be used to identify other parties operating in the same area. On balance we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it has been refused.
		See reason 1 above.

	2. Putting Ryde first	
	3. Ticket to Ryde, Our Ryde	See reason 1 above, and in addition, we have noted that this description contains the party name “Our Ryde”, but as this is not at the start of the description this does not sufficiently identify the party.
	4. Ryde before politics	See reason 1 above.
	5. Let's make Ryde better	See reason 1 above.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won’t have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	**Carpenters House** **Carpenters Road** **St Helens** **Isle of Wight** **PO33 1YG**	[redacted]	[redacted]
Leader: Cllr Michael Lilley	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Nominating officer: Mr Philip Jordan	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a minor party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For minor parties, this must be delivered each year within a period beginning one month before and ending six months after the party's registration anniversary. This means that, for your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 08 December 2021 and 08 July 2021. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.**

You can confirm your party's registered details by completing and returning an RP8M form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

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We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

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Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

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Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register Patriotic Alternative

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Patriotic Alternative. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

A party cannot be registered unless it has supplied a copy if its constitution to us. Section 26 (9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation, and must also satisfy equality legislation. If a party does not provide us with a constitution that satisfies this criteria, then the party cannot be registered.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, the application was refused. The reasons for this are outlined in further detail below.

For completeness, the minded-to decision was to approve the party's financial scheme.

Equalities issues within the party's constitution

We have a duty as a public body to exercise our functions in accordance with the EqA which includes due regard to eliminate discrimination and advance equal opportunity between persons who shared relevant protected characteristics. Where the rules of a party's constitution could discriminate against a person by virtue of that person's protected characteristic(s), the constitution could be deemed unlawful and we may refuse it.

Any association, including a political party, that has at least 25 members and which selects members under the association's rules is subject to the prohibition on discrimination in section 101 of the Equality Act 2010 (EqA) (section 107(2)). Section 101(1) states that an association must not discriminate in the arrangements they make for deciding who to admit as a member, as to the terms on which they are prepared to admit a person to membership or by not accepting a person's application for membership.

"Indirect discrimination" is defined under section 19 of the Equality Act as follows:

"A person (A) discriminates against another (B) if A applies to B a provision, criterion or practice which is discriminatory in relation to a relevant protected characteristic of B's."

The protected characteristics are also defined in section 19 of the Equality Act. These include *race, religion or belief, and sexual orientation.*

Your constitution states that "Membership of the party is open to all those aged 16 years or over who broadly agree with its aims and policies…"

The party lists various policies on its website which persons of certain religions or those who identify as LGBTIQ+ would find it difficult, if not impossible, to support. For instance the party's "plan" lists the following policies:

I. "Full face coverings will be banned in public and there will be no religious exception to this"

II. "Employers will no longer be forced to provide prayer rooms or special conditions for religious groups"

III. "Private enterprises have the right to restrict their employees' display of any religious symbols as they see fit"

IV. "Those resigning on the grounds of religious objections to working practices will no longer be instantly eligible for state benefits".

V. "The traditional family will be promoted as an ideal to be striven for and emulated. No public body will promote any alternative as either equal or superior to the traditional family. To that end, children will be protected from exposure to sexualised material or LGBT propaganda in all public institutions"

We wrote to you on 02 December 2020 seeking clarification on your constitution in line with the concerns identified above. In response, you provided answers to our questions. We considered the responses you provided as part of our wider consideration. As part of this correspondence, you confirmed that:

"The core aim and objective for the party to provide a 'Patriotic Alternative' for Britain. The aims objectives and policies do include the 'plan'."

After carefully considering these matters, we concluded that the party's constitution did not adhere to equalities law. This is because it contains provisions that would indirectly discriminate persons with protected characteristics from becoming members of the party. On this basis the constitution was not approved and the application refused.

Furthermore, your constitution states that "Membership can be acquired by anyone, whatever their ethnicity religion or culture…". Although we do not regulate the policies of applicant parties, the information provided on the party's publically available website casts doubt on whether the party's constitution accurately reflects the party's membership requirements (i.e. that the party will, in reality, accept members in a non-discriminatory manner) and therefore on whether the constitution accurately determines the structure and organisation of the party.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

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However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	Patriotic Alternative	Approve
Emblem	PATRIOTIC ALTERNATIVE	Reject – Does not meet the requirements of an emblem An emblem, by its nature, should comprise primarily of a pictorial or symbolic element. An 'emblem' that comprises only text is unlikely to satisfy the meaning of an emblem. Our guidance says that we are unlikely to register an emblem that contains only text (see page 18 here). As your emblem comprises only text, and no obvious pictorial element, we do not consider that it is an emblem under PPERA and it has therefore been refused.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

If you would like to:

- register a new political party;
- amend a name for an existing party;
- amend or add an emblem; or
- add a description

to be included on ballot papers for the elections taking place on 6 May 2021, please ensure that your application is with us by **Sunday 31 January 2021.**

We cannot guarantee that we will make a decision in time on applications submitted after this date for use on ballots papers at the elections.

Where a party has submitted an application containing all of the information required by law, we aim to reach a decision within 6 weeks of submission. However, it may take longer than this if the application is complex. We therefore advise that parties wishing to contest the May 2021 elections to submit their applications as soon as possible.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Sarah,

Approval of changes to registered details

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to change the registered details for your party. These changes are in effect as of 08 January 2021. Please allow a day for any changes to appear on the party's entry on the register.

We have also approved your revised financial scheme and constitution. However, we did notice one typo in paragraph 1.26 of the financial scheme and would be grateful if the party could correct this issue and return the updated financial scheme. The updated financial scheme can either be uploaded through PEF Online or returned to this email address.

Our full decision on your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

Changes to registered details

Position	Outgoing officer	Incoming officer	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Campaigns Officer	[redacted]	Paul Stevenson	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Treasurer	[redacted]	Sarah Shilton	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Identity mark that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Emblem	image001.jpg 1.

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Emblem	ELCOM (2)	A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. As part of our consideration for this, we will likely not register an emblem if it contains text that is smaller than our recommended height of 1.2mm. This is so that the text on the emblem can be read easily by a voter when included on a ballot paper (i.e. when the emblem is 2cm by 2cm).

		The proposed emblem contains text that is smaller than our recommended size. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review. The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

If you would like to:

- register a new political party;
- amend a name for an existing party;
- amend or add an emblem; or
- add a description

to be included on ballot papers for the elections taking place on 6 May 2021, please ensure that your application is with us by **Sunday 31 January 2021.**

We cannot guarantee that we will make a decision in time on applications submitted after this date for use on ballots papers at the elections.

Where a party has submitted an application containing all of the information required by law, we aim to reach a decision within 6 weeks of submission. However, it may take longer than this if the application is complex. We therefore advise that parties wishing to contest the May 2021 elections to submit their applications as soon as possible.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Tara,

Registration of The Autonomous Party ([redacted])

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register **The Autonomous Party**. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties as of 12 January 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12665
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity marks that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	The Autonomous Party
Description(s)	1. Autonomous Party 2. Autonomous UK 3. Autonomous International
Emblem(s)	image002.jpg 1.

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity marks that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Description	Autonomous	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the word 'Autonomous' could conceivably describe other parties that consider "autonomy" to be an important policy principle, such as those that advocate for autonomy for regions or institutions. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party specifically, particularly without use of the word "Party". On this basis it has been refused.
Emblem	image0 04.jpg image0 06.jpg	We cannot register an emblem that is likely to mislead the voter. The proposed emblem, in our view, contains a hash symbol and a word which could be viewed as a hashtag. Therefore, these emblems could link, through the format of a hashtag, to online content which has the potential to change over time and cannot be conclusively assessed against the relevant statutory tests. On this basis, the proposed emblems were refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

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relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	168 Church Road Hove East Sussex BN3 2DL	[redacted]	[redacted]
Leader: Tara Love-Perry	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Treasurer: Samuel Buckley		[redacted]	[redacted]
Nominating officer: Robert Cohen		[redacted]	[redacted]
Campaigns Officer: Robert Cohen		[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31 October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register The London Party

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register **The London Party**. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed party name: The London Party

A proposed party name must satisfy the requirements outlined in section 28(4) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). Where a name does not satisfy these requirements, it cannot be registered. You can find out more about these tests, and how we consider them, in our guidance on identity marks.

A proposed name cannot be registered if, in our opinion, voters are likely to confuse the party with another party already registered in the same part of the UK (i.e. in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland).

We took the view that a voter would likely confuse "The London Party" with "Alliance for London: The London Party", registered for Alliance for London. The proposed identifier and registered identifier are both contextually and visually similar as they are contain the same phrase 'T/the London Party'. The proposed identifier does not include any further text which could potentially differentiate it from this registered identifier.

In addition, we took the view that a vote would likely confuse "Londependence – the party for London', a registered description for Londependence. In our view, the proposed identifier and the phrase 'the party for London' contained within the registered identifier have the same meaning despite differences in sentence structure. The proposed identifier does not include any further text which would potentially differentiate it from this registered identifier.

On this basis, the proposed name was refused.

Proposed constitution and financial scheme

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

For your information, we were minded to approve your proposed scheme and constitution. However, as we have refused the party name the party cannot be registered.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

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Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

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- amend a name for an existing party;
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- add a description

to be included on ballot papers for the elections taking place on 6 May 2021, please ensure that your application is with us by **Sunday 31 January 2021.**

We cannot guarantee that we will make a decision in time on applications submitted after this date for use on ballots papers at the elections.

Where a party has submitted an application containing all of the information required by law, we aim to reach a decision within 6 weeks of submission. However, it may take longer than this if the application is complex. We therefore advise that parties wishing to contest the May 2021 elections to submit their applications as soon as possible.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Welsh Nation Party / Plaid y Genedl Gymreig - penderfyniad yr achos

Annwyl [redacted]

Rwy'n ysgrifennu atoch i'ch hysbysu ein bod wedi gwrthod eich cais i gofrestru Welsh Nation Party / Plaid y Genedl Gymreig. Amlinellir y rheswm dros ein penderfyniad yn y neges hon. Gwelwch hefyd wybodaeth ynghylch gwneud cais newydd i gofrestru, pe dymunech wneud hynny.
Ymddiheurwn am yr amser a gymerwyd i benderfynu ar gais cofrestru'r blaid. Fel y gwyddoch, roedd hyn o ganlyniad i natur gymhleth eich cais. Rwy'n gobeithio y byddwch yn deall bod rhaid i'r Comisiwn ystyried pob cais yn ofalus, ac weithiau, gall hyn gymryd peth amser.
Enw Saesneg arfaethedig y Blaid: Welsh Nation Party

Lle bo plaid yn cyflwyno cais cyflawn, bydd y Comisiwn yn cymeradwyo'r cais, oni bai bod y Comisiwn o'r farn bod yr enw cofrestredig a gynigiwyd gan y blaid yn destun un o'r meini prawf a nodir o dan Adran 28(4) Deddf Pleidiau Gwleidyddol, Etholiadau a Refferenda 2000 (PPERA). Gallwch ddarganfod rhagor am y meini prawf hyn, a sut rydym yn eu hystyried, yn ein canllawiau ar nodau adnabod.

Fel corff cyhoeddus sy'n weithredol yng Nghymru, mae'n ofynnol i ni hefyd gyflawni ein swyddogaethau yn unol â Mesur y Gymraeg (Cymru) 2011 a Safonau'r Iaith Gymraeg. Gallaf gadarnhau bod yr asesiad wedi dwyn hyn i ystyriaeth. Oherwydd natur gymhleth y sylwadau a dderbyniwyd yn ystod cyfnod yr ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus, a sylwadau dilynol gennych chi, penderfynodd y Tîm Cofrestru y byddai'n briodol a defnyddiol ceisio barn arbenigwr annibynnol yn y Gymraeg a'i hanes.

Amgaeir copi o'r hysbysiad penderfyniad a'r adroddiad arbenigol er cyfleuster.

Ni ellir cofrestru enw arfaethedig os yw pleidleiswyr, yn ein barn ni, yn debygol o gamgymryd y blaid am blaid arall sydd eisoes wedi ei chofrestru yn yr un rhan o'r DU (hynny yw, yng Nghymru, yr Alban, Gogledd Iwerddon, neu Loegr). Wedi ystyried y cais yn llawn a chymhwyso'r meini prawf statudol at yr enw arfaethedig, rydym wedi dod i'r casgliad y byddai pleidleisiwr yn debygol o ddrysu rhwng yr enw arfaethedig a'r blaid gofrestredig "Plaid Cymru - Party of Wales".

Ni ellir cofrestru enw arfaethedig os, yn ein barn ni, y byddai pleidleisiwr yn debygol o gael ei gamarwain o ran effaith ei bleidlais. Wedi ystyried y cais yn llawn a chymhwyso'r meini prawf statudol at yr enw arfaethedig, credwn y byddai pleidleisiwr yn debygol o gael ei gamarwain o ran effaith ei bleidlais pe bai'r enw arfaethedig yn ymddangos ar bapur pleidleisio yn y rhan berthnasol o'r Deyrnas Unedig.

Enw Cymraeg arfaethedig y blaid: Plaid y Genedl Gymreig

Lle bo plaid yn cyflwyno cais cyflawn, bydd y Comisiwn yn cymeradwyo'r cais, oni bai bod y Comisiwn o'r farn bod yr enw cofrestredig a gynigiwyd gan y blaid yn destun un o'r meini

prawf a nodir o dan Adran 28(4) Deddf Pleidiau Gwleidyddol, Etholiadau a Refferenda 2000 (PPERA). Gallwch ddarganfod rhagor am y meini prawf hyn, a sut rydym yn eu hystyried, yn ein canllawiau ar nodau adnabod.

Fel corff cyhoeddus sy'n weithredol yng Nghymru, mae'n ofynnol i ni hefyd gyflawni ein swyddogaethau yn unol â Mesur y Gymraeg (Cymru) 2011 a Safonau'r Iaith Gymraeg. Gallaf gadarnhau bod yr asesiad wedi dwyn hyn i ystyriaeth. Oherwydd natur gymhleth y sylwadau a dderbyniwyd yn ystod cyfnod yr ymgynghoriad cyhoeddus, a sylwadau dilynol gennych chi, penderfynodd y Tîm Cofrestru y byddai'n briodol a defnyddiol ceisio barn arbenigwr annibynnol yn y Gymraeg a'i hanes.

Ni ellir cofrestru enw arfaethedig os yw pleidleiswyr, yn ein barn ni, yn debygol o gamgymryd y blaid am blaid arall sydd eisoes wedi ei chofrestru yn yr un rhan o'r DU (hynny yw, yng Nghymru, yr Alban, Gogledd Iwerddon, neu Loegr). Wedi ystyried y cais yn llawn a chymhwyso'r meini prawf statudol at yr enw arfaethedig, rydym o'r farn y byddai pleidleisiwr yn debygol o ddrysu rhwng yr enw arfaethedig a'r blaid gofrestredig "Plaid Cymru - Party of Wales".

Ni ellir cofrestru enw arfaethedig os, yn ein barn ni, y byddai pleidleisiwr yn debygol o gael ei gamarwain o ran effaith ei bleidlais. Wedi ystyried y cais yn llawn a chymhwyso'r meini prawf statudol at yr enw arfaethedig, credwn y byddai pleidleisiwr yn debygol o gael ei gamarwain o ran effaith ei bleidlais pe bai'r enw arfaethedig yn ymddangos ar bapur pleidleisio yn y rhan berthnasol o'r Deyrnas Unedig.

Nodau adnabod arfaethedig eraill

Gan ein bod wedi penderfynu nad yw eich cais yn cydymffurfio ag anghenion PPERA, ni chafodd nodau adnabod eraill eich plaid eu hystyried, ac felly ni wnaed penderfyniad ffurfiol ynghylch y rhain.

Fodd bynnag, er eich cynorthwyo, fel hyn y byddwn wedi penderfynu yn ôl pob tebyg.

	Nod adnabod	Penderfyniad tebygol a'r rheswm, os yw'n berthnasol
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Arwyddlun	image004.jpg	Cymeradwyo
Arwyddlun	image006.jpg	Cymeradwyo

Camau Nesaf

Rhydd i'ch plaid gyflwyno cais newydd. Megis gyda phob cais, byddwn yn ystyried p'un a yw'n bodloni'r gofynion statudol.

Ni fydd rhaid i chi dalu ffi ymgeisio bellach os byddwch yn cyflwyno cais i ni o fewn mis calendr i dderbyn y neges hon. Dim ond un cyfle a gewch i gyflwyno cais newydd heb ffi. Bydd angen ffi ar unrhyw geisiadau pellach ar ôl hynny, ac ni ellir ei had-dalu.

Byddwch yn ymwybodol ein bod yn asesu ceisiadau fesul achos yn erbyn y meini prawf statudol. Ni allwn warantu gyda hyn unrhyw benderfyniadau neu safbwyntiau cychwynnol a ddarperir ar unrhyw gais a gyflwynir yn y dyfodol.

Cysylltwch â ni os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau am y wybodaeth yn y neges hon.

Gwneud cais cyn etholiadau mis Mai 2021

Os hoffech wneud un o'r canlynol:

- cofrestru plaid wleidyddol;
- diwygio enw plaid gyfredol;
- diwygio neu ychwanegu arwyddlun; neu
- ychwanegu disgrifiad

a chael eich cynnwys ar bapurau pleidleisio ar gyfer yr etholiadau sydd wedi eu trefnu ar gyfer 6 Mai 2021, sicrhewch fod eich cais yn ein cyrraedd erbyn **dydd Sul 31 Ionawr 2021**.

Ni allwn warantu y byddwn yn gwneud penderfyniad mewn pryd ar geisiadau a gyflwynir ar ôl y dyddiad hwn a'u cynnwys ar bapurau pleidleisio yn yr etholiadau hyn.

Lle bo plaid wedi cyflwyno cais sy'n cynnwys yr holl wybodaeth sy'n ofynnol yn ôl y gyfraith, byddwn yn ceisio dod i benderfyniad ymhen 6 wythnos i dderbyn y cais. Fodd bynnag, gall hyn gymryd hwy os yw'r cais yn un cymhleth. Felly rydym yn cynghori pleidiau sy'n bwriadu cymryd rhan yn etholiadau mis Mai 2021 i gyflwyno eu cais mor gynnar â phosib.

Er mwyn cystadlu ym mhob math o etholiad, rhaid i bleidiau newydd gofrestru gyda ni erbyn dyddiad penodol. Gallwch ddod o hyd i ragor o wybodaeth am y dyddiadau hyn ar ein gwefan.

Yn gywir,

[redacted]

Y Comisiwn Etholiadol
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Welsh Nation Party / Plaid y Genedl Gymreig – application decision

Dear [redacted]

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Welsh Nation Party / Plaid y Genedl Gymreig. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.
We apologise for the time taken to determine the party's registration application. As you are aware, this was due to the complex nature of your application. I hope you understand that the Commission must consider all applications carefully and, on occasion, this can take some time

Proposed party name in English: Welsh Nation Party

Where a party sends in a completed application, the Commission shall grant the application, unless in the Commission's opinion, the registered name proposed by the party will fall within any of the criteria set under section 28(4) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). You can find out more about these tests, and how we consider them, in our guidance on identity marks.

As a public body operating in Wales, we are also required to carry out our functions in line with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards. I can confirm the assessment has taken this into account. Due to the complex nature of the comments received during the public consultation period and subsequent comments from you, the Registration Team considered it would be appropriate and assistive to seek the opinion of an independent expert in the Welsh language and history.

A copy of the decision notice and expert report can be found attached for your convenience.

A proposed name cannot be registered if, in our opinion, voters are likely to confuse the party with another party already registered in the same part of the UK (i.e. in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland). Having considered the application fully and applied the statutory tests against the proposed name, we have concluded that a voter is likely to confuse the proposed name with the registered party "Plaid Cymru – Party of Wales".

A proposed name cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. It is our view, having considered the application fully and applied the statutory tests against the proposed name, that it is likely a voter could be misled as to the effect of their vote if the proposed name was to appear on a ballot paper in the relevant part of the United Kingdom.

Proposed party name in Welsh: Plaid y Genedl Gymreig

Where a party sends in a completed application, the Commission shall grant the application, unless in the Commission's opinion, the registered name proposed by the party will fall within any of the criteria set under section 28(4) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). You can find out more about these tests, and how we consider them, in our guidance on identity marks.

As a public body operating in Wales, we are also required to carry out our functions in line with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards. I can confirm the assessment has taken this into account. Due to the complex nature of the comments received during the public consultation period and subsequent comments from you, the Registration Team considered it would be appropriate and assistive to seek the opinion of an independent expert in the Welsh language and history.

A proposed name cannot be registered if, in our opinion, voters are likely to confuse the party with another party already registered in the same part of the UK (i.e. in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland). It is our view, having considered the application fully and applied the statutory tests against the proposed name, that a voter is likely to confuse the proposed name with the registered "Plaid Cymru – Party of Wales".

A proposed name cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. It is our view, having considered the application fully and applied the statutory tests against the proposed name, that it is likely a voter could be misled as to the effect of their vote if the proposed name was to appear on a ballot paper in the relevant part of the United Kingdom.

Other proposed identity marks

As we have determined that your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Emblem	image007.j	Approve
Emblem	image008.jpg	Approve
Emblem	image009.jpg	Approve

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh

application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require a non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

If you would like to:

- register a new political party;
- amend a name for an existing party;
- amend or add an emblem; or
- add a description

to be included on ballot papers for the elections scheduled to take place on 6 May 2021, please ensure that your application is with us by not later than **Sunday 31 January 2021 .**

We cannot guarantee that we will make a decision in time on applications submitted after this date for use on ballot papers at these elections.

Where a party has submitted an application containing all of the information required by law, we aim to reach a decision within 6 weeks of submission. However, it may take longer than this if the application is complex. We therefore advise that parties wishing to contest the May 2021 elections to submit their applications as soon as possible.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Marjorie Torrance,

Registration of All For Unity ([redacted])

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register **All For Unity**. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties in Scotland as of 04 February 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12579
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity mark(s) that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	All For Unity
Descriptions	1. All for Unity - No to Separatism 2. All 4 Unity - No to Separatism 3. All 4 Unity
Emblem	1. cid:image001.gif@01D6FA45.ED64E

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark(s) that have been refused
We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Descriptions	All for Unity (George Galloway)	Our view is that the description is likely to mislead an elector as to the effect of their vote. Parties can also use descriptions on regional list ballot papers for Scottish Parliamentary elections. In our opinion, the inclusion of George Galloway's name in the description would be likely to result in electors being misled as to the effect of their vote if he were to stand as a candidate in the election, and the proposed description were used for a region (s) where he was not standing.
	All 4 Unity (George Galloway)	

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

However, for any application submitted after 31 January we cannot guarantee that a decision will be taken in time for use on ballot papers in the May 2021 elections.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details
We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	Suite 2 Fullarton House 4 Fullarton Street Ayr Ayrshire KA7 1UB	[redacted]	
Leader: James William Beauchamp Blackett	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Treasurer: Marjorie Torrance		[redacted]	[redacted]
Nominating officer: George Galloway		[redacted]	
Additional officer: James Giles		[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party
To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31 October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register Black Lives Matter

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Black Lives Matter. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed party name: Black Lives Matter

A proposed party name must satisfy the requirements outlined in section 28(4) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). Where a name does not satisfy these requirements, it cannot be registered. You can find out more about these tests, and how we consider them, in our guidance on identity marks.

A proposed name cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. In applying this test, we will look at whether in our opinion a party identity mark would be likely to lead a voter to either vote in a way they did not intend (e.g. for a party other than their preferred party) or to otherwise mark the ballot paper in a way which was not their intention.

We considered in particular whether the name proposed by your party would be likely to result in a voter being misled to believe that it denoted one or more prominent groups that use the same name. Having consulted some of the prominent Black Lives Matter groups, they confirmed that your party was not associated with them.

Our assessment concluded that, whilst the BLM movement is a grass roots movement, it was still likely that your proposed name would mislead a voter as to the effect of their vote. This was on the basis that a reasonable voter could assume that your party represents, or is in some way associated with, these groups when that is not the case.

On this basis, the proposed name was refused.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as “the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined.” A constitution must accurately determine the party’s structure and organisation, and must be consistent with the party’s financial scheme.

We were not satisfied that the structure had been properly set out within your constitution and therefore it did not satisfactorily determine the party’s structure and organisation. For example, branches are mentioned (e.g. at section 5.8) but there are no details about their composition or organisation with respect to the party’s structure.

The constitution also appears to be inconsistent with the party's financial scheme. For instance, the constitution (at 6.14.1-6.15) creates a situation where the party could notify us of an officer's replacement outside of the statutory 14 day period (in contrast to point 1.19 of the party's financial scheme).

Furthermore, section 6.6.1 of the constitution states that the party's Secretary is responsible "for ensuring that the administrative and other arrangements of the Party comply with all legal requirements placed upon it by statute other than those relating to finance…" This contradicts section 1.6 of the party's financial scheme which states that "the registered treasurer of Black Lives Matter is responsible for the whole party's compliance with the requirements of the Act."

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

In addition to the above, we also noted that quorum requirements for the NEC may not be achievable if the party does not have a certain number of members. This was a similar issue for its ability to fulfil its own separation of offices requirements.

You constitution was not rejected on these issues, but we advise that you consider whether your party is properly able to use these provisions with its current level of membership.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

As outlined above, the financial scheme states that the treasurer is wholly responsible for the party's compliance with PPERA. It also states that the part will replace its officers within 14 days. Your constitution is not consistent with these matters.

On this basis, we could not be satisfied that the party has adopted its scheme. Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Whilst we did not consider this a determining factor in this instance, we are aware of compliance history with the Commission relating to the proposed leaders past registration as

a treasurer for another party. If the party wishes to apply again, it should consider what steps it will take to demonstrate that it has properly adopted its financial scheme

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity mark(s) did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Descriptions	1. Black Lives Matter	Where the name was rejected, we were of the view that all of the descriptions would likely mislead a voter for the same reasons and were minded to reject these on the same basis.
	2. Black Lives Matter/All Lives Matter	
	3. Black Lives Matter for the GLA	
	4. Black Lives Matter Great Britain	
	5. Black Lives Matter (United Kingdom)	
	6. The Black Lives Matter Party	
	7. Black Lives Matter party of Wales / Plaid Wleidyddol Cymru Du Yn Byw	
	8. Black Lives Matter party of Scotland	

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Ms Savill,

Registration of Canvey First ([redacted])

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register Canvey First. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties as a minor party in England as of 08 February 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PPm12696
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

Our full decision on your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

Reporting obligations.

As you are now registered as a minor party, you are exempt from the controls under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) on donations and campaign expenditure that apply to political parties.

However, as outlined above, you still have other obligations under PPERA such as informing us of changes to your registered details. **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance on maintaining your party's details.**

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

If in future your party wishes to contest elections higher than parish level (e.g. local authority elections, UK parliamentary general elections etc.) then you will need to apply to register as a political party. Please contact us if you intend to do this and we will be happy to advise you further.

Identity mark that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	Canvey First

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in England.

Identity marks that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Description	campaigning for Canvey Island issues	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. In addition, a proposed description cannot be registered if, in our opinion, voters are likely to confuse the party with another party already registered in the same part of the UK (i.e. in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland). We took the view that a voter would likely confuse this description with “Canvey Island Independent Party”, registered for Canvey Island Independent Party. Canvey Island Independent Party and Canvey First are likely to be campaigning on local issues within the Canvey Island area, so the proposed description could describe either party. On that basis, the proposed description was refused.
Emblem	 image003.jpg	A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. The image used in the emblem is very similar to a previous emblem registered by the Conservative and Unionist Party and used by the party for many years. In coming to this decision, we took into consideration that the Conservative and Unionist Party no longer use this emblem. We note that your proposed emblem includes the proposed party name which could provide a point of distinction.

		However, in our view, a voter is likely to be misled into thinking there is an association between the proposed party and the Conservative and Unionist Party given the historic association of this image with that party. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	**Email**	**Telephone**
Party Headquarters	11 Deepwater Road Canvey Island SS8 0LA	[redacted]	
Leader: Ray Savill	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Nominating officer: Ray Savill		[redacted]	[redacted]

Campaigns Officer: Linda Savill	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a minor party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For minor parties, this must be delivered each year within a period beginning one month before and ending six months after the party's registration anniversary. This means that, for your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 08 January 2022 and 08 August 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.**

You can confirm your party's registered details by completing and returning an RP8M form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Mr Trigg,

Approval of changes to registered details

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to change the registered details for your party. These changes are in effect as of 22 February 2021. Please allow a day for any changes to appear on the party's entry on the register.

Our full decision on your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

Identity mark that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Description	1. Heritage Party – Make Britain Great Again

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Description	Heritage Party – David Kurten	A proposed name cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter's understanding of voting instructions (either on a ballot paper or elsewhere) is likely to be hindered by that name. The use of an individual's name within a party's identity marks is not generally accepted by the Commission. When a person's name, other than the candidate's name, appears on a ballot paper there is the risk that a voter may misunderstand the voting instructions which appear on a ballot. On this basis the proposed identity mark was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem,

or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review. The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

The Electoral Commission
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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register National Lion Democratic Party

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register National Lion Democratic Party. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

Your previous application was refused on the basis that the constitution did not satisfy the requirements of PPERA. Our decision notice of 9 November 2020 identified the following issues with your proposed constitution:

- *There is no detail on the process for changing an officer of the party. We therefore could not be satisfied that the party would fulfil their legal requirement to notify the Commission of a replacement officer within the required time limit.*
- *In addition, the following areas were identified as lacking in sufficient detail as to accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.*
- *The constitution refers to an NEC, a National Council, and a board. It is not clear whether these are all references to the same governance body or if this is not the case, how these bodies interact with each other.*
- *The constitution does not provide detail on the how the board interacts with the constitution, or the role the board fulfils in the governance of the party.*
- *The constitution refers to a Finance and Resources Committee, and party officers are responsible for ensuring compliance with any financial procedures put in place by the Finance and Resources Committee. The constitution does not provide further detail on the role this committee fulfils, or the financial procedures put in place by it.*
- *The constitution does not provide any detail on a candidate selection process.*
- *The constitution does not provide detail on other governance arrangements, such as a decision making process, or any procedures for meetings of the board.*
- *The constitution does not provide detail on how it can be changed, or how the party can be dissolved.*

Most of the points above do not appear to have been addressed in the revised constitution, particularly with respect to the description of the party's governing body/bodies and the terms of the party's officers. Most of the amendments which have been made appear to relate to the party's membership rules.

In addition, the following issues were identified in your constitution:

- The constitution also states at 9.6 that "The power of amendment cannot be exercised in a manner so as to bring the amended Constitution in conflict with the statutory provisions or guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India." I would suggest it is highly ill advised for parties intending to be registered in the UK to seek guidance from electoral regulators from outside the UK.

- The constitution also states that a member who is an MP, MEP, prospective Westminster or European parliamentary candidate or member of a local authority may re-register their membership with the relevant local party branch. I recognise that it is no longer possible for UK parties to contest elections for the European Parliament.
- There are no details outlined in the constitution as to how the party will select candidates.
- The constitution refers to an NEC (2.7), a National Council (3.12), a Management Committee (6.1a) and a board (referenced throughout). It is not clear whether these are all references to the same governance body or if this is not the case, how these bodies interact with each other. You should ensure that any subsidiary group within the party's structure is properly defined, and their composition and functions outlined, within the constitution.
- The constitution does not refer to the role of the Treasurer, or the Nominating Officer.
- The constitution does not provide detail on the terms of office for any party officers, or the procedure for changing officers.

Due to the omission of certain information, we could not be satisfied that your constitution properly determines the party's structure and organisation.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of PPERA a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

The scheme does not contain signatures; it only includes text containing the officer's names. There is also no reference within the constitution to the party's financial scheme or compliance with PPERA. On this basis, we could not be satisfied that the party has adopted its scheme.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

Type	ID Mark	Minded-to decision
Name	National Lion Democratic Party	**Approve**
Descriptions	Equality	**Refuse**
	Freedom	

	Justice	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it has been refused.
Emblem 1	image002.png	**Refuse** A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. As part of our consideration for this, we will likely not register an emblem if it contains text that is smaller than our recommended height of 1.2mm. This is so that the text on the emblem can be read easily by a voter when included on a ballot paper (i.e. when the emblem is 2cm by 2cm). The proposed emblem contains text that is smaller than our recommended size. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused.
Emblem 2	image004.png	**Approve**

Concerns were also raised by the internal Approvals Board that the proposed emblems bear a resemblance to the Royal coat of arms of the United Kingdom:

Royal Coat of Arms of the United

A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. This test looks at whether in our opinion a party identity mark would be likely to lead a voter to either vote in a way they did not intend (e.g. for a party or organisation other than their preferred party) or to otherwise mark the ballot paper in a way which was not their intention. Should the party apply again with these emblems, this matter may be considered further.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

Where we have refused two applications from your party, you must now make a further £150 payment.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Andy,

Registration of Whitehill & Bordon Community Party ([redacted])

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register **Whitehill & Bordon Community Party**. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties in England as of 08 February 2021.

Please note that your RPP reference remains unchanged from your previous registration.

Your party has the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:

http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12702

(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity mark(s) that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	Whitehill & Bordon Community Party
Descriptions	1. Whitehill, Bordon & Lindford Community 2. Whitehill & Bordon Community 3. Whitehill Community 4. Bordon Community
Emblem	

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark(s) that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Descriptions	Lindford Community	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and does not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it has been refused.
Emblems		A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. As part of our consideration for this, we will likely not register an emblem if it contains text that is smaller than our recommended height of 1.2mm. This is so that the text on the emblem can be read easily by a voter when included on a ballot paper (i.e. when the emblem is 2cm by 2cm). The proposed emblem contains text that is smaller than our recommended size. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

However, for any application submitted after 31 January we cannot guarantee that a decision will be taken in time for use on ballot papers in the May 2021 elections.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	**Email**	**Telephone**
Party Headquarters	19 Grayshott Laurels Lindford Bordon Hampshire GU35 0QB	[redacted]	[redacted]
Leader: Andrew Tree	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Treasurer: Andrew Tree	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Nominating officer: Andrew Tree	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Additional officer: Tina Strickland	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31 October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Dear Philip Rackley,

Registration of Basildon Community Residents Party ([redacted])
I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register **Basildon Community Residents Party**. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties in England as of 18 March 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12751
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity mark(s) that have been approved
We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	Basildon Community Residents Party
Emblem(s)	143738 182_10 883062 316325 19_290

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark(s) that have been refused
We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Description	To campaign against Masterplan	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and do not include anything that would

		uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it has been refused.
Emblem	receive d_2888 238164 755563 _2	A proposed description cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. In applying this test, if an acronym or abbreviation is not well-known or widely-used in everyday language, it will not normally be permitted for your party identity mark. Examples of well-known acronyms used in common language include 'UK', 'EU' and 'NHS'. The acronym "BCR" is not well-known or widely used. On this basis, the proposed description was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	105 Devonshire Road, Basildon, Essex, SS15 6HH	[redacted]	[redacted]
Leader and nominating officer: Mr Jacob Hogg	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Treasurer: Mr Philip Rackley	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31 October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Direct Democracy Party UK (DDPUK) in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

The following areas were identified when coming to our decision:

Structure of the party

The following areas were lacking in detail:

- Management structures of the party, including the responsibility and terms of office for officers
- Candidate selection process
- Decision making processes
- Rules governing membership
- Amending the constitution or dissolution of the party

We therefore could not be satisfied that the constitution determined the party's structure and organisation.

Inconsistency with PPERA

Where a party is applying to register in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, it must set out how it will keep separate financial affairs.

The constitution does not set out how the party will keep separate its financial affairs in GB and NI, as required by law.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

As set out above, where a party is applying to register in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, it must set out how it will keep separate financial affairs.

The scheme does not set out how the party will keep separate its financial affairs in GB and NI, as required by law.

On this basis, we could not be satisfied that the party has set out its financial arrangements, or has adopted its scheme.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Proposed party name: Direct Democracy Party UK (DDPUK)
A proposed party name must satisfy the requirements outlined in section 28(4) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). Where a name does not satisfy these requirements, it cannot be registered. You can find out more about these tests, and how we consider them, in our guidance on identity marks.

A proposed name cannot be registered if, in our opinion, voters are likely to confuse the party with another party already registered in the same part of the UK (i.e. in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland).

In regards to the application to be on the Great Britain register, we took the view that a voter would likely confuse 'Direct Democracy Party UK (DDPUK)' with the registered party names 'Five Star Direct Democracy Party' and 'Direct Democracy (Communist) Party'.

In regards to the application to be on the Northern Ireland register, we took the view that a voter would likely confuse 'Direct Democracy Party UK (DDPUK)' with 'Democrats and Veterans Direct Democracy Party'.

As the applicant party name had no distinguishing features from other parties that describe themselves as parties of direct democracy, we took the decision that an elector would be likely to confuse the applicant party name with another party name already on the register.

On this basis, the proposed name was refused for both Great Britain and Northern Ireland applications.

Other proposed identity marks
Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Description	1. A new kind of party 2. Members vote for things not people 3. People's Deputies not Representatives	Minded to refuse. To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party.
Emblem		Minded to refuse. A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. As part of our consideration for this, we will likely not register an emblem if it contains text that is smaller than our recommended height of 1.2mm. This is so that the text on the emblem can be read easily by a voter when

		included on a ballot paper (i.e. when the emblem is 2cm by 2cm). The proposed emblem contains text that is smaller than our recommended size. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee. Where we have refused two applications from your party, you must make a further £150 payment.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are very unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted]

Refusal of your application to register Gloucester Independents

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register **Gloucester Independents.** The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation. In our view, the constitution does not set out the structure and organisation of the party for the following reasons:

a. There is no detail concerning the roles and responsibilities of officers
b. There is no process to change registered officers
c. The constitution mentions a management team, however does not set out any detail of the organisation other than its composition.
d. There is no process to change the constitution or dissolve the party
e. There is no mention of adopting the financial scheme.

We concluded that the party does not intend to stand candidates but instead appears to be Non-party campaigner that will support independent candidates. I have included information about non-party campaigners below.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme. For the reasons outlined in the constitution section we cannot be satisfied that the party had adopted the financial scheme.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Registering with the Commission

There are two main options for registration open to a group intending to campaign at an election: either as a party or a non-party campaigner (NPC). Below I have set out some guidance about both entities but it is for you to determine which, if at all, is appropriate for your group to register as.

Party registration
The purpose of registering as a political party with the Commission is to stand candidates in the name of that party at a relevant UK election. How this appears to voters in most cases, is as a candidate who has identity marks associated with that party. For the regional list, a voter is required to select a party and the party will select the candidates from its list. Fundamentally, parties register with us, in line with the PPERA rules, as a single party.

Non-party campaigner registration
An NPC is an individual or body that campaigns for or against a particular party, parties or group of candidates in the run up to an election but do not field candidates themselves. How an NPC does this is largely down to that organisation to determine (subject to compliance with financial reporting rules). An NPC can campaign on a particular topic, specifically for a party or category of candidates in a constituency(s), can seek to coordinate parties or candidates in campaigning or via election pacts.

Some of this will be considered regulated activity and would need to be recorded. This is explained in more detail in our guidance.

Unlike political parties, NPCs do not need to register a constitution or financial scheme with us and there is no registration fee.

As mentioned above, it is for your group to determine which type of entity that you wish to register as. We can provide guidance on how to register with us as either a party or a NPC, but is a matter for you to determine the details of that application or notification. We will consider any application to register a party, or notification to register as a NPC, in line with the statutory requirements.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear John Urquhart,

Registration of Harmony Party UK ([redacted])

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register Harmony Party UK. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties as of 17 March 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12732
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity mark(s) that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	Harmony Party UK
Emblem(s)	image0 03 png

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark(s) that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Descriptions	1. Our members lead.	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it has been refused.

	2. Democratic, Inclusive, Socialist, Compassionate, Open.	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it has been refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details
We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	32 Pengwern Road Ely Cardiff CF5 4BQ	[redacted]	[redacted]
Leader: John Urquhart	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Treasurer: John Urquhart		[redacted]	[redacted]
Nominating officer: Connor Gurney		[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31 October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

The Electoral Commission
electoralcommission.org.uk

Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register Hartlepool People

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Hartlepool People. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

The constitution states that the party has a campaigns officer. However, the party has not applied to be registered with one. On this basis, we are not satisfied that the constitution accurately determines the party's organisation.

In addition, we identified several other issues which you may consider addressing should you wish to apply again:

- The party has no method to change its officers outside of the AGM (for instance, in emergencies or extraordinary circumstances).
- The party does not list the role of leader and it is not clear that the chair of the party is the overall leader of the party. Parties are required to either have an overall leader of the party, or a leader for a specific purpose. This should either be stated within the application form, or outlined in the constitution.
- The party will hold monthly meetings but it is not defined what the nature of the meetings will be.
- AGMs are mentioned but it is not clear if they have any role other than to elect officers. There is no detail of how these meetings are conducted.
- The party has an executive committee which will 'manage' the party but there are no other details about its role or remit. It does not set out how often this group will meet or what, if any, decision making powers it has.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

The constitution states that the party has a campaigns officer. However, the party has not applied to be registered with one. The constitution and the scheme are therefore inconsistent. On this basis, the proposed scheme was refused.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity mark(s) did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	Hartlepool People	Approve
Emblem	image003.jpg	Approve

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

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Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Annwyl [redacted],

Gwrthod eich cais i gofrestru Independent Alliance for Reform / Y Gynghrair Annibynnol dros Ddiwygio

Rwy'n ysgrifennu atoch i hysbysu ein bod wedi gwrthod eich cais i gofrestru Independent Alliance for Reform / Y Gynghrair Annibynnol dros Ddiwygio. Amlinellir y rheswm dros ein penderfyniad yn y neges hon. Byddwch hefyd yn gweld gwybodaeth ynghylch gwneud cais newydd i gofrestru, pe dymunech wneud hynny.

Enwau plaid arfaethedig: Independent Alliance for Reform / Y Gynghrair Annibynnol dros Ddiwygio

Rhaid i enw plaid arfaethedig fodloni'r gofynion a nodir yn adran 28(4) Deddf Pleidiau Gwleidyddol, Etholiadau a Refferenda 2000 (PPERA). Lle nad yw enw yn bodloni'r gofynion hyn, ni ellir ei gofrestru. Gallwch ddarganfod rhagor am y meini prawf hyn, a sut rydym yn eu hystyried, yn ein canllawiau ar nodau adnabod.

Ni ellir cofrestru enw arfaethedig os yw pleidleiswyr, yn ein barn ni, yn debygol o ddrysu rhwng y blaid honno a phlaid arall sydd eisoes wedi ei chofrestru yn yr un rhan o'r DU (hynny yw, yng Nghymru, yr Alban, Gogledd Iwerddon, neu Loegr).

Roeddem o'r farn y byddai pleidleisiwr yn debygol o ddrysu rhwng yr enwau arfaethedig a "Reform UK", enw plaid gofrestredig arall. Mae hyn yn arbennig o wir o ystyried taw'r gair "Reform" yw'r elfen hanfodol wrth bennu hunaniaeth y blaid ar sail ei henw. Felly yn ein barn ni, ni fyddai cynnwys geiriau eraill yn atal dryswch rhwng y ddau nod adnabod. Ar y sail honno, gwrthodwyd yr enw arfaethedig.

Y cyfansoddiad arfaethedig

Yn ôl y gyfraith, pan fydd plaid yn gwneud cais i gofrestru, rhaid iddi roi copi o'i chyfansoddiad i ni. Mae adran 26(9) PPERA yn diffinio cyfansoddiad fel "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined". Rhaid i gyfansoddiad bennu yn gywir strwythur a threfniant plaid.

Yn ein barn ni, nid yw'r cyfansoddiad yn pennu yn ddigonol strwythur a threfniant y blaid mewn ffordd y byddwn yn disgwyl ei gweld gan blaid wleidyddol sy'n gweithredu yn unol â PPERA.

- Nid yw'n ymddangos bod gan y blaid unrhyw ffordd i newid ei swyddogion tu hwnt i'w chyfarfod cyffredinol blynyddol. Mae hyn yn anghyson â'i gynllun, sy'n nodi: "We will inform the Commission of any changes to registered officers within 14 days of the change and any other changes within 28 days."
- Mae'r ymgynghoriad yn crybwyll cwmni nad yw'n bodoli eto. Mae gan y cwmni hawliau penodol mewn perthynas â diddymu'r blaid. Yn absenoldeb gwybodaeth o'r fath, nid yw'n ymddangos bod y cyfansoddiad yn adlewyrchu yn gywir strwythur y blaid ar hyn o bryd.
- Mae gweithredaeth y blaid yn cynnwys dirprwy gadeirydd (ariannol), ond nid yw'r cyfansoddiad yn egluro eu rôl. Yn absenoldeb unrhyw gyfeiriad at y trysorydd, ni allwn

bennu p'un a yw'r ddwy rôl yr un fath, ac felly ni allwn bennu yn iawn a yw'r cyfansoddiad a'r cynllun yn gyson, ac a yw'r cynllun wedi ei fabwysiadu. Byddem yn disgwyl i'r cyfansoddiad egluro rolau swyddogion y blaid tu fewn i'r blaid a hefyd unrhyw gyfrifoldebau a allai fod ganddynt o dan PPERA.
- Nid yw'r cyfansoddiad ychwaith yn nodi rolau unrhyw un o'r swyddogion, ac nid yw'n bosib pennu p'un a yw strwythur y blaid yn un gydag arweinydd cyffredinol ai peidio (sy'n ofynnol i blaid o dan PPERA).

Daethom i'r casgliad nad yw'r dogfennau a ddarparwyd gennych yn gyfansoddiad fel y'i diffinnir gan PPERA. Ar y sail honno, gwrthodwyd eich cais i gofrestru.

Nodwn fod y cyfansoddiad yn nodi:

> *The objectives and purpose of Independent Alliance for Reform is: (a) to provide a mechanism by which potential Independent candidates can be endorsed, supported and promoted in seeking election to political office; and (b) to provide a clear and recognisable identity for elected Independent politicians to collaborate as a group for greater political influence in order to better represent their constituents' interests.*

Ymgeiswyr annibynnol mewn etholiadau yw unigolion nad ydynt yn sefyll ar ran plaid wleidyddol. Mae'n ofynnol i bleidiau ddatgan eu bod am gystadlu mewn etholiadau perthnasol yn y DU wrth gofrestru. Os nad yw eich plaid yn bwriadu sefyll ei ymgeiswyr ei hunan, ond yn bwriadu cefnogi ymgeiswyr eraill, efallai y byddai'n fwy perthnasol i chi gofrestru fel ymgyrchydd di-blaid. Cyfeiriwch at ein gwefan am ragor o wybodaeth am ymgyrchu di-blaid yn etholiadau'r DU, neu cysylltwch eto os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau.

Cynllun ariannol arfaethedig

Yn unol ag adran 26(1) Deddf Pleidiau Gwleidyddol, Etholiadau, a Refferenda (PPERA), ni chaiff plaid gofrestru nes ei bod wedi mabwysiadu cynllun "[that] sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." Yn ôl y gyfraith, felly, rhaid i ymgeiswyr roi cynllun ariannol i ni sy'n gywir ac yn gyson â chyfansoddiad y blaid, a rhaid iddynt fod wedi mabwysiadu'r cynllun hwn.

Mae anghysondebau rhwng cynllun y blaid a'i chyfansoddiad. Yn benodol mewn perthynas â'r darpariaethau ar gyfer rhoi gwybod i ni am newid i swyddogion y blaid. Ni all plaid fabwysiadu cynllun sy'n anghyson â'i chyfansoddiad.

Ar y sail hon, ni allem ein bodloni ein hunain bod y blaid wedi mabwysiadu ei chynllun.

Gan nad yw'r blaid wedi mabwysiadu cynllun fel y'i diffinnir gan PPERA, fe wnaethom wrthod cais y blaid.

Nodau adnabod arfaethedig eraill

Gan nad oedd eich cais yn cydymffurfio â gofynion PPERA, ni chafodd nodau adnabod eraill eich plaid eu hystyried, ac felly ni wnaed penderfyniad ffurfiol ynghylch y rhain.

Fodd bynnag, er eich cynorthwyo, fel hyn y byddwn wedi penderfynu yn ôl pob tebyg.

	Nod adnabod	**Penderfyniad tebygol a'r rheswm, os yw'n berthnasol**
Disgrifiad 1	Alliance of Independents for Wales / Cynghrair Annibynwyr Cymru	Er mwyn bod yn ddisgrifiad plaid cofrestredig, rhaid bod modd adnabod y blaid o'r disgrifiad. Pan fo disgrifiad yn ymddangos ar bapur pleidleisio, felly, rhaid bod pleidleiswyr yn gallu adnabod y blaid y mae'r ymgeisydd yn sefyll drosti ar sail y disgrifiad a ddefnyddir. O ran y disgrifiad hwn, rydym o'r farn na fyddai pleidleiswyr yn adnabod y blaid o'r disgrifiadau hyn. Wrth ymgyrraedd at y farn honno, fe wnaethom ystyried y gair "Reform" fel elfen hanfodol wrth bennu hunaniaeth y blaid. Heb gyfeirio at hwn, byddai'n anodd iawn i bleidleisiwr adnabod y blaid yn rhwydd o'r disgrifiad. O'r herwydd, rydym o'r farn nad yw geiriad y disgrifiad yn ddigonol i sicrhau y byddai pleidleiswyr yn gwybod ei fod yn perthyn i'ch plaid. Ar y sail honno fe'i gwrthodwyd.
Arwyddlun 1		Ni ellir cofrestru arwyddlun arfaethedig os, yn ein barn ni, y byddai pleidleisiwr yn debygol o gael ei gamarwain o ran effaith ei bleidlais. Fel rhan o'n hymgynghoriad ar hyn, ni fyddwn, yn ôl pob tebyg, yn cofrestru arwyddlun os yw'n cynnwys testun sy'n llai na'r uchder a argymhellir, sef 1.2mm.

		Pwrpas hwn yw sicrhau y gall pleidleiswyr ddarllen y testun yn rhwydd pan gaiff ei gynnwys ar bapur pleidleisio (hynny yw, pan fo'r arwyddlun 2cm x 2cm). Mae'r arwyddlun arfaethedig yn cynnwys testun sy'n llai na'r maint a argymhellir. Ar y sail honno, gwrthodwyd yr arwyddlun.

Camau Nesaf

Rhydd i'ch plaid gyflwyno cais newydd. Megis gyda phob cais, byddwn yn ystyried a yw'n bodloni'r gofynion statudol yn PPERA.

Ni fydd rhaid i chi dalu ffi ymgeisio bellach os byddwch yn cyflwyno cais i ni o fewn un mis calendr i dderbyn y neges hon. Dim ond un cyfle a gewch i gyflwyno cais newydd heb ffi. Bydd angen ffi ar unrhyw geisiadau pellach ar ôl hynny, ac ni ellir ei had-dalu.

Byddwch yn ymwybodol ein bod yn asesu ceisiadau fesul achos yn erbyn y meini prawf statudol, gan ystyried y wybodaeth a'r amgylchiadau perthnasol ar yr adeg berthnasol. Ni allwn warantu gyda hyn unrhyw benderfyniadau, neu safbwyntiau cychwynnol a ddarperir, ar unrhyw gais a gyflwynir yn y dyfodol.

Er bydd neges hon siŵr o fod yn destun siomedigaeth i chi, hyderaf y byddwch yn deall bod rhwymedigaeth arnom i gynnal y gofrestr yn gyson â'r gofynion statudol.

Cysylltwch â ni os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau am y wybodaeth yn y neges hon.

Gwneud cais cyn etholiadau mis Mai 2021

Gan fod cyn lleied o amser tan y dyddiad cau ar gyfer cyflwyno enwebiadau, rydym yn annhebygol o gymeradwyo ceisiadau a gyflwynir nawr i gofrestru plaid newydd, diwygio enw ar gyfer plaid gyfredol, diwygio neu ychwanegu arwyddlun, neu ychwanegu disgrifiad i'w ddefnyddio ar bapurau pleidleisio at yr etholiadau sy'n digwydd ar 6 Mai 2021. Gwnaethom gynghori pleidiau i sicrhau bod eu ceisiadau yn ein cyrraedd erbyn 31 Ionawr 2021.

Er mwyn cystadlu ym mhob math o etholiad, rhaid i bleidiau newydd gofrestru gyda ni erbyn dyddiad penodol. Gallwch ddod o hyd i ragor o wybodaeth am y dyddiadau hyn ar ein gwefan.

Gallech hefyd ddewis sefyll fel ymgeisydd annibynnol yn etholiadau mis Mai 2021. Gallwch ddod o i hyd i ragor o wybodaeth ynghylch sut mae gwneud felly ar gyfer pob math o etholiad fan hyn.

Yn gywir,

[redacted]

Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register Independent Alliance for Reform / Y Gynghrair Annibynnol dros Ddiwygio

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Independent Alliance for Reform / Y Gynghrair Annibynnol dros Ddiwygio. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed party names: Independent Alliance for Reform / Y Gynghrair Annibynnol dros Ddiwygio

A proposed party name must satisfy the requirements outlined in section 28(4) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). Where a name does not satisfy these requirements, it cannot be registered. You can find out more about these tests, and how we consider them, in our guidance on identity marks.

A proposed name cannot be registered if, in our opinion, voters are likely to confuse the party with another party already registered in the same part of the UK (i.e. in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland).

We took the view that a voter would likely confuse your proposed names with “Reform UK”, the name of another registered party. This is particularly the case considering that the word “Reform” is the crucial element in determining the party’s identity within its name. Accordingly, in our view, the inclusion of others words do not prevent confusion arising between the two identity marks. On that basis, the proposed name was refused.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as “the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined.” A constitution must accurately determine the party’s structure and organisation.

In our view, the constitution does not sufficiently determine the party’s structure and organisation in a manner that we would expect to see for a political party operating under PPERA.

- The party does not appear to have any way to change its officers outside of its AGM. This is inconsistent with the scheme which says that: “We will inform the Commission of any changes to registered officers within 14 days of the change and any other changes within 28 days.”

- The constitution mentions a company that does not yet exist. The company has certain rights in relation to dissolving the party. In the absence of such information, the constitution does not appear to accurately reflect the structure of the party at this time.
- The party executive includes a deputy chairperson (finance) but the constitution does not explain their role. In the absence of any mention of the treasurer, we cannot determine whether the two roles are the same and therefore cannot properly determine if constitution and the scheme are consistent, and if the scheme has been adopted. We would expect the constitution to explain the roles of party officers both within the party and any responsibilities they may have under PPERA.
- The constitution also does not set out the roles of any officers and it isn't possible to determine whether the structure of the party is one with an overall leader or not (which is a requirement for a party under PPERA).

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

We note that the constitution states that:

> *The objectives and purpose of Independent Alliance for Reform is: (a) to provide a mechanism by which potential Independent candidates can be endorsed, supported and promoted in seeking election to political office; and (b) to provide a clear and recognisable identity for elected Independent politicians to collaborate as a group for greater political influence in order to better represent their constituents' interests.*

Independent candidates at elections are individuals that are not standing on behalf of a political party. Parties are required to make a declaration that they intend to contest relevant elections in the UK when registering. If your party does not intend to field candidates of its own, but does intend to support other candidates, it may be more relevant for you to register as a non-party campaigner instead. Please refer to our website for further information about non-party campaigning at UK elections or get in touch again in you have any further questions.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

There are inconsistencies between the party's scheme and its constitution. In particular, this is with respect to the provisions for notifying us of changes to party officers. A party cannot properly adopt a scheme that is inconsistent with its constitution.

On this basis, we could not be satisfied that the party has adopted its scheme.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity mark(s) did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Description	Alliance of Independents for Wales / Cynghrair Annibynwyr Cymru	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, we are of the view that voters would not recognise the party from these descriptions. In coming to that view, we considered that the word "Reform" is a key element in determining the party's identity. Without reference to this, it would be very difficult for a voter to identify the party easily from the description. On balance we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it has been refused.
Emblem		A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. As part of our consideration for this, we will likely not register an emblem if it contains text that is smaller than our recommended height of 1.2mm. This is so that the text on the emblem can be read easily by a voter when included on a ballot paper (i.e. when the emblem is 2cm by 2cm).

		The proposed emblem contains text that is smaller than our recommended size. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Dave Booker,

Registration of Keep Equality Safe Party ([redacted])
I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register Keep Equality Safe Party. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties in England as of 19 March 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12717
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message. **Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.**

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity mark(s) that have been approved
We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	Keep Equality Safe Party
Emblem	

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark that has been refused

A proposed party description and emblem must satisfy the requirements of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). Where these requirements are not satisfied, the identity mark cannot be registered. You can find out more about these tests, and how we consider them, in our guidance on identity marks.

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Description	All For One, One For All	A registered party description must identify the p means where a description appears on a ballot p must be able to recognise which party the candid for from the description used. In our view your proposed description is general does not include anything that would uniquely co description to your party. Accordingly, we are of wording of the description is not sufficient enoug would know it belongs to your party. On this basi refused.

This means that the descriptor cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	2 Wentworth Station Hoyland	[redacted]	[redacted]

	Barnsley South Yorkshire England S74 0ED		
Leader: **Mr Andy Belk**			
Treasurer: Mr Dave Booker			
Nominating Officer: **Mr Andy Belk**			
Campaigns Officer: **Mr Andy Belk**			
Additional Officer: **Mr Dave Booker**			

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31 October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Shane,

Registration of Let London Live ([redacted])

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register **Let London Live**. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties in England as of 17 March 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12768
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity marks that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	Let London Live
Emblem	

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Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity marks that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Description	Let London Live Party. Fighting to end unjust and unscientific covid restrictions.	A proposed description may not contain more than six words. Your proposed description contains more than six words, so has been refused on this basis.
Emblem	jpegemblem2 (1)	A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter's understanding of voting instructions (either on a ballot paper or elsewhere) is likely to be hindered by that emblem. The use of an individual's name within a party's identity marks is not generally accepted by the Commission. When a person's name appears on a ballot paper there is the risk that a voter may misunderstand the voting instructions which appear on a ballot.

		On this basis the proposed identity mark was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

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Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	**Email**	**Telephone**
Party Headquarters	Delta House 175 -177 Borough High Street London SE1 1HR	[redacted]	[redacted]
Leader: [Piers Corbyn]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

	[redacted]		
Treasurer: [Shane Kern]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Nominating officer: [Debbie Nugus]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31 October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

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We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

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Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

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Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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[English Translation below]

Annwyl Gruffydd,

Cymeradwyo newidiadau i fanylion cofrestredig
Rwy'n ysgrifennu i'ch hysbysu ein bod wedi cymeradwyo eich cais i newid manylion cofrestredig eich plaid. Bydd y newidiadau hyn mewn grym o 12 Mawrth 2021 ymlaen. Gadewch ddiwrnod i'r newidiadau ymddangos ar gofnod y blaid ar y gofrestr.

Rydym hefyd wedi cymeradwyo eich cynllun ariannol a'ch cyfansoddiad adolygedig.

Amlinellir ein penderfyniad llawn ar eich cais yn y neges hon.

Cysylltwch â ni yn syth os bydd unrhyw un o'r manylion a amlinellir isod, neu yng nghofnod y blaid ar y gofrestr, yn anghywir neu'n wahanol i'r hyn a fwriadwyd gan y blaid.

Nodau adnabod sydd wedi eu cymeradwyo
Rydym wedi cymeradwyo'r nodau adnabod canlynol a fydd bellach yn cael eu cynnwys yng nghofnod y blaid ar y gofrestr.

	Nod adnabod
Enw	No More Lockdowns
Disgrifiad	1. No More lockdowns For Wales / Dim Mwy O Gloi Lawr i Gymru
Arwyddluniau	image002.jpg 1. bw2 (1) 2. bw1 (1) 3.

Caiff ymgeiswyr sy'n sefyll dros y blaid ddefnyddio'r nodau adnabod hyn ar bapurau pleidleisio mewn etholiadau perthnasol yn y DU.

Nodau adnabod sydd wedi'u gwrthod
Rydym hefyd wedi gwrthod y nodau adnabod arfaethedig canlynol.

	Nod adnabod	**Rheswm dros eu gwrthod**

Disgrifiadau	1. Freedom Not Tyranny / Rhyddid Nid Gormes 2. Wales, Nation of Freedom / Cymru, Gwlad Rhyddid 3. Sovereignty and Freedom / Sofraniaeth a Rhyddid 4. For Wales, For Freedom / Dros Gymru, Dros Ryddid 5. Freedom Not Fear / Rhyddid Nid Ofn 6. Yes to Freedom / Ie i Ryddid	Er mwyn bod yn ddisgrifiad plaid cofrestredig, rhaid bod modd adnabod y blaid o'r disgrifiad. Pan fo disgrifiad yn ymddangos ar bapur pleidleisio, felly, rhaid bod pleidleiswyr yn gallu adnabod y blaid y mae'r ymgeisydd yn sefyll drosti ar sail y disgrifiad a ddefnyddir. O ran y disgrifiadau hyn, yn ein barn ni maent yn rhy gyffredinol eu natur ac nid ydynt yn cynnwys unrhyw beth a fyddai'n eu cysylltu â'ch plaid chi. O'r herwydd, rydym o'r farn nad yw geiriad y disgrifiad yn ddigonol i sicrhau y byddai pleidleiswyr yn gwybod ei fod yn perthyn i'ch plaid. Ar y sail honno fe'u gwrthodwyd.
	1. No More lockdown / Dim Mwy O Gloi Lawr i Gymru	Mae'r disgrifiad Cymraeg yr un peth ag enw cofrestredig y blaid. O'r herwydd, ni all gael ei ystyried yn ddisgrifiad o'r blaid, ac felly rydym wedi ei wrthod.

Mae hyn yn golygu na all y nodau adnabod hyn ymddangos ar bapurau pleidleisio. Fodd bynnag, nid yw hyn yn atal y blaid rhag enwebu ymgeisydd i sefyll o dan enw'r blaid.

Caiff eich plaid gyflwyno nodau adnabod adolygedig i gael eu hystyried. Megis gyda phob cais, byddwn yn ystyried p'un a yw'n bodloni'r gofynion statudol yn PPERA.

Ni fydd rhaid i chi dalu ffi ymgeisio bellach os byddwch yn cyflwyno cais i ni o fewn mis calendr i dderbyn y neges hon. Dim ond un cyfle a gewch i gyflwyno cais newydd heb ffi. Bydd angen ffi ar unrhyw geisiadau pellach ar ôl hynny, ac ni ellir ei had-dalu.

Byddwch yn ymwybodol ein bod yn asesu ceisiadau fesul achos yn erbyn y meini prawf statudol, gan ystyried y wybodaeth a'r amgylchiadau perthnasol ar yr adeg berthnasol. Ni allwn warantu gyda hyn unrhyw benderfyniadau, neu safbwyntiau cychwynnol a ddarperir, ar unrhyw gais a gyflwynir yn y dyfodol.

Er bydd neges hon siŵr o fod yn destun siomedigaeth i chi, hyderaf y byddwch yn deall bod rhwymedigaeth arnom i gynnal y gofrestr yn gyson â'r gofynion statudol.

Ein dyletswydd i gynnal y cofrestrau

Mae arnom ddyletswydd, o dan PPERA, i gynnal cofrestrau pleidiau gwleidyddol, yn ogystal â monitro cydymffurfiaeth â'r rheolau ar gyfer pleidiau gwleidyddol a gynhwysir yn PPERA, a chymryd camau rhesymol i'w sicrhau.

Yn unol â'r ddyletswydd honno, gall y Comisiwn adolygu'r cofrestrau i bennu p'un a yw'r nodau adnabod yn parhau i fodloni'r profion statudol. Gallai hyn olygu y gallwn, yn y dyfodol,

dynnu eich nodau adnabod oddi ar y gofrestr os ystyriwn nad ydynt yn bodloni'r profion statudol bellach.

Gallem hefyd adolygu manylion cofrestredig y blaid pe bai amgylchiadau eraill yn newid, megis manylion swyddogion cofrestredig y blaid neu enw cofrestredig y blaid. Yn ychwanegol at hynny, pe deuai i'n sylw nad yw'r blaid yn gweithredu yn unol â'i chyfansoddiad neu gynllun ariannol, gallem gynnal adolygiad o'r fath. Bydd y blaid fel arfer yn cael eu hysbysu am adolygiad o'r fath.

Cysylltwch â ni os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau pellach am y neges hon. Gallwch ddod o hyd i ganllawiau mewn perthynas â chofrestru a chynnal plaid ar ein gwefan fan hyn.

Yn gywir,

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Dear Gruffydd,

Approval of changes to registered details
I write to inform you that we have approved your application to change the registered details for your party. These changes are in effect as of 12 March 2021. Please allow a day for any changes to appear on the party's entry on the register.

We have also approved your revised financial scheme and constitution.

Our full decision on your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

Identity marks that have been approved
We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	No More Lockdowns
Description	1. No More lockdowns For Wales / Dim Mwy O Gloi Lawr i Gymru
Emblems	image01 0.jpg 1. bw2 (1) 2.

	bw1 (1) 3.

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity marks that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Descriptions	1. Freedom Not Tyranny / Rhyddid Nid Gormes 2. Wales, Nation of Freedom / Cymru, Gwlad Rhyddid 3. Sovereignty and Freedom / Sofraniaeth a Rhyddid 4. For Wales, For Freedom / Dros Gymru, Dros Ryddid 5. Freedom Not Fear / Rhyddid Nid Ofn 6. Yes to Freedom / Ie i Ryddid	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to these descriptions, in our view the descriptions are general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it has been refused.
	1. No More lockdown / Dim Mwy O Gloi Lawr i Gymru	The Welsh description is the same as the party's registered name. As such, it cannot be considered a description of the party and so we have refused it.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

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cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review. The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted]

Refusal of your application to register Northern Independence Party

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Northern Independence Party. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

The following areas were identified when coming to our decision:

Branches

An accounting unit is a party branch which has financial autonomy from the central party. Where a party has accounting units, these need to be registered with us and their names outlined in the party's financial scheme.

- Provision 10.4 of the constitution sets out the ability for branches to act with financial autonomy, whereas the financial scheme indicates that the party does not intend to register accounting units.
- The constitution does not provide detail on the governance of party branches.
- It can therefore be inferred from the constitution that party branches would be able to exist as accounting units of the party, which is inconsistent with the party's financial scheme.

We could therefore not be satisfied that the constitution was consistent with the party financial scheme, and thus does not accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

Leadership

PPERA states that where there is no overall leader of the party, a person who is the leader of the party must be registered as leader for some particular purpose.

- The application form did not provide a particular purpose for Evie McGovern to be registered as leader.
- Provision 8.1a.ii of the constitution does not set out any separation of responsibilities between the two co-leaders.
- We consider this contradictory to PPERA, in that one individual must exercise their legal responsibilities as Leader under PPERA.

Accuracy of constitution

- Provision 2.7 of the constitution states that elected members of the NEC shall serve as company directors.
- Only Phillip Proudfoot, one of the co-leaders is currently registered as a company director.

We therefore could not be satisfied that the constitution submitted was an accurate reflection of the structure and organisation of your party.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

As set out above, the constitution provisions covering the financial autonomy of party branches were inconsistent with provision of the party's financial scheme, which states that the party do not intend to register accounting units.

For this season, we were of the view that the financial scheme is not consistent with the constitution.

On this basis, we could not be satisfied that the party has adopted its scheme.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Application form

As part of our assessment of your application we examined your application form and have taken the decision to reject your application because we cannot be satisfied that the information provided in it meets the requirements of the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA).

PPERA states that where there is no overall leader of the party, a person who is the leader of the party must be registered as leader for some particular purpose.

- The party have applied to register Evie McGovern as Leader.
- The application states that both Evie McGovern and Philip Proudfoot are co-leaders of the party.
- The application does not indicate the purpose for which Evie McGovern is registered as Leader.

On this basis, the application was refused.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	Northern Independence Party	Minded to approve.
Description	Free the North	Minded to refuse. To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party.
Emblem		Minded to refuse. Your proposed emblem contains an acronym. We cannot register any identity mark that in the Commission's opinion, contains an acronym or abbreviation that is not well known and widely used, and not spelt out.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee. Where we have refused two applications from your party, you must now make a further £150 payment.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are very unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register PLUR (Peace Love Unity Respect) Party

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register **PLUR (Peace Love Unity Respect) Party**. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

The party's constitution appears to concern itself primarily with the party's obligations under the Companies Act and not as a party under PPERA. For instance, there are plenty of references to the officer's liabilities, but little about the party's reporting obligations under PPERA or the types of election the party intends to contest. The constitution does appear to determine how the party will operate and make decisions in substantial detail, though not in the ways that we would expect a political party to be able to demonstrate.

Furthermore, any association, including a political party, that has at least 25 members and which selects members under the association's rules is subject to the prohibition on discrimination in section 101 of the Equality Act 2010 (EqA) (section 107(2)). Section 101(1) states that an association must not discriminate in the arrangements they make for deciding who to admit as a member, as to the terms on which they are prepared to admit a person to membership or by not accepting a person's application for membership.

We have a duty as a public body to exercise our functions in accordance with the EqA which includes due regard to eliminate discrimination and advance equal opportunity between persons who shared relevant protected characteristics. Where the rules of a party's constitution could discriminate against a person by virtue of that person's protected characteristic(s), the constitution could be deemed unlawful and we may refuse it.

Part 9 of the constitution outlines that members of the party must support the party's Objects. Part 2 outlines the party's Vision and Purpose, which we take to mean the party's Objects. These include:

> *The removal of all ideologies – religion and beliefs, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership – from the Protected Characteristics.*
>
> *To move towards an epistocracy, first by instituting a maximum voting age, then by only allowing those with a voting license to vote. Voting should be like driving, a privilege earned.*

These two provisions could indirectly discriminate against persons with protected characteristics from becoming members of the party. The Equality Act prevents people from coming to harm with respect to certain protected characteristics. It might be difficult for prospective members to adhere to principles supporting the statutory removal of the safeguarding of their characteristics. This would include people with the protected characteristics outlined in the first principle mentioned above, as well as elderly people who may be affected by the second principle.

On the basis that the constitution does not satisfactorily determine the party's structure and organisation, and unduly discriminates against persons with protected characteristics from becoming members, we concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

In our view, we could not be satisfied that the financial scheme sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party of the purposes of PPERA.

The party is constituted as a registered company. However, no details are given in the financial scheme or the constitution as to how the party's obligations as a company are going to be balanced with its obligations as a registered political party. Whilst being a registered company does not preclude registration as a political party, we should expect details on this matter outlined in the scheme

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	PLUR (Peace Love Unity Respect) Party	**Approve**
Description 1	Peace Love Unity Respect	**Approve**
Description 2	The Party Party	**Refuse** To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to these descriptions, in our view the descriptions are general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the descriptions are not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis these would have been refused.
Description 3	Free to be free	
Description 4	Pro business anti megalomaniac anti narcissists	
Emblem 1	image0 01.png	**Refuse** An emblem, by its nature, should comprise primarily of a pictorial or symbolic element. An 'emblem' that comprises only text is unlikely to satisfy the meaning of an emblem. Our guidance says that we are unlikely to register an emblem that contains only text (see page 18 here). As your emblems comprise only text, and no obvious pictorial element, we would not have considered that these are emblems under PPERA and would likely therefore have been refused.
Emblem 2	image0 02 png	
Emblem 3	image0 03 png	

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

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In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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(English version at the end of the email)

Annwyl Neil McEvoy,

Cofrestru Propel [redacted]
Rwy'n ysgrifennu i'ch hysbysu ein bod wedi cymeradwyo eich cais i gofrestru **Propel**. Mae'r blaid bellach ar gofrestr pleidiau Prydain Fawr yng Nghymru yn ôl 02 Mawrth 2021.

Neilltuwyd y cyfeirnod [redacted] ar gyfer eich plaid, a dylid dyfynnu hwn ar bob cyfathrebiad a chofnod gwariant a anfonir atom ni. Rhoddir cyfeirnod er diogelwch, fel y gallwn fod yn siŵr bod unrhyw ohebiaeth, cofnodion gwariant ac yn y blaen a dderbynnir yn enw eich plaid yn ddilys. **Mae'n bwysig eich bod yn sicrhau taw dim ond y swyddogion hynny sydd angen cyfathrebu â ni sydd â mynediad at y cyfeirnod.**

Eich cofnod ar y gofrestr yw:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/Cymraeg/Registrations/PP12731
(arhoswch ddiwrnod i'r cofnod ymddangos ar y gofrestr)

Rydym wedi cymeradwyo cynllun ariannol a chyfansoddiad arfaethedig eich plaid. Amlinellir ein penderfyniad llawn o ran elfennau eraill eich cais yn y neges hon.

Cysylltwch â ni yn syth os bydd unrhyw un o'r manylion a amlinellir isod neu yng nghofnod y blaid ar y gofrestr yn anghywir neu'n wahanol i'r hyn a fwriadwyd gan y blaid.

Rhaid i blaid wleidyddol gofrestredig gydymffurfio â'r rheoliadau a'r dyletswyddau a nodir yn Neddf Pleidiau Gwleidyddol, Etholiadau a Refferenda 2000 (PPERA). **Argymhellwn yn gryf eich bod yn ymgyfarwyddo â'n canllawiau sy'n amlinellu dyletswyddau trysorydd cofrestredig plaid, yn ogystal â'n canllawiau ar gyfer cynnal manylion eich plaid.** Rwyf wedi cynnwys pecyn croeso ynghylch eich rhwymedigaethau i ni.

Gallai methu â chydymffurfio â'r rhwymedigaethau fod yn drosedd, a allai arwain at erlyniad neu gosbau sifil, gan gynnwys dirwy. Gallwch weld ein polisi gorfodi fan hyn.

Nodau adnabod sydd wedi eu cymeradwyo
Rydym wedi cymeradwyo'r nodau adnabod canlynol a fydd bellach yn cael eu cynnwys yng nghofnod y blaid ar y gofrestr.

	Nod adnabod
Enw	Propel
Disgrifiad(au)	1. Propel: Better for Wales' / Propel: Gwell i Gymru 2. Propel: Wales Needs Champions / Propel: Mae Cymru Angen Pencampwyr 3. Propel: Not Politics as Usual / Propel Nid Gwleidyddiaeth fel Arfer
Arwyddlun(iau)	1. image0 10.jpg 2. image0 11.jpg 3. image0 12.jpg

Caiff ymgeiswyr sy'n sefyll dros y blaid ddefnyddio'r nodau adnabod hyn ar bapurau pleidleisio mewn etholiadau perthnasol yn y DU.

Marc(iau) adnabod sydd wedi'u gwrthod

Rydym hefyd wedi gwrthod y marciau adnabod arfaethedig canlynol.

	Nod adnabod	Rheswm dros eu gwrthod
Disgrifiad	Neil McEvoy Propel	Ni allwn gofrestru disgrifiad sydd, yn ein barn ni, yn gwrthddweud neu rwystro dealltwriaeth etholwr o unrhyw gyfarwyddiadau a roddir ar y papur pleidleisio, neu mewn man arall. Ni fyddwn yn gyffredinol yn caniatáu defnyddio enw unigolyn mewn nod adnabod. Mae hyn oherwydd bod y cyfarwyddiadau ar bapur pleidleisio yn aml yn nodi bod y papur pleidleisio ar gyfer ethol ymgeisydd i etholaeth/ward benodol neu ardal benodol arall. Os bydd enw person sy'n wahanol i eiddo un o'r ymgeiswyr yn ymddangos ar y papurau pleidleisio ar gyfer unrhyw ardal, gallai wrthddweud y cyfarwyddiadau ar gyfer pleidleisio. Ar y sail honno, gwrthodwyd eich disgrifiad.

Mae hyn yn golygu na all y marciau adnabod hyn ymddangos ar bapurau pleidleisio. Fodd bynnag, nid yw hyn yn atal y blaid rhag enwebu ymgeisydd i sefyll o dan enw'r blaid.

Caiff eich plaid gyflwyno nodau adnabod adolygedig i gael eu hystyried. Megis gyda phob cais, byddwn yn ystyried p'un a yw'n bodloni'r gofynion statudol yn PPERA.

Ni fydd rhaid i chi dalu ffi ymgeisio bellach os byddwch yn cyflwyno cais i ni o fewn mis calendr i dderbyn y neges hon. Dim ond un cyfle a gewch i gyflwyno cais newydd heb ffi. Bydd angen ffi ar unrhyw geisiadau pellach ar ôl hynny, ac ni ellir ei had-dalu.

Byddwch yn ymwybodol ein bod yn asesu ceisiadau fesul achos yn erbyn y meini prawf statudol, gan ystyried y wybodaeth a'r amgylchiadau perthnasol ar yr adeg berthnasol. Ni allwn warantu gyda hyn unrhyw benderfyniadau, neu safbwyntiau cychwynnol a ddarperir, ar unrhyw gais a gyflwynir yn y dyfodol.

Er bydd neges hon siŵr o fod yn destun siomedigaeth i chi, hyderaf y byddwch yn deall bod rhwymedigaeth arnom i gynnal y gofrestr yn gyson â'r gofynion statudol.

Manylion cyswllt y blaid
Rydym yn cadarnhau'r manylion cyswllt canlynol ar gyfer eich plaid.

Bydd cyfeiriad pencadlys y blaid ac enwau'r swyddogion **yn ymddangos ar y gofrestr**. Ni fydd manylion eraill, gan gynnwys cyfeiriadau e-bost a rhifau ffôn, yn ymddangos ar y gofrestr. Noder na fydd cyfeiriad cartref swyddog yn ymddangos ar y gofrestr oni bai ei fod hefyd yn gyfeiriad cofrestredig y blaid.

	Cyfeiriad cartref/post	E-bost	Rhif ffôn
Pencadlys y blaid	Suite 7 Homes House 253 Cowbridge Road West Caerdydd CF5 5TD	[redacted]	[redacted]
Arweinydd: Neil McEvoy	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Trysorydd: Matthew Ford		[redacted]	[redacted]
Swyddog enwebu: Keith Parry		[redacted]	[redacted]

Os bydd eich manylion cofrestredig yn newid, mae rhwymedigaeth gyfreithiol arnoch i roi gwybod i ni o fewn y cyfnod statudol. Bydd hyn hefyd yn ein galluogi i sicrhau bod unrhyw negeseuon atgoffa a gwybodaeth yn cael eu hanfon atoch yn y cyfeiriad cywir.

Cadarnhad blynyddol manylion cofrestredig plaid wleidyddol
I barhau i fod yn blaid gofrestredig, rhaid i'ch plaid wneud y canlynol bob blwyddyn:

- cadarnhau bod manylion cofrestredig eich plaid yn gywir
- talu ffi gofrestru £25.

Ar gyfer eich plaid chi, gellir cyflwyno eich cadarnhad cyntaf rhwng 01 Ionawr 2022 a 31 Hydref 2022. **Argymhellwn yn gryf eich bod yn gosod atgoffâd i chi eich hunan i wneud hyn bob blwyddyn.** Gallai'r dyddiad cau hwn newid os yw diwedd blwyddyn ariannol y blaid yn newid, neu os yw incwm a gwariant y blaid ar gyfer y flwyddyn flaenorol yn fwy na £250,000.

Gallwch gadarnhau manylion cofrestredig eich plaid naill ai ar-lein neu drwy gwblhau a dychwelyd ffurflen RP8 ynghyd â thaliad £25 i ni.

Ein dyletswydd i gynnal y cofrestrau
Mae arnom ddyletswydd, o dan PPERA, i gynnal cofrestrau pleidiau gwleidyddol, yn ogystal â monitro cydymffurfiaeth â'r rheolau ar gyfer pleidiau gwleidyddol a gynhwysir yn PPERA, a chymryd camau rhesymol i'w sicrhau.

Yn unol â'r ddyletswydd honno, gall y Comisiwn adolygu'r cofrestrau i bennu p'un a yw'r nodau adnabod yn parhau i fodloni'r profion statudol. Gallai hyn olygu y gallwn, yn y dyfodol, dynnu eich nodau adnabod oddi ar y gofrestr os ystyriwn nad ydynt yn bodloni'r profion statudol bellach.

Gallem hefyd adolygu manylion cofrestredig y blaid pe bai amgylchiadau eraill yn newid, megis manylion swyddogion cofrestredig y blaid neu enw cofrestredig y blaid. Yn ychwanegol at hynny, pe deuai i'n sylw nad yw'r blaid yn gweithredu yn unol â'i chyfansoddiad neu gynllun ariannol, gallem gynnal adolygiad o'r fath.

Bydd y blaid fel arfer yn cael eu hysbysu am adolygiad o'r fath.

Cysylltwch â ni os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau pellach am y neges hon. Gallwch ddod o hyd i ganllawiau mewn perthynas â chofrestru a chynnal plaid ar ein gwefan fan hyn.

Yn gywir,

[redacted]

Y Comisiwn Etholiadol
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Dear Neil McEvoy,

Registration of Propel ([redacted])
I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register **Propel**. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties in Wales as of 02 March 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12731
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity mark(s) that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	Propel
Description(s)	1. Propel: Better for Wales' / Propel: Gwell i Gymru 2. Propel: Wales Needs Champions / Propel: Mae Cymru Angen Pencampwyr 3. Propel: Not Politics as Usual / Propel Nid Gwleidyddiaeth fel Arfer
Emblem(s)	1. image0 13.jpg image0 14.jpg 2. image0 15.jpg 3.

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark(s) that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Description	Neil McEvoy Propel	We cannot register a description that is likely, in our view, to contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for his guidance in voting given on the ballot paper or elsewhere. We will not generally accept the use of an individual's name in an identity mark. This is because instructions on ballot papers often state that the ballot paper is for the election of a candidate to a specific constituency/ward or other area. If a person's name, other than one of the candidates, appears on ballot papers for any given area it risks contradicting the instructions for voting. On this basis, your description was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	Suite 7 Homes House 253 Cowbridge Road West Cardiff CF5 5TD	[redacted]	[redacted]
Leader: Neil McEvoy	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Treasurer: Matthew Ford		[redacted]	[redacted]
Nominating officer: Keith Parry		[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31 October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register Saddleworth People Matter!

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Saddleworth People Matter!. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed financial scheme and officer configuration

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

The party's proposed financial scheme states the same individual as the Nominating Officer and the Treasurer for the party. According to PPERA, if an individual is the Nominating Officer and the Treasurer then this individual must also be the party's leader, and the party should have another individual as an additional officer. Alternatively, the Party Leader could also hold the position of either Treasurer or Nominating Officer.

In addition, the financial scheme cites "Campaign Manager" in section 1.16. This section of the financial scheme describes the statutory responsibilities of the Campaign Officer under PPERA. Section 1.16 of the party's financial scheme should state the name of the party's Campaign Officer.

In our view, we could not be satisfied that the financial scheme sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party of the purposes of PPERA as the proposed officer roles are not compliant with PPERA.

Since the party's financial scheme is not compliant with PPERA, we have refused the party's application.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, the proposed constitution would have been accepted. However, as we have refused the party's financial scheme the party cannot be registered.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity mark did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on this.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	Saddleworth People Matter!	**Approve**

Description	The party that fights for Saddleworth	**Refuse** To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, besides reference to "Saddleworth", the description does not contain any other words that would uniquely identify the party to a voter. The inclusion of the proposed party name in full within the description would be a clear way to signal to a voter which party the identity mark is describing. On this basis, the minded-to decision for this description would be to refuse.

Next Steps

Should the party address the following issues and resubmit the application by 23 March 2021 the application may be reconsidered before the deadline for the May polls:

- **Propose an officer configuration that satisfies the requirements of PPERA. This will involve making sure that the treasurer and nominating officer are not the same person, unless that person is also the party leader. If the leader, treasurer, and nominating officer are the same person, then the party must be registered with an additional officer (or campaigns officer if the party has one).**

- **Amend the financial scheme to reflect the correct officer configuration, and confirm that the scheme has been adopted.**

As explained at the end of this message, there is a limited amount of time left for parties to be registered ahead of the May Polls this year.

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Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

The Electoral Commission
[redacted]
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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register Saving Scotland Party
I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Saving Scotland Party. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution
By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

The following areas were identified when coming to our decision:

Branches

An accounting unit is a party branch which has financial autonomy from the central party. Where a party has accounting units, these need to be registered with us and their names outlined in the party's financial scheme.

- Provision 7.5 of the constitution sets out the ability for branches to act with financial autonomy, whereas the financial scheme indicates that the party does not intend to register accounting units.
- If a party is registered without accounting units, only the central party Treasurer may incur expenditure. This is inconsistent with the above provision of the constitution, which states that branches members may incur expenditure on behalf of the party.

We could therefore not be satisfied that the constitution was consistent with the party financial scheme, and thus does not accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

Officer changes

Section 31(4)(a) of PPERA sets out that a registered party must notify the Commission of changes to named officers for the party (caused by the death or termination of the appointment of a registered officer of the party) within 14 days.

- It is unclear what mechanism the party has in place for registering a replacement officer outside of the AGM.
- Outside of the period leading directly to the AGM, if an officer were unable to remain in their post for any reason, we could not be satisfied that the party would be able to register a replacement officer within the required timeframe.

For the reasons above, we decided that the constitution is not consistent with the party's financial scheme or PPERA, which require notification of officer changes within the legally obligated timeframe. We concluded that your constitution is not complaint with PPERA, and therefore the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

Proposed financial scheme
Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

As set out above, the constitution provisions covering the financial autonomy of party branches were inconsistent with provision of the party's financial scheme, which states that the party do not intend to register accounting units.

In addition, the constitution was not consistent with the party's financial scheme in relation to the replacement of officers within 14 days.

For this season, we were of the view that the financial scheme is not consistent with the constitution.

On this basis, we could not be satisfied that the party has adopted its scheme.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks
Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	Saving Scotland Party	Minded to approve.
Descriptions	1. Saving Scotland : Guardians Of Scotland 2. Saving Scotland: No More Lockdowns 3. Saving Scotland: Compensate Small Business 4. Saving Scotland: Medical Freedom 5. Saving Scotland: Free Vitamin D 6. Saving Scotland: Health Before Profit 7. Saving Scotland: Love And Hope 8. Saving Scotland: Hope Not Fear 9. Saving Scotland: Honesty Integrity Trust 10. Saving Scotland: End Corruption 11. Saving Scotland: Protect Our Environment 12. Saving Scotland: Liberty Rights Freedom	Minded to approve.
Emblems	image003.jpg	Minded to approve.
	image005.jpg	Minded to refuse. A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. As part of our consideration for this, we will likely not register an emblem if it contains text that is smaller than our recommended height of 1.2mm. This is so that the text on the emblem can be read easily by a voter when included on a ballot paper (i.e. when the emblem is 2cm by 2cm). The proposed emblem contains text that is smaller than our recommended size. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee. Where we have refused two applications from your party, you must now make a further £150 payment.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are very unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

The Electoral Commission
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Dear Mr Clark

Registration of Scottish Eco-Devolutionist Party (SEDP) ([redacted])

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register **Scottish Eco-Devolutionist Party (SEDP)**. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties in Scotland as of 19 March 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following **unique reference** [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12671
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity mark that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	Scottish Eco-Devolutionist Party (SEDP)

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity marks that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Description	Fighting climate change without supporting independence	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means wh description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the d is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and does nc anything that would uniquely connect it to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to y On this basis it has been refused.
Emblem 1		A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled a effect of their vote.

	Emblem1Grey (1)	In applying this test, if an acronym or abbreviation is not well-known or widely-used in ev language, it will not normally be permitted for your party identity mark. Examples of well-l acronyms used in common language include 'UK', EU' and 'NHS'. "SEDP" is not well-known or widely used, and has not been spelt out within the emblem. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused. Our guidance states that identity marks should provide voters with a clear understanding recognition of who you are. In addition, a proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, the emblem is like contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for their guidance in vo It is the Commission's policy not to register any identifier which contains a tick or a cross basis that this is likely to hinder an elector's understanding of directions for voting given c papers. The proposed emblem includes a dark cross in the centre of the image. We did consider design is similar to the flag of Scotland. However, the proposed emblem is a dark cross c background, unlike the flag of Scotland which is a white cross on a darker background. T in line with the Commission's policy regarding a cross within an emblem the proposed er was refused. On this basis the proposed emblem was refused.
Emblem 2	Emblem2Grey (1)	A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled effect of their vote In applying this test, if an acronym or abbreviation is not well known or widely used in ev language, it will not normally be permitted for your party identity mark Examples of well l acronyms used in common language include 'UK', EU' and 'NHS' "SEDP" is not well known or widely used, and has not been spelt out within the emblem On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused Our guidance states that identity marks should provide voters with a clear understanding recognition of who you are
Emblem 3	Emblem3Grey (2)	A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, the emblem is likely to contra hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for their guidance in voting. It is the Commission's policy not to register any identifier which contains a tick or a cross basis that this is likely to hinder an elector's understanding of directions for voting given c papers. The proposed emblem includes a dark cross in the centre of the image. We did consider design is similar to the flag of Scotland. However, the proposed emblem is a dark cross c background, unlike the flag of Scotland which is a white cross on a darker background. T in line with the Commission's policy regarding a cross within an emblem the proposed er was refused. On this basis the proposed emblem was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	43 West High Street Lauder TD2 6TF	[redacted]	[redacted]
Leader: Mr James Clark	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Treasurer: Mr James Clark	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Nominating officer: Mr James Clark	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Additional Officer: Mr Aaron Kerr	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31 October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will

remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review. The party will normally be advised of any such review.

You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Finally, as you are registered at an address in Scotland I would like to offer you a meeting with the Head of the Commission, Andy O'Neill, and myself. We will be happy to take you through the main responsibilities that come with registration and it will be a good opportunity to ask any immediate questions you might have. Please contact me to arrange.

[redacted]

The Electoral Commission
Tel. 0131 225 0210
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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register Shevington Independents

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Shevington Independents. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

The financial scheme stated that Gareth Fairhurst was the proposed campaigns officer for the party. The constitution stated a provision for this role but did not cite a specific individual in this capacity, and no person was named as the party's campaigns officer in the application. Therefore, in our opinion, the financial scheme provided is inconsistent with the proposed constitution.

On this basis, we could not be satisfied that the party has adopted its scheme.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	Shevington Independents	Approve
Descriptions	1. Shevington Independents working for you 2. Shevington Independents Representing you 3. Voice of Shevington is Shevington independents	Approve
Emblem		A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, it is the same as another emblem already registered for a party in the same part of the UK (i.e. in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland). We took the view that this proposed emblem is the same as the following emblem registered for Wigan Independents. On that basis, the minded-to decision on the proposed emblem was to refuse.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

The Electoral Commission
electoralcommission.org.uk

Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to change registered details

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to change the registered details for your party. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Identity mark that have been refused

A proposed party emblem must satisfy the requirements of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). Where these requirements are not satisfied, the identity mark cannot be registered. You can find out more about these tests, and how we consider them, in our guidance on identity marks.

We have refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Emblem		A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. As part of our consideration for this, we will likely not register an emblem if it contains text that is smaller than our recommended height of 1.2mm. This is so that the text on the emblem can be read easily by a voter when included on a ballot paper (i.e. when the emblem is 2cm by 2cm). The proposed emblem contains text that is smaller than our recommended size. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the existing identity marks.

Please note, an emblem that contains text larger than our advised 1.2mm would likely be approved. Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Should you wish to submit a revised emblem please do so as soon as possible and no later than 05 March 2021, if you wish to have a decision in time for the deadline for the May polls.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

The Electoral Commission
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Dear Nigel,

Registration of The Democratic Network ([redacted])
I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register **The Democratic Network.** The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties in England as of 10 March 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12759
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity marks that have been approved
We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	The Democratic Network
Descriptions	1. A Democratic Network Candidate 2. East Sussex Democratic Network
Emblems	SussexNetworkLogo 1. (1)

	2. image003.jpg NetworkCandidateLogo 3. (1)

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity marks that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Description	1. A Sussex Network Candidate 2. A Network Candidate 3. The Sussex Network 4. East Sussex Network 5. West Sussex Network 6. The Bexhill Network	A proposed description cannot be registered if, in our opinion, voters are likely to confuse the party with another party already registered in the same part of the UK (i.e. in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland). We took the view that a voter would likely confuse these descriptions with “Independent Network”, registered for Independent Network. We are of the view that the wording of the descriptions is not sufficient enough that a voter would know they belong to your party specifically, particularly without use of the word “Democratic”. On that basis, the proposed description was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	1 Ivy Terrace Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 4QU	[redacted]	[redacted]
Leader: [Nigel Jacklin]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Treasurer: [Shelia Jacklin]		[redacted]	
Nominating officer: [Nigel Jacklin]		[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and

information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31 October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

The Electoral Commission
electoralcommission.org.uk

Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register The Honesty Party
I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register The Honesty Party. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution
By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

The following areas were identified when coming to our decision:

Management of party funds

The party's financial scheme states that the party treasurer is wholly responsible for the financial compliance of the party. In order to do so, the treasurer must be able to exercise their responsibility in regards to the management of party funds.

- Provision 6.1 of the constitution states that the Executive Board 'is responsible for the Party's funds'.
- The Treasurer is not required to be a member of the Executive Board, and the Board can quorate without the Treasurer present.

It is unclear from your constitution as to who holds responsibility for managing party finances.

If the Executive Board holds responsibility for managing party funds, and can be quorate and take decisions without the Treasurer present, the constitution allows for financial decision making of the party to be taken by the Executive Board without the Treasurer exercising their responsibilities.

We were not satisfied that the constitution ensures that the treasurer is able to exercise their responsibilities, as set out in PPERA and the financial scheme.

Branches

- Provision 6.17 states that 'local branches of The Honesty Party may be established and managed in accordance with rules published elsewhere by the Executive Board'.
- There is no further detail provided with the application that sets out rules governing party branches.

We therefore could not be satisfied that the documents submitted accurate determined the structure and organisation of your party.

Consistency of constitution

- Provision 1.3 of the constitution states that 'amendments to this Constitution will come into force after the approval of a two-thirds majority of members voting'.
- However, provisions 9.1a-c set out a separate process for amending the constitution, which is potential contradictory to the procedure set out at provision 1.3.

We therefore could not be satisfied that the constitution submitted was an accurate reflection of the structure and organisation of your party.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

Proposed financial scheme
Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

As set out above, we could not be satisfied that the Treasurer would be able to exercise their financial responsibilities, as set out by the party's financial scheme.

For this season, we were of the view that the financial scheme is not consistent with the constitution.

On this basis, we could not be satisfied that the party has adopted its scheme.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks
Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	The Honesty Party	Minded to approve.
Alternative name	Y Blaid Gonestrwydd	Minded to approve.
Description	Honest and open politics. / Gwleidyddiaeth onest ac agored.	Minded to refuse. To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party.
Emblem		Minded to refuse. Your proposed emblem contains an acronym. We cannot register any identity mark that in the Commission's opinion, contains an acronym or abbreviation that is not well known and widely used, and not spelt out.

Next Steps
It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee. Where we have refused two applications from your party, you must now make a further £150 payment.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are very unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

The Electoral Commission
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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register The Independent Socialist Party GB

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register The Independent Socialist Party GB. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed party name: The Independent Socialist Party GB

A proposed party name must satisfy the requirements outlined in section 28(4) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). Where a name does not satisfy these requirements, it cannot be registered. You can find out more about these tests, and how we consider them, in our guidance on identity marks.

A proposed name cannot be registered if it contains certain unqualified prohibited words.

The word "Independent" may only be used in conjunction with another word or expression besides the registered name or description of another party, the words "official" or "unofficial", or the word "party".

"The Socialist Party (GB)" is a registered description for The Socialist Party of Great Britain. The use of the word "Independent" is therefore not properly qualified in the proposed party name.

We also deem that your proposed party name is confusingly similar to "The Socialist Party (GB)". A proposed name cannot be registered if, in our opinion, voters are likely to confuse the party with another party already registered in the same part of the UK (i.e. in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland).

On this basis, the proposed name was refused.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

The constitution does not contain sufficient detail about the structure and organisation of a party operating under PPERA. There are no details of such matters as a candidate selection process or membership rules. Other provisions are not explained in sufficient detail such as those concerning the party's meetings.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]."

By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

The party have used the Commission's template scheme and has not filled in any other details. On this basis, it cannot be considered to be a scheme relating to this party.

On this basis, the proposed scheme was refused.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity mark(s) did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Description 1	The Independent Socialist Party GB	**Refuse** This description is the same as the party's registered name. As such, it cannot be considered a description of the party and so we would have refused it.
Emblem 1	202101	**Refuse** A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. The text contained in the proposed emblem is "The Independent Socialist Party", which is almost identical to the proposed name (minus the letters "GB"). This is very to similar to "The Socialist Party (GB)" (a registered description of The Socialist Party of Great Britain). A voter would therefore be likely to be misled to believe that the emblem denoted another registered party besides the applicant party.

		On this basis, the proposed emblem would have been refused.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

The Electoral Commission
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Dear Jordan Cooke,

Registration of The Phoenix Political Party ([redacted])
I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register The Phoenix Political Party. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties as of 02 March 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/Pp12716
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity mark(s) that have been approved
We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	The Phoenix Political Party

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark(s) that have been refused
We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Description	Accountability, Transparency, Strategy	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it has been refused.
Emblem	image002.jpg	A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, voters are likely to confuse the party with another emblem of another party registered in the same part of the UK (i.e. in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland). We took the view that a voter would likely confuse this emblem with the following emblem registered for Gwlad. GB_Gwlad_6101_18-02-2019

		Both emblems depict bird-like images with wings spread. The only discernible differences are the direction in which both birds are facing, and the colour inversion. In our view, the style and design are so similar that confusion between the emblems is likely. There are few other features that provide a point of distinction, such as the inclusion of text or other imagery. On that basis, the proposed emblem was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	403 The Mill South Hall Street Manchester M5 4JH	[redacted]	
Leader, Treasurer, Nominating officer: Jordan Cooke	[redacted]	[redacted]	
Additional officer: Simran Kaur		[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31 October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear John,

Refusal of your application to register an updated constitution

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register an updated constitution. The reasons for our decision is outlined in this message.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

The party's financial scheme stated that the position of Treasurer is held by John Lowry and the Treasurer is primarily responsible for ensuring the party's compliance with PPERA. However, the constitution does not explicitly state that there will be a role within the party that is responsible for the party's compliance with PPERA. The constitution should state which position within the party has the responsibilities of the "Treasurer" as described in the financial scheme.

This is particularly the case given that the Rule Book provides that the Director of Finance will be responsible for 'ensuring the party has sufficient funds' and will report to the General Secretary (Section 8.4). It is not explicitly stated that either role is equivalent to the role of treasurer as defined by PPERA.

In addition, please note the following issues,

- The constitution does not have any provisions for changing the constitution
- The constitution does not have any provisions for the dissolution of the party

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA.

Next Steps

Please submitted a revised constitution by **19 March 2021**.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation we may accept email authorisations of financial schemes to this email address.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

The Electoral Commission

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register UK Truth

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register UK Truth. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

The constitution you have provided, in our view, lacks sufficient detail explaining how a political party intending to operate under PPERA. In particular, we have identified the following issues:

- The role and remit of party officers is not set out within the constitution.
- The constitution provides that the leader will make appointments for officer roles but if someone stands down there will be membership voters. This implies roles have not already been allocated and or these provisions overlap, which is not workable.
- There are no details about how the party will be run on a day to day basis.
- There is no indication if there is a governing body of any description, or any other bodies within the party.
- The constitution explains that there will be meetings held every 2 and 4 weeks but there is no indication of what these meetings will discuss, who is permitted to attend, if the meetings have decision making powers and if so who is able to attend and make decisions.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

The scheme has been signed by a named campaigns officer. However, the party has not applied to be registered with a campaigns officer. Similarly, the scheme states that the party's leader is "TO BE VOTED ON", which is inconsistent with the details given in the application form. Owing to these inconsistencies, the scheme therefore does not properly set out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party.

On this basis, the proposed scheme was refused.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity mark(s) did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

Where we have refused two applications from your party, you must now make a further £150 payment.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register Unity in Action

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Unity in Action. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

Large sections of the document appear to be copied from our guidance relating to financial reporting with little relevance to the party's structure or organisation. We have also identified other areas where insufficient details are given outlining how the party intends to operate under PPERA:

- There is no detail contained in the constitution about the role and remit of the party officers other than treasurer and campaigns officer. This includes election/appointment, term limits, and officer roles and responsibilities.
- There is no details given as to how the party to change its part officers.
- The constitution mentions management committees but does not set out any detail of the organisation other than their composition.
- The constitution mentions an NEC but does not set out any detail of its organisation other than its composition.
- The constitution mentions an annual conference but does not set out any details of its organisation.
- There is no process for changing the constitution.
- There is no process for the dissolution of the party.
- The campaigns officer is able to appoint 'deputy treasurers' according to the scheme. PPERA allows campaigns officers to appoint deputy campaigns officers only. Furthermore, section 3 (iii) states that either a deputy treasurer or deputy campaigns officer can have control over campaign expenditure. Where the party has a campaigns officer it can only be their deputies, not deputy treasurers, who have such controls. This appears to be an issue from copying our guidance where it applies to parties with or without a campaigns officer.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

In addition to the points raised above, it was not clear from the constitution whether or not the party's intention to have accounting units is aspirational. Under section 26 of PPERA, a party must either be a party constituted with accounting units, or one without them. Where this distinction is not made clear, we cannot properly determine whether or not the constitution is consistent with the party's financial scheme which states that "UNITY IN ACTION does not wish to register any separate accounting units with the Commission at this stage."

Your constitution states that: "The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 refers to Constituency Associations, Branches and Regional Committees of a Party as "Accounting Units" or "AUs" for short". Accounting units are entities affiliated to a party that are financially autonomous. It is not necessary for "branches" to have this quality, and so it is not the case that all branches are accounting units. We would be happy to discuss this in more detail and advise you on how the party's constitution can accurately reflect the party's structure in this respect.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

As outlined above, it was not clear from the party's constitution whether or not the party's intention to have accounting units was aspirational. This is inconsistent with the party's financial scheme which states that "UNITY IN ACTION does not wish to register any separate accounting units with the Commission at this stage." On this basis, the proposed scheme was refused.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity mark(s) did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Name	Unity In Action	Approve
Emblem 1	image001.png	Approve
Emblem 2	image002.png	Approve

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear Charlie Williams,

Registration of We Matter Party ([redacted])
I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register **We Matter Party**. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties in England as of 09 March 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:
http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12728
(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity mark(s) that have been approved
We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	We Matter Party

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark(s) that have been refused
We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Description	Political Social & Economic Change NOW!!	To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it has been refused.
Emblem	 P3O1C2T12#ylS1	A proposed emblem cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is l kely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. As part of our consideration for this, we will likely not register an emblem if it contains text that is smaller than our recommended height of 1.2mm. This is so that the text on the emblem can be read easily by a voter when included on a ballot paper (i.e. when the emblem is 2cm by 2cm). The proposed emblem contains text that is smaller than our recommended size. On this basis, the proposed emblem was refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details
We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	94 Warren Road Birmingham B44 8QD	[redacted]	[redacted]
Leader: Desmond Jaddoo	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Nominating officer and Campaigns Officer: Andrew Warrican		[redacted]	[redacted]
Treasurer: Charlie Williams	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party
To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31 October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register
We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear [redacted],

Thank you for taking the time out to talk to me earlier. As explained during our conversation, it is highly unlikely that any application submitted now will receive a decision by the close of nominations.

The text below outlines our final decision and how to submit a fresh application.

Refusal of your application to register Yes to Independence

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register **Yes to Independence**. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

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Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

1) The constitution includes a provision for selecting candidates at European Parliamentary elections.
2) The constitution does not outline the role of a nominating officer
3) The constitution does not outline the role of a campaigns officer
4) The party have "local parties" which appear to be accounting units. The party have not applied to register accounting units.
5) There is no mention of groups in the party's financial scheme.
6) It is clear that the party will not be able to enforce the constitution at the point of registration.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

As discussed, the constitution appears to be that of an existing party and is ambitious for a new party. If the party decide to resubmit, it would be useful to look at the below points as a minimum and explain them in great detail.

- The constitution should reflect which register the party are applying to register in. Where a party is applying to register in both the Great Britain and Northern Ireland registers, the party's financial scheme must show that the financial affairs of the party in Great Britain will be conducted separately from those of the party in Northern Ireland. The constitution should also reflect that.
- The party's aims and objectives.
- A reference to an intention to stand candidates and at which elections.
- The candidate selection process (or at least a statement that the party will have one).
- The structure of the party and who is responsible for managing the party, including the responsibility of the party officers, the terms of office and procedure for change of those officers.
- How the party will make and record decisions, as well as any other governance arrangements. For example the frequency, timing and type of meetings and the quorum for meetings.
- If the party has membership, and if so the process and rules governing that membership.
- That the party have adopted its financial scheme.
- How the constitution can be changed and the process for dissolution of the party.
- The constitution must also be consistent with a party's financial scheme

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

In our view, we could not be satisfied that the financial scheme sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party of the purposes of PPERA.

As alluded to above the party have "local parties" which appear to be accounting units. There is no mention of other groups within the financial scheme.

On this basis, we could not be satisfied that the party has adopted its scheme].
Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Other proposed identity marks

Because your application did not comply with the requirements of PPERA, your party's remaining identity marks did not fall for consideration and so a formal decision has not been made on these.

However, for your assistance, our minded-to view would have been as follows.

	Identity mark	Minded-to decision and reason if relevant
Description	Keeping the unionists out of parliament	**Reject-** To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. **Reject-** In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it has been refused.
	Stop the unionist from getting a seat	**Reject-** To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it has been refused.

	Stop the unionists from getting any seats	**Reject-** To be a registered party description, a description must identify the party. That means where a description appears on a ballot paper, voters must be able to recognise which party the candidate is standing for from the description used. In relation to this description, in our view the description is general in nature and do not include anything that would uniquely connect them to your party. Accordingly, we are of the view that the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that a voter would know it belongs to your party. On this basis it has been refused.
Emblem		**Reject-** The proposed identity mark does not primarily compromise a pictorial or symbolic element.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

To submit a fresh application, please logon to PEF online and select "amend application". This will allow you to make any necessary changes. All officers of the party will need to authorise the application in the same way as before. On the payment page please select the option "pay by cheque".

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are unlikely to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to change registered details

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to change the registered details for your party. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Identity mark(s) that have been refused

A proposed party name and description must satisfy the requirements of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). Where these requirements are not satisfied, the identity mark cannot be registered. You can find out more about these tests, and how we consider them, in our guidance on identity marks.

We have refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Name	Common Ground	A party name cannot be registered if, in our opinion, voters are likely to confuse the party with another party already registered in the same part of the UK (i.e. in England, Scotland, Wales, or Northern Ireland). We took the view that a voter would likely confuse the proposed name with “Common Good”, a registered party. It was our view that the proposed name was visually and contextually similar enough to the registered name to be considered likely to cause confusion. On that basis, the proposed description was refused.
Description	Common Ground formerly Young People’s Party	A proposed description cannot be registered if, in our opinion, a voter is likely to be misled as to the effect of their vote. Your description was rejected as likely to mislead.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the existing identity marks.

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won’t have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

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In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

You may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: London Real Party - Application decision CCM:0462512
Date: 16 March 2021 17:53:23
Attachments: image002.jpg
Welcome from the Director .pdf

Dear Julian,

Registration of London Real Party ([redacted])

I write to inform you that we have approved your application to register **London Real Party**. The party is now on the Great Britain register of political parties in England as of 16 March 2021.

Your party has been allocated the following unique reference [redacted] which should be quoted on all communications and returns sent to us. The reference offers a safeguard so that we can be certain that any correspondence, returns etc. received in your party's name are genuine. **It is therefore in your own interest to ensure that only those officers who need to communicate with us have access to the reference.**

Your entry on the register is:

http://search.electoralcommission.org.uk/English/Registrations/PP12772

(please allow a day for the entry to appear on the register)

We have approved your party's proposed financial scheme and constitution. Our full decision on the remaining elements of your application is outlined in this message.

Contact us immediately if any of the details outlined below or in the party's entry on the register are incorrect or are not what the party intended.

A registered political party must comply with the financial controls and responsibilities set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). **We urge strongly that you familiarise yourself with our guidance which outlines the responsibilities of a registered party treasurer, as well our guidance on maintaining your party's details.** I have included a welcome pack regarding your obligations to us.

Failure to comply with the obligations may be a criminal offence which can attract prosecution or civil sanctions, including a fine. You can find our enforcement policy here.

Identity mark(s) that have been approved

We have approved the following identity marks which will now be included in the party's entry on the register.

	Identity mark
Name	London Real Party
Description(s)	1. London Real Party – Transform London

Candidates standing for the party may use these identity marks on ballot papers at relevant elections in the UK.

Identity mark(s) that have been refused

We have also refused the following proposed identity marks.

	Identity mark	Reason for refusal
Emblem		Reject – Does not meet the requirements of an emblem An emblem, by its nature, should comprise primarily of a pictorial or symbolic element. An 'emblem' that comprises only text is unlikely to satisfy the meaning of an emblem. Our guidance says that we are unlikely to register an emblem that contains only text (see page 18 here). As your emblem comprises only text, and no obvious pictorial element, we do not consider that it is an emblem under PPERA and it has therefore been refused.

This means that these identity marks cannot appear on ballot papers. However, this does not prevent the party from nominating a candidate to stand under the party name.

It is open to your party to submit revised identity marks for consideration. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Party contact details

We confirm the following contact details for your party.

The party headquarters address and officer names **will appear on the register**. Other details, including all email addresses and telephone numbers, will not appear on the register. Please note that an officer's home address will not appear on the register unless it is also the party's registered address.

	Post/Home address	Email	Telephone
Party Headquarters	Kemp House 152-160 City Road London EC1V 2NX	[redacted]	[redacted]
Leader: Brian Rose	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Treasurer: Julian Bailes	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Nominating officer: Paul Frost	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

If your registered details change, you have a legal obligation to notify us within a statutory timeframe. It will also enable us to ensure that any reminders and information are sent to the correct person at the right address.

Annual confirmation of registered details for a political party

To remain a registered party, every year your party must:

- confirm your party's registered details are correct
- pay a £25 registration fee.

For your party, your first confirmation can be delivered between 01 January 2022 and 31

October 2022. **We urge strongly that you set yourself a reminder to do this each year.** The deadline may change if the party's financial year end changes or if the party's income or expenditure for the previous year exceeds £250,000.

You can confirm your party's registered details either online or by completing and returning an RP8 form to us along with a £25 payment.

Our duty to maintain the register

We have a duty under PPERA to maintain the registers of political parties as well as to monitor, and take all reasonable steps to secure, compliance with the rules for political parties set out in PPERA.

In accordance with that duty we may conduct reviews of the registers to determine whether identity marks still meet the statutory tests. This could mean that in future if we may consider that your identity marks no longer meet the statutory tests and so will remove them from the register.

We may also review the party's registered details should other circumstances change, such as details of the party's registered officers or the party's registered name. Additionally, should it come to our attention that the party is not operating in accordance with its constitution or financial scheme this may also give rise to such a review.

The party will normally be advised of any such review.

Please get in touch if you have any further queries about this message. You can find guidance in relation to registering and maintaining a party on our website here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

Refusal of your application to register Shildon and Dene Valley Independent Party

I write to inform you that we have refused your application to register Shildon and Dene Valley Independent Party as a political party. The reason for our decision is outlined in this message. You will also find information about making a fresh application to register if you wish to do so.

Please note that your registration as a minor party still stands.

Proposed constitution

By law, when a party applies to be registered it must give us a copy of its constitution. Section 26(9) of Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) defines a constitution as "the document or documents (of whatever name) by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined." A constitution must accurately determine the party's structure and organisation.

The proposed constitution did not provide sufficient detail regarding the structure and organisation of the party.

The constitution did not refer to any intention to stand candidates, at which elections, or provide any detail regarding a candidate selection process.

It also did not provide clear detail regarding who is responsible for management of the party, or how decisions will be reached in all types of meetings.

The document did not refer to how the constitution can be changed or the process for the dissolution of the party.

There was also insufficient detail regarding the financial affairs of the party and the role of the treasurer.

We concluded that the documents you supplied are not a constitution as defined by PPERA. On this basis, your application to register was refused.

Proposed financial scheme

Pursuant to section 26(1) of the Political Parties, Elections & Referendums Act (PPERA) a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which "sets out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of [PPERA]." By law, therefore, applicants must give us a financial scheme that is accurate and consistent with the party's constitution, and must have adopted its scheme.

The constitution provides insufficient detail regarding the financial affairs of the party and the role of the treasurer. We therefore could not be satisfied that the financial scheme reflects the party's financial affairs in practice.

There is also inconsistency between the financial year ends provided in the application form compared to the financial scheme. Where the financial scheme lists the party's financial year end as 31 December, the application lists the financial year end as 01 January.

On this basis, we could not be satisfied that the party has adopted its scheme.

Since the party has not adopted a scheme as defined by PPERA, we refused the party's application.

Next Steps

It is open to your party to submit a fresh application. As with all applications we will consider whether it meets the statutory requirements in PPERA.

Please note that we are experiencing some technical issues with our PEF Online system. We will be in contact again shortly when these issues have been resolved. Once the technical issues have been resolved, you will be able to resubmit a new application through PEF Online.

You won't have to pay a further application fee if you submit an application to us within one calendar month of this message. You will only get one opportunity to submit a fresh application without a fee. Any further applications after that will require the non-refundable application fee.

Please be aware that we assess applications on a case by case basis against the statutory tests, taking into account relevant information and circumstances at the relevant time. We cannot guarantee presently any decisions, or initial views provided, on an application submitted in the future.

Whilst this message will no doubt be disappointing to you, I trust you will understand that we are obliged to maintain the register consistent with the statutory requirements.

Please contact us if you have any questions about any of the information in this message.

Applying ahead of the 2021 May Polls

Because of the short time until the deadline for delivering nominations, we are unable to grant applications submitted now to register a new political party, amend a name for an existing party, amend or add an emblem, or to add a description for use on ballot papers at the elections taking place on 6 May 2021. We advised parties to make sure that applications were with us by Sunday 31 January 2021.

In order to contest each type of election, new parties must be registered with us by a certain date. You can find out more information about when these dates are on our website.

Please note that your registration as a minor party still stands. You therefore can contest Town and Parish Council elections using the registered identifiers of the party.

If you intend to contest any other elections, you may also choose to stand as an independent candidate at the 2021 May Polls. You can find out more information about how to do this for each type of election here.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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