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Communist Party description Redacted.pdf

Dear

Our Ref: FOI 042-21

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission received 29/03/2021.

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.

- 1. Please provide, for the last 3 years, the names of the registered political parties whose registered party descriptions you have reviewed, together with the descriptions you decided to remove on the basis that they did not identify the party, and any changes you made to those decisions following representations from the parties concerned.
- 2. For the Communist Party of Britain, and the registered descriptions which were removed on 19 March 2021, please provide all Electoral Commission internal and external memoranda, email messages and copies of any other documents:
- (1) explaining the assessment process leading to the original decision to remove the said descriptions, communicated on 17 December 2020;
- (2) detailing the names of all other parties which in the Commission's view could lead a voter supporting them mistakenly to cast their vote for a Communist Party of Britain candidate;
- (3) explaining how, for each of the deleted descriptions, "a voter simply may not know what party a candidate is standing for";
- (4) examining whether the communicated advice that "the party or its candidates will still be able to use" a deleted description "in campaigning activities, including on any materials", might not lead to greater confusion if the description did not appear on the ballot paper;
- (5) explaining whether any consideration was given, in relation to the deletion of "Welsh Communist Party" and "Scottish Communist Party", to the oxymoronic nature of the permitted "Welsh Communist Party of Britain" and "Scottish Communist Party of Britain";
- (6) detailing the consideration given to the representations made by the Communist Party of Britain on 4 January 2021.

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

In response to the first part of your request, please find attached a document that includes tables which set out the information you requested with respect to our review of registered descriptions.

In response to the second part of your request, we have disclosed a document which sets out the assessment and consideration of the descriptions under review previously registered to Communist Party of Britain, and considerations of representations provided by the party in response to our minded-to decision to remove descriptions.

The final document attached is a copy of internal correspondence relating to the review of Communist Party of Britain descriptions, which is referenced in the main assessment document. However, we are not able to comply fully with your request for the following reasons.

Exemption under section 40(2):

Information is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) where release of the information would breach one of the data protection principles in the GDPR. One of the principles states that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully. Some of the information contained in the requested information falls within the description of personal data because the information relates directly to an identifiable living individual. Disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which states the information must be processed fairly and lawfully. Any personal data that is not already in the public domain has been redacted. Under this provision, we have also redacted the names of Commission staff below Head level. This is because those members of staff have a reasonable expectation that their personal details will not be made public.

Exemption under section 21:

Information is exempt under section 21 of the FOIA if the information requested is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. We hold information in the scope of this request which is correspondence between Commission staff and the party. We consider this correspondence reasonably accessible to you by other means.

We have therefore not disclosed these documents and information as part of this request.

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: 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.

Yours sincerely,

Information Team
The Electoral Commission
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E-mail

RE: Description review

Sent Date 18/12/2018 15:55

E-mail

From Sandy O'Neill Cc

To Subject RE: Description review

Thanks Both

CPGB has a very low profile in Scotland these days.

Andy

From:

Sent: 18 December 2018 13:43

To: @electoralcommission.org.uk>
Cc: Andy O'Neill @electoralcommission.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Description review

Hi

This type of query is usually considered by Andy. He is in a meeting at the moment but I'll run it past him when he is out.



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From: @electoralcommission.org.uk>

Sent: 18 December 2018 12:07

To: @electoralcommission.org.uk>

Subject: Description review

Hi

I am currently assessing a description for Communist Party of Great Britain. The description in question is 'Scottish Communist Party'. Do you think it is likely a voter would know this description belongs to the party?

Do the party have a big profile in Scotland?

Would appreciate your thoughts.				
Thanks,				
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The party is currently registered on the Great Britain register. The entry on the register can be viewed here.

Full correspondence relating to the review of this party's descriptions can be viewed here.

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Identifying the descriptions of registered parties to be reviewed

Registration team scope

I have reviewed all of the party's registered descriptions and considered whether or not they should be included as part of the review. A registered description will be scoped out of the review if it, in my view and subject to approval by the registration manager, either obviously identifies the respective party or was registered after the review cut-off date of 03 May 2017. All other registered descriptions for the party will be scoped into the review.

I have outlined my reasons for my recommendations in the table below.

- 15 October 2018

Description		Date description was registered	In/Out Reasons for description being In/O scope	
1	Welsh Communist Party / Y Blaid Gomiwnyddol Gymreig (tr)	02/02/2001	IN	 The description does not, in my view, obviously identify the party. I have considered whether the area of Great Britain accompanied with the words "Communist Party" are enough to obviously identify the party. It is not in my opinion, obviously identifiable and therefore requires an assessment.
2	The Communist Party / Y Blaid Gomiwnyddol (tr)	02/02/2001	IN	3. The description does not, in my view, obviously identify the party. 4. The description does not include the party name in full or otherwise identify the party. In my view this description has the potential to identify other registered parties and therefore should be scoped for an assessment.
3	Communist Party / Y Blaid Gomiwnyddol (tr)	02/02/2001	IN	 5. The description does not, in my view, obviously identify the party. 6. The description does not include the party name in full or otherwise identify the party. In my view this description has the potential to identify other registered parties and therefore should

				be scoped for an assessment.
4	Scottish Communist Party	02/02/2001	IN	7. The description does not, in my view, obviously identify the party.
				8. I have considered whether the area of Great Britain accompanied with the words "Communist Party" are enough to obviously identify the party. It is not in my opinion, obviously identifiable and therefore requires an assessment.
5	Communist / Comiwnydd (tr)	02/02/2001	IN	The description does not, in my view, obviously identify the party.
				10. The description does not include the party name in full or otherwise identify the party.
6	The Communist Party Candidate	02/02/2001	IN	11. The description does not , in my view, obviously identify the party.
				12. The description does not include the party name in full or otherwise identify the party. In my view this description has the potential to identify other registered parties and therefore should be scoped for an assessment.
7	Communist Party Scotland	02/02/2001	IN	13. The description does not , in my view, obviously identify the party.
				14. I have considered whether the area of Great Britain accompanied with the words "Communist Party" are enough to obviously identify the party. It is not in my opinion, obviously identifiable and therefore requires an assessment.
8	Wales Communist Party	02/02/2001	IN	15. The description does not , in my view, obviously identify the party.
				16. I have considered whether the area of Great Britain accompanied with the words "Communist Party" are enough to obviously identify the party. It is not in my opinion, obviously identifiable and therefore requires an assessment.
9	Your local Communist	02/02/2001	IN	17. The description does not , in my view, obviously identify the party.
	candidate			18. The description does not include the party name in full or otherwise identify

				the party.
10	Communist Party of Great Britain	02/02/2001	OUT	19. The description does in my view, obviously identify the party.
11	Britain's Communist Party	02/02/2001	OUT	20. The description does , in my view, obviously identify the party.
12	The British Communist Party	02/02/2001	OUT	21. The description does in my view, obviously identify the party.

Registration manager approval

M. La Praik	I am of the view that:
22 October 2018	 Description(s) 1-9 and 11-12 should be included in the review. I disagreed with the recommendation in relation to descriptions 11 and 12 because I don't think they necessarily obviously identify the party. I think the way the descriptions are phrased could give a slightly different context to the party name.
	 Description 10 should not be included in the review. Although slightly different to the party name, I think the terms 'Britain' and 'Great Britain' are commonly used interchangeably.

Assessment of registered descriptions scoped into review

Registration team assessment

I have reviewed all of the party's registered descriptions which have been scoped into the review and considered whether or not they satisfy the threshold of being a party description under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA). To meet the threshold, a description must make clear the identity of the party to a voter.

I have outlined my reasons for my recommendations in the table below.

- 04 December 2018

Description		Reasons
1	Welsh Communist Party / Y Blaid Gomiwnyddol Gymreig (tr)	22. The description does not , in my view, meet the threshold for the following reasons.
		23. The description includes the word 'Communist' which is also included in the party name. I have therefore considered whether the party can be satisfactorily identified by this description.
		24. There is a group online called the 'Welsh Communist Party' who claim to be a bi-lingual party, active in union and community struggles. It is my opinion that this group could be a sub-group of the Communist Party of Britain. This is because both groups have similar logos. In addition, there are also a links to the Facebook and Twitter pages for the Communist Party of Britain on the group's website.
		25.I am concerned, however that a typical voter would not necessarily know the description belongs to the party. This is because the party name is 'Communist Party of Great Britain'. That means being the communist party for the nation, i.e. Britain is a key element of the party's name and values. Further, there are several other registered identity marks that contain the word 'Communist' (see below). In my view, this further emphasises the point that the words 'Communist and Party' on their own do not sufficiently make clear the party's identity. Being a communist or having communist ideas, is not uniquely attributable to this party.
		a. Communist League Election Campaign
		b. <u>Direct Democracy (Communist) Party</u>

¹ Communist party of Great Britain website

² Welsh Communist League

		c. Revolutionary Communist Party Britain (Marxist-Leninist)		
		26. What's more, I do not believe that a typical voter is likely to recognise that this description is associated with this party. The group "Welsh Communist Party" has a small following on social media with C.2000 followers on Twitter and 942 followers on Facebook.		
		27. In my view, there is nothing in the description that would make clear to a voter that the description belonged to a party called 'Communist Party of Great Britain', other than the word Communist. As outlined being the Communist party of Great Britain is crucial to the party's identity.		
		28.It is highly unlikely in my view that a typical voter would be able to successfully identify the party from this description		
2	The Communist Party / Y Blaid	29. The description does not , in my view, meet the threshold for the following reasons.		
	Gomiwnyddol (tr)	30. The description includes the words 'Communist' and 'Party' which are part of the party name. However, I do not think a typical voter would be able to identify the party from these words alone. This is because the party name is 'Communist party of Great Britain'. That means being the communist party for the nation, i.e. Britain is a key element of the party's name.		
		31. There are several other registered identity marks that contain the word 'Communist' (see below). In my view, this further emphasises the point that the words 'Communist and Party' on their own do not sufficiently make clear the party's identity. Being a communist or having communist ideas, is not uniquely attributable to this party. a. Communist League Election Campaign		
		b. <u>Direct Democracy (Communist) Party</u>		
		c. Revolutionary Communist Party Britain (Marxist-Leninist)		
3	Communist Party / Y Blaid Gomiwnyddol	32. The description does not , in my view, meet the threshold for the following reasons.		
(tr)		33. I have concluded above the description 'The Communist Party' does not identity of the party. This description omits the word 'The'. I do not think the omission of this word helps to make the identity of the party any clearer.		
		34. I do not think it likely a typical voter could identify the party from this description.		
4	Scottish Communist Party	35. The description does not , in my view, meet the threshold for the following reasons.		
		36. I have considered that the description includes the word 'Communist' which is included in the party name. There is a group online called the 'Scottish Communists' who are for a		

socialist Britain in which the means of 'production,
distribution and exchange will be socially owned and used in
a planned way for the benefit of all'3. The group have a large
following with C.15,000 followers on <u>Twitter</u> and 1,189
followers on Facebook. It could be argued therefore that the
group are known in Scotland.

- 37. However, I <u>consulted a colleague</u> in the Scotland Office who has confirmed that in recent years the party have had a low profile in Scotland.
- 38. It is my opinion, that this group is connected to the Communist Party of Britain. This is because both groups have similar logos.^{4 5} In addition, there are also a links to the Facebook and Twitter pages for the Communist Party of Britain on the group's website.
- 39. I am concerned, however that a typical voter would not necessarily know the description belongs to the party. This is because the party name is 'Communist Party of Great Britain'. That means being the communist party for the nation, i.e. Britain is a key element of the party's name and values.
- 40. In my view, there is nothing in the description that would make clear to a voter that the description belonged to a party called 'Communist Party of Great Britain', other than the word Communist. As outlined being the Communist party of Great Britain is crucial to the party's identity.
- 41. There are several other registered identity marks that contain the word 'Communist' (see below). In my view, this further emphasises the point that the words 'Communist and Party' on their own do not sufficiently make clear the party's identity. Being a communist or having communist ideas, is not uniquely attributable to this party.
 - a. Communist League Election Campaign
 - b. Direct Democracy (Communist) Party
 - c. Revolutionary Communist Party Britain (Marxist-Leninist)

5 Communist / Comiwnydd (tr)

- 42. The description **does not**, in my view, meet the threshold for the following reasons.
- 43.I am concerned, that a typical voter would not necessarily know the description belongs to the party. This is because the party name is 'Communist Party of Great Britain'. That means being the communist party for the nation, i.e. Britain is a key element of the party's name and values.
- 44. There are several other registered identity marks that contain the word 'Communist' (see below). In my view, this further

³ Scottish Communists Facebook

⁴ Communist Party of Britain

⁵ Scottish Communists

		emphasises the point that the word 'Communist' on its own does not sufficiently make clear the party's identity. Being a communist or having communist ideas, is not uniquely attributable to this party. a. Communist League Election Campaign b. Direct Democracy (Communist) Party c. Revolutionary Communist Party Britain (Marxist-Leninist)
6	The Communist Party Candidate	 45. The description does not, in my view, meet the threshold for the following reasons. 46.I have argued above that the description "The Communist Party" does not sufficiently make clear the party's identity to a voter. I do not consider that the addition of the word "Candidate" makes the party's identity any clearer. This is because this word is a tautology – it indicates that the person on the ballot paper is standing for a particular party, and adds no additional meaning to the identity mark itself that is associated with the party.
7	Communist Party Scotland	 47. The description does not, in my view, meet the threshold for the following reasons. 48. I have argued above that the description 'Scottish Communist Party' does not identify the party. I note that this description is very similar to that description, and has an identical meaning to it. I do not think the arrangement of the words in this description help to make the identity of the party clearer. 49. I have consulted a colleague in the Scotland Office who has confirmed that in recent years the party have has a low profile in Scotland. This further supports the view that the description would not be likely to sufficiently identify the party to a voter.
8	Wales Communist Party	 50. The description does not, in my view, meet the threshold for the following reasons. 51. I have argued above that the description 'Welsh Communist Party' does not identify the party. I note that this description is very similar to that description, and has an identical meaning to it. I do not think the arrangement of the words in this description help to make the identity of the party clearer.
9	Your local Communist candidate	 52. The description does not, in my view, meet the threshold for the following reasons. 53. I have considered that the description contains the word 'Communist', one of the four words of the party name. However, I do not think a typical voter would be able to identify the party from the common word 'Communist' alone. 54. This is because the party name is 'Communist party of Great

		Britain'. That means being the communist party for the nation, i.e. Britain is a key element of the party's name. Further, the word 'local' implies a regional party – which is not referenced in the party name.
		55.In my view, there is nothing in the description that would make clear to a voter that the description belonged to a party called 'Communist Party of Great Britain', other than the word Communist. As outlined being the Communist party of Great Britain is crucial to the party's identity.
		56. There are several other registered identity marks that contain the word 'Communist' (see below). In my view, this further emphasises the point that the word 'Communist' on its own does not sufficiently make clear the party's identity. Being a communist or having communist ideas, is not uniquely attributable to this party.
		a. Communist League Election Campaign
		b. <u>Direct Democracy (Communist) Party</u>
		c. Revolutionary Communist Party Britain (Marxist-Leninist)
11	Britain's Communist Party	57.The description does not , in my view, meet the threshold for the following reasons.
		58.The description is somewhat similar to the party name. I have searched 'The British Communist Party' online and the first two results are the 'Communist Party of Britain'. In this way it could be argued that the party are known by this description.
		59. However, in my view the positioning of the wording makes the identity of the party less clear. This is because there are several other registered identity marks that are Communist parties who stand candidates in Great Britain. I am concerned the description could possibly be read by a typical voter in the literal sense of <i>Britain's Communist Party</i> . The inference could therefore be made that there is only one Communist Party in Britain.
		60.I do not think it likely a typical voter would be able to identify the party from this description.
12	The British Communist Party	61.The description does not , in my view, meet the threshold for the following reasons.
		62.The description is somewhat similar to the party name. I have searched 'The British Communist Party' online and the first two results are the 'Communist Party of Britain'. In this way it could be argued that the party are known by this description.
		63.However, in my view the positioning of the wording makes the identity of the party less clear. This is because there are several other registered identity marks that are Communist parties who stand candidates in Great Britain. I am concerned



the description could possibly be read by a typical voter in the literal sense of *Britain's Communist Party*. The inference could therefore be made that there is only one Communist Party in Britain.

64.I do not think it likely a typical voter would be able to identify the party from this description.

Decision maker initial view:

24/02/19 – LE – I agree that where the description includes a geographical area other than Britain, there is a good argument that this does not identify the party. This is because the description gives the impression of being a party in a different area. But where there is no other geographical area in the description, I think there is a good argument that it does identify the party. This is on balance, however and I would welcome Approval Board views.

On this logic, I would be minded to retain descriptions 2, 3, 6, 11 and 12, and remove descriptions 1, 4, 7 and 8. I am also minded to remove descriptions 5 and 9. By removing the word 'party' the descriptions are left being generic terms that could apply to any party with the word 'communist' in its name.

Approval board comments:

13-3-2019 — — — — I agree with the reasoning in the initial view, except I would go further and allow descriptions 5, 7 and 9. In other words, remove only 1, 4 and 8. I'd remove those because they suggest another party entirely. The remaining descriptions sufficiently identify the "Communist Party of Britain". Given that the party is registered in the GB register, so can be presumed to cover England, Wales and Scotland, and is currently identifiable as the party in this register that represents communism.

15/03/19 - RT – I agree with Louise's view and so would remove descriptions 1, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9.

18.03.19 – NN – I would retain only descriptions 11and 12 and remove all others. Contrary to the initial view, I think descriptions 2, 3 and 6 are too broad and could be mistaken for referring to another party with the word communist in its name, such as the Communist League Election Campaign.

18.03.2019 TH: I agree with Niki's view above that only descriptions 11 and 12 should be retained.

01.04.19 AW: I agree with Niki's view, ie only retain descriptions 11 and 12

23.07.19 – MLP: I think that descriptions 11 and 12 should be retained but the others removed. I think a reference to Britain in the description is key to it identifying the party.

15.08.19 - AON - I agree with the NN view.

Minded-to decision:

23/12/19 – LE – I am minded to remove all except 11 and 12, as I am persuaded that 2, 3 and 6 are too broad to identify the party.

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With respect to any descriptions that we intend to remove I confirm that, should the party fail to submit representation by a deadline set by the Registration Team in accordance with the <u>Description Review procedure</u>, my minded-to decision will stand as a final decision.

Representations from party

The party was notified on 17 December 2020 that the Commission was minded-to remove some of its registered descriptions in line with the decision outlined above. The party was invited to make representation by 05 January 2021 on that minded-to decision.

Assessment of representations from the party

The party's representation received on 04 January 2021 is as follows (original correspondence can be viewed here):

We wish to make representations over the Commission's provisional decision to delete our following registered party descriptions, on the basis that they "do not identify the party":

- 1. Welsh Communist Party / Y Blaid Gomiwnyddol Gymreig (tr)
- 2. The Communist Party / Y Blaid Gomiwnyddol (tr)
- 3. Communist Party / Y Blaid Gomiwnyddol (tr)
- 4. Scottish Communist Party
- 5. Communist / Comiwnydd (tr)
- 6. The Communist Party Candidate
- 7. Communist Party Scotland
- 8. Wales Communist Party
- 9. Your local Communist candidate

You say that "the wording of the description is not sufficient enough that voters would know it belongs to your party", because "an elector could mistakenly identify a number of other parties that are currently registered, based on these descriptions", and in particular that:

- i (i) "a number of other parties on the register include the word 'Communist' in their identifiers, so reference to this word alone would not sufficiently identify the party"
- ii (ii) "reference to the geographical identifier (i.e. 'of Britain', or similar) is crucial to determining the party's identity. Without such reference, an elector may not be able to accurately identify your party from these descriptions."
- (1) Let me deal first with the "number of other parties on the register" which include the word 'Communist' in their identifiers. A search of the register indicates that there are **only two**: *Direct Democracy (Communist) Party* (registered 06.06.2007) and the

Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) (registered 09.05.2000). Neither of those could seriously be confused with our party; but, even if they could, the onus should be on them to change, since our party was registered before both of them, on 25.02.1999. When the Commission allowed those parties to register, it clearly did not see any potential confusion.

The Communist Party has been in existence since 1920, first as the Communist Party of

Great Britain and more recently as the Communist Party of Britain. We have a long history of describing ourselves simply as the 'Communist Party', and we are known as such more widely than just in electoral politics. When people are smeared by politicians or in the mass media with being a 'Communist', the intention is to refer to our party. Other parties calling themselves 'Communist' (and there are a few who are not registered with the Commission, since they do not take part in elections) have added a qualifier, such as 'Revolutionary', to distinguish themselves from us. The 'of Great Britain' or 'of Britain' appendage in our name has been necessary to identify ourselves separately from Communist Parties in other countries, but we have no more need to use it within Britain for electoral purposes than does the Labour Party or the Conservative Party, although we do use it at times to emphasise that we are not agents of a foreign power.

(2) I now turn to your point that "reference to the geographical identifier (i.e. 'of Britain', or similar) is crucial to determining the party's identity." This can hardly be the case since there are only 8 other parties on the register with 'Britain' in their name:

Independent Sovereign Democratic Britain.

Matriarchal Party United Kingdom Great Britain

Revolutionary Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist): see above.

The For Britain Movement

Socialist Party of Great Britain.

Workers Party of Britain

No other parties out of the 328 registered sees the need to use 'Britain' in its registered descriptions, hence why should we be obliged to?

On the other hand, there are well-established GB-registered parties which, like the Communist Party, have registered geographical identifiers for use in Scotland and Wales, viz:

Labour Party: has descriptions such as Scottish Labour Party, Scottish Labour Party candidate, Welsh Labour Party, Welsh Labour Party candidate (and Welsh language translations).

Co-operative Party: includes among its descriptions the Scottish Co-operative Party, the Welsh Co-operative Party (and translation).

Liberal Democrats: have registered "Scottish Liberal Democrats", "Welsh Liberal Democrats" and two variants on each of these (plus translations).

Conservative and Unionist Party: Welsh Conservatives (with translation), Welsh Conservative Party Candidate (with translation), Scottish Conservative and Unionist, Scottish Conservative Party Candidate.

The Labour Party and the Conservatives have also registered even more local geographical descriptors, such as Glasgow Labour, Aberdeen Labour and Local Conservatives.

There are in fact only 19 parties which use "Scottish" in a registered description: 8 of these are exclusively Scottish parties, and the 11 others include ourselves and the 4 cited above. There are only 22 parties which have either "Wales" or "Welsh" in a

registered description; 3 of these are exclusively Welsh, and the remainder include ourselves and 4 parties listed above.

It is therefore patently not the case that "reference to the geographical identifier" is crucial to determining a party's identity. GB-registered parties use particular geographical descriptions to suit their own local circumstances, and the Communist Party has done no more than that.

In publications and on banners, we have historically over the past century used such localised descriptions as 'Scottish Communist Party', 'Welsh Communist Party', 'Lancashire Communist Party', 'Middlesbrough Communist Party' etc etc, without anyone thinking these were separate parties.

Your decision to revoke the Communist Party's use of geographical descriptors would in fact open up the possibility of any minor grouping registering under those names, in order to damage us, quite apart from being discrimination in comparison with other parties.

(3) To close the circle, there are 33 parties apart from ourselves which have a registered descriptor including the word "candidate". This includes, as noted above, the Labour Party, the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats. And the Communist Party is not alone in having a registered descriptor (#5) which does not include the name "Party" (see above, Conservatives, Labour Party and Liberal Democrats).

We are therefore appealing against your decision, because the stated justifications do not hold water, both in regard to ourselves, and in comparison with other registered political parties. The wording in the descriptions is indeed clearly sufficient that voters would know they belong to our parry.

In line with the party's representation, I recommend that the Commission's minded-to decision of 23 December 2019 relating to this party's descriptions should remain the same.

The representation can be broadly summarised into the following lines of argument:

- Other parties that include 'communist' in their registered identifiers were registered
 after the descriptions that are under review, and the more recent registrations should
 not have been approved if there was potential for confusion with the descriptions under
 review.
- 2. The appendage 'of Britain' is not necessary to ensure that a voter can accurately identify the party.
- 3. Other registered parties use geographical identifiers that are not also included in the party name.
- 4. Specifically in reference to descriptions 6 and 9, other parties have registered descriptions with the word 'candidate' that also do not include the party name in full.

It is my view that the central crux all of the arguments made in the representation rests on whether an elector is likely to accurately identify 'Communist Party of Britain' from 'Communist Party' alone.

The representations make repeated reference to the registered name and descriptions of 'Labour Party' 'Conservative and Unionist Party', and 'Liberal Democrats', in the sense that these are also parties that have registered descriptions including geographical identifiers, that are not already included in the registered party name.

However, I do not believe that these cases can be applied to the descriptions under review with the same credence. For example, 'Labour Party' have the registered description 'Scottish Labour Party'. While in the case of the Labour Party, the description includes the party name in full, none of the descriptions under review contain the party name in full.

The representations also posits that registered descriptions of parties need not include the party name in full, such as the example of 'Labour Party' and their registered description 'Welsh Labour'. It is reasonable that an elector would assume any non-independent candidate

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is a party candidate, and therefore the inclusion of the word 'party' is not necessarily required for an elector to identify from a description.

The examples highlighted in the two paragraphs above cannot be directly applied to the description under review, as they both include the substantive part of the party name, 'Labour', in full.

The initial assessment and minded-to decision argue that the inclusion of the phrase 'of Britain' is necessary to identify the party, which is contested by the representations. I remain of the view that the geographical identifier 'of Britain' is necessary to identify the party, and therefore recommend that the minded-to decision to remove descriptions should stand.

The representations state that the 'of Britain' is used by the party to distinguish the party from communist parties in other countries. A google search for 'Communist Party' returns results for the Chinese Communist Party and Communist Party of Soviet Union before results for Communist Party of Britain.⁶ I believe that the existence of communist parties in other countries only emphasises the role that 'of Britain' plays in allowing an elector to identify the party.

Insofar as 'Communist Party' may refer to existing parties in other countries, an elector may consider that 'Welsh Communist Party' or 'Scottish Communist Party' refer to separate organisations.

Moreover, 'Communist Party of Britain' was formed after a split between groups in the previously existing 'Communist Party of Great Britain'. Although there is a reasonable argument to be made that Communist Party of Britain is the natural successor to Communist Party of Great Britain, the existence of multiple Communist groups would indicate that no one groups can have automatic claim to the identifier 'Communist Party'. This has further been demonstrated by the existence of multiple 'communist' parties on the register.

For the reasons outlined above, I believe that an elector may find it difficult to identify Communist Party of Britain by 'Communist Party' alone. Therefore, I am of the view that the minded-to decision should stand.

- 15 February 2021

Final decision regarding representations:

11/03/21 – LE – I agree that the issue is not one of confusion or comparisons to other parties but whether a voter is more likely than not to be able to identify this party on a ballot paper from its descriptions. The party has made representations to say that a voter would be able to identify the party, because historically the party has always called itself the "[geographical area] Communist Party". I'm sure this is the case, but it doesn't address the context of the ballot paper which is at question in this review. I am not persuaded by the representations that the descriptions identify this party for the average voter. My decision is therefore to remove the descriptions.

⁶ https://www.google.com/search?q=communist+party&rlz=1C1CHBF_en-GBGB863GB863&oq=communist+party&aqs=chrome.0.69i59j0l5j69i60l2.4489j0j3&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

Parties with descriptions considered under description review

Party	Register
A Better Way to Govern	Great Britain
Abolish The Welsh Assembly Party	Great Britain
All People's Party	Great Britain
Alliance - Alliance Party of Northern Ireland	Northern Ireland
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	Great Britain
Alliance for Europe	Great Britain
Alliance For Green Socialism	Great Britain
Alliance for London	Great Britain
Animal Welfare Party	Northern Ireland
Animal Welfare Party	Great Britain
Arts Party	Great Britain
Ashtead Independents	Great Britain
Atomist	Great Britain
BollingtonFirst	Great Britain
Britannica	Great Britain
British Democratic Party	Great Britain
British Independents	Great Britain
British National Party	Great Britain
British Resistance	Great Britain
British Union & Sovereignty Party	Great Britain
Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents (CANDI)	Great Britain
Christian Democratic Party	Great Britain
Christian Party "Proclaiming Christ's Lordship"	Great Britain
Christian Peoples Alliance	Great Britain
Church of the Militant Elvis	Great Britain
Citizens Action Party	Great Britain
Citizens Independent Social Thought Alliance	Northern Ireland
Common Good	Great Britain
Common Sense Party	Great Britain
Communist League Election Campaign	Great Britain

Communist Party of Britain	Great Britain
Concordia	Great Britain
Conservative and Unionist Party	Northern Ireland
Conservative and Unionist Party	Great Britain
Co-operative Party	Great Britain
Cross-Community Labour Alternative	Northern Ireland
Cymru Sovereign	Great Britain
Direct Democracy (Communist) Party	Great Britain
East Cleveland Independent	Great Britain
East Devon Alliance	Great Britain
East Wycombe Independent Party	Great Britain
Engage	Great Britain
English Futures Party	Great Britain
English Independence	Great Britain
Equal and Just Society	Great Britain
Esher Residents Association	Great Britain
Eston Independent Party	Great Britain
Farnham Residents	Great Britain
Federalist Party of the United Kingdom	Great Britain
Formby Residents Action Group	Great Britain
Green Party	Great Britain
Green Party	Northern Ireland
Guildford Greenbelt Group	Great Britain
Hartlepool Independents - Putting Hartlepool First	Great Britain
Hersham Village Society	Great Britain
Hinchley Wood Residents Association	Great Britain
Hong Kong Independence Party	Great Britain
Hornchurch Residents Association	Great Britain
Ideal Bradford	Minor Party
Independent Kidderminster Hospital and Health Concern	Great Britain
Independent Loughton Residents Association	Great Britain
Independent Network	Northern Ireland
Independent Network	Great Britain

Independents @ Swansea	Great Britain
Independents of North Yorkshire	Great Britain
Interactive Democracy	Great Britain
Irish Republican Socialist Party	Northern Ireland
iXDemocracy	Great Britain
Justice For Men & Boys	Great Britain
Labour Party	Great Britain
Left Unity	Great Britain
Lewisham People Before Profit	Great Britain
Liberal Democrats	Great Britain
Libertarian Party	Great Britain
Libertarian Party	Northern Ireland
Life	Great Britain
Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First	Great Britain
Link Party	Great Britain
Mansfield Independent Forum	Great Britain
Marylebone Residents	Great Britain
Matriarchal Party United Kingdom Great Britain	Great Britain
Mexborough First	Great Britain
Morecambe Bay Independents	Great Britain
Motorcycle Alliance	Great Britain
Movement for Active Democracy (M.A.D.)	Great Britain
National Flood Prevention Party	Great Britain
National Health Action Party	Great Britain
National Liberal Party - True Liberalism	Great Britain
Newcastle upon Tyne Community First Party	Great Britain
Newclear Outline (NO)	Great Britain
Nork Residents' Association	Great Britain
Northampton - Save Our Public Services	Great Britain
Official Monster Raving Loony Party	Great Britain
Old Swan Against the Cuts	Great Britain
Our West Lancashire	Great Britain
Patria	Great Britain

People Before Profit Alliance	Northern Ireland
Pirate Party UK	Great Britain
Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales	Great Britain
Populist Party	Great Britain
Rainham Resident's Association	Great Britain
Rebooting Democracy	Great Britain
Residents Associations of Epsom and Ewell	Great Britain
Restoration Party	Great Britain
Restoration Party	Northern Ireland
Revolutionary Communist Party Britain (Marxist-Leninist)	Great Britain
RISE - Respect, Independence, Socialism and Environmentalism	Great Britain
Scottish Democratic Alliance	Great Britain
Scottish Green Party	Great Britain
Scottish Libertarian Party	Great Britain
Scottish National Party (SNP)	Great Britain
Scottish Socialist Party	Great Britain
Scottish Unionist Party	Great Britain
Selston Parish Independents	Great Britain
Socialist Alternative	Great Britain
Socialist Equality Party	Great Britain
Socialist Labour Party	Great Britain
Solidarity - Scotland's Socialist Movement	Great Britain
Solihull and Meriden Residents Association	Great Britain
South Belfast Unionists	Northern Ireland
South Woodham Ferrers Independents	Great Britain
Southampton Independents	Great Britain
Space Navies Party	Great Britain
St. Neots Independent Group	Great Britain
Stone Independents	Minor Party
Sutton Residents' Party	Minor Party
Temple and Farringdon Together	Great Britain
Thames Ditton / Weston Green Residents' Association	Great Britain
The Borders Party	Great Britain

The Common Boards	Con at Britain
The Common People	Great Britain
The Cynon Valley Party	Great Britain
The Democratic Party	Great Britain
The Eccentric Party of Great Britain	Great Britain
The Entertainment Party	Great Britain
The Internet Party	Great Britain
The Liberal Party	Great Britain
The Local Party	Great Britain
The Moderate Group	Great Britain
The Molesey Residents Association	Great Britain
The North East Party	Great Britain
The Party for Poole People Ltd.	Great Britain
The Protest Party	Great Britain
The Radical Party	Great Britain
The Realists' Party	Great Britain
The Republican Socialist Party	Great Britain
The Socialist Party of Great Britain	Great Britain
The U(niversal) Party	Great Britain
The Whig Party	Great Britain
The Yorkshire Party	Great Britain
Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	Great Britain
Transhumanist Party	Great Britain
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	Great Britain
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	Northern Ireland
UK Meritocracy Party	Great Britain
UK Workers Equality & Fairtrade Party	Great Britain
Ulster Unionist Party	Northern Ireland
United Kingdom Unionist Party	Great Britain
Vapers in Power	Great Britain
Vote Roehampton	Great Britain
Vox Pop	Great Britain
Welwyn Garden City Party	Great Britain
West Dunbartonshire Community Party	Great Britain

West Suffolk Independents	Great Britain
Whitwell Resident's Association	Great Britain
Wigan Independents	Great Britain
Women's Equality Party	Great Britain
Young People's Party YPP	Great Britain
Yourvoice	Great Britain
Zero Tolerance Policing ex Chief	Great Britain

Descriptions removed under description review

Party	Description removed
Alliance - Alliance Party of Northern Ireland	Liberal Alliance Party
Animal Welfare Party	For People, Animals and the Environment
Animal Welfare Party	For People, Animals and the Environment
Citizens Independent Social Thought Alliance	A Post Peace Process Political Party
Conservative and Unionist Party	Ulster Conservatives and Unionists - New Force
Cross-Community Labour Alternative	For a New Kind of Politics
Cross-Community Labour Alternative	Unite against austerity, discrimination &
Cross-Community Labour Alternative	End austerity, fracking, discrimination &
Cross-Community Labour Alternative	Unite for worker's rights and equality
Cross-Community Labour Alternative	Uniting communities for real change
Cross-Community Labour Alternative	Time for a political revolution
Cross-Community Labour Alternative	Cross-Community Left Alternative
Cross-Community Labour Alternative	Cross-Community Socialist Alternative
Cross-Community Labour Alternative	East Belfast Labour Alternative
Cross-Community Labour Alternative	East Belfast Left Alternative
Cross-Community Labour Alternative	South Belfast Labour Alternative
Cross-Community Labour Alternative	South Belfast Left Alternative
Green Party	Ecology Party / Plaid Ecoleg (tr)
Green Party	Comhaontas Glas / Green Alliance (tr)
Green Party	European Green Party / Pairti Glas Eorpach (tr)
Green Party	An Comhaontas Glas / The Green Alliance (tr)
Green Party	Ecology Party / Pairti Eiceolatochta (tr)

Green Party	The Ecology Party / An Pairti Eiceolatochta (tr)
Green Party	Environmental Party / Pairti Chomhshaoil (tr)
Green Party	The Environmental Party / An Pairti Chomhshaoil
Independent Network	Association of Irish Independents
Independent Network	The Association of English Local Independents
Irish Republican Socialist Party	For National Liberation & Socialism
Irish Republican Socialist Party	For a Workers Republic
Irish Republican Socialist Party	For a Socialist Republic
Irish Republican Socialist Party	From Connolly to Costello
Irish Republican Socialist Party	For a 32 County Socialist Republic
Restoration Party	We will fix Britain
Restoration Party	We will fix Britain
South Belfast Unionists	First for South Belfast
South Belfast Unionists	Putting South Belfast First!
South Belfast Unionists	It's Made for You!
South Belfast Unionists	Putting Balmoral First!
South Belfast Unionists	Putting Botanic First!
South Belfast Unionists	Putting Lisnasharragh First!
South Belfast Unionists	The Heart of South Belfast
South Belfast Unionists	The Local Party for Local People
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	Say no to European Union
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	UK Independence Party (UKIP)
Ulster Unionist Party	Ulster Conservatives and Unionists - New Force
Ulster Unionist Party	Doing what's right for Northern Ireland
A Better Way to Govern	A Better Way to Avoid Corruption
A Better Way to Govern	A Better Way to Business Equity
A Better Way to Govern	A Better Way to Defend Britain
A Better Way to Govern	A Better Way to Delivery Justice
A Better Way to Govern	A Better Way to Elderly Care
A Better Way to Govern	A Better Way to Environmental Economics
A Better Way to Govern	A Better Way to Future Prosperity
A Better Way to Govern	A Better Way to House Britain
A Better Way to Govern	A Better Way to Regulate Banking

A Better Way to Govern	A Better Way to Reward Efforts
A Better Way to Govern	A Better Way to Secure Democracy
A Better Way to Govern	A Better Way to Universal Education
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	We Believe in People
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	London's Voice in Europe's Leading Party
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	Europe's Leading City Europe's Leading Party
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	Alliance for Britain's 4 Freedoms Future
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	Stop Brexit
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	No Brexit
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	Remain in Europe
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	Remain
Alliance EPP: European People's Party UK	Your hope: Europe
Alliance for Europe	Globalisation not isolation
Alliance For Green Socialism	Environmental Socialists
Alliance For Green Socialism	Socialism & Environment
Alliance For Green Socialism	Left & Environment
Alliance For Green Socialism	Ecological Socialists
Alliance For Green Socialism	Left Green Alliance
Alliance For Green Socialism	Socialism & Planet
Alliance For Green Socialism	No Bedroom Tax
Alliance For Green Socialism	No Bedroom Tax, Build Council Houses
Alliance for London	London: fair opportunity for all
Alliance for London	Londoners deciding London's future
Alliance for London	London: open for opportunity for all
Alliance for London	Londoners allied with the World
Alliance for London	Let's all be stronger together
Ashtead Independents	Ashtead Independents
Atomist	Making life simple
British Democratic Party	British Democratic Party / Plaid Democrataidd
British Independents	British Independents
British Independents	The Brits
British Independents	Derbyshire Independents
British National Party	British Jobs for British Workers

British National Party	Fighting Unsustainable Housing Because We Care
British National Party	Because we can make Britain Better
British National Party	With Adam Walker
British National Party	Because we can make Scotland Better
British National Party	Because we can make Wales better
British National Party	Because the English have rights too
British National Party	At the heart of our community
British Resistance	Defending British values, culture and heritage
British Union & Sovereignty Party	No More Devolution, No More Referendums
British Union & Sovereignty Party	No Referendum, Maintain Union, Pro-Brexit
British Union & Sovereignty Party	No Referendum, Maintain Union, Leave EU
British Union & Sovereignty Party	Union, Constitution, Industry, Sovereignty
Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents	East Midlands Independents
Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents	Bolsover Independents
Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents	North Midlands Independents
Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents	Staveley Independent Party
Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents	Peak Independents
Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents	Whittington & Staveley Independents
Chesterfield And North Derbyshire Independents	Shirebrook Independents
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Church of the Militant Elvis	Elvis Turns Green Party
Church of the Militant Elvis	Elvis Loves Pets Party
Church of the Militant Elvis	Elvis Loves Plebs Party
Common Good	In: peace and prosperity throughout Europe
Common Good	A peaceful prosperous Europe including Britain
Common Good	Working for a peaceful prosperous Europe
Common Good	Together for a peaceful prosperous Europe
Common Good	Europe Needs Us
Common Good	Stop commercial banks owning Britain's money
Common Sense Party	Take Politics Out of the NHS
Common Sense Party	Take Politics out of Schools
Common Sense Party	Halve the number of MPs
Communist Party of Britain	Welsh Communist Party / Y Blaid Gomiwnyddol
Communist Party of Britain	The Communist Party / Y Blaid Gomiwnyddol (tr)
Communist Party of Britain	Communist Party / Y Blaid Gomiwnyddol (tr)
Communist Party of Britain	Scottish Communist Party
Communist Party of Britain	Communist / Comiwnydd (tr)
Communist Party of Britain	The Communist Party Candidate / Ymgeisydd y
Communist Party of Britain	Communist Party Scotland
Communist Party of Britain	Wales Communist Party / Plaid Gomiwnyddol
Communist Party of Britain	Your local Communist candidate / Eich ymgeisydd
Cymru Sovereign	Not Anti Anyone, Just Pro Wales / Yn Erbyn Neb,
Cymru Sovereign	You Are Sovereign, We Are Sovereign / Ry'ch chi'n
Cymru Sovereign	Welsh Sovereignty From Westminster And Europe
Direct Democracy (Communist) Party	Production, distribution, communication - owned in
Direct Democracy (Communist) Party	Fully automated-continuous production,
Direct Democracy (Communist) Party	Party of proletarians - of communists
Direct Democracy (Communist) Party	Defeat the bourgeoisie - present day barbarians
Direct Democracy (Communist) Party	Make machines slave to men
Direct Democracy (Communist) Party	Achieve abundance - get rid of money
Direct Democracy (Communist) Party	Party of Stalin - of building communism
Direct Democracy (Communist) Party	Party of World Proletarians - World Communists
Direct Democracy (Communist) Party	Party of Direct Democracy - of abundance

East Cleveland Independent	Redcar and Cleveland Independent
East Cleveland Independent	Saltburn Independent
East Cleveland Independent	Saltburn By The Sea Independent
East Cleveland Independent	Guisborough Independent
East Cleveland Independent	East Cleveland And Guisborough Independent
East Cleveland Independent	Guisborough And Hutton Independent
East Cleveland Independent	Loftus Independent
East Cleveland Independent	Loftus Ward Independent
East Cleveland Independent	Lingdale Independent
East Cleveland Independent	Marske Independent
East Cleveland Independent	Marske By The Sea Independent
East Cleveland Independent	Boosbeck Independent
Farnham Residents	Striving together for governance with integrity
Farnham Residents	Protecting the environment from unmitigated
Farnham Residents	Independent minds offering solutions and progress
Federalist Party of the United Kingdom	Federalists
Federalist Party of the United Kingdom	British Federalists
Federalist Party of the United Kingdom Formby Residents Action Group	British Federalists Standing up for Formby Residents
Formby Residents Action Group	Standing up for Formby Residents
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Interactive Democracy	Interactive Social International
Interactive Democracy	Ongoing Interactive Open Real Time Democracy
Interactive Democracy	Interactive Democracy
Interactive Democracy	Open System Government
iXDemocracy	Create, elect and control your politicians / Creu,
Justice For Men & Boys	(and the women who love them)
Labour Party	Choose kids, not cuts
Left Unity	fighting racism and war
Left Unity	build hospitals and schools
Left Unity	for equality and no to discrimination
Left Unity	Left Party
Left Unity	Free and inclusive education for All
Left Unity	socialist, feminist, environmentalist
Left Unity	jobs not bombs
Left Unity	Doing politics differently
Left Unity	for a socialist Europe
Lewisham People Before Profit	Lewisham People Before Profit
Lewisham People Before Profit	People Before Profit - Save Lewisham Hospital
Lewisham People Before Profit	People Before Profit - No Housing Sell-offs
Lewisham People Before Profit	People Before Profit
Lewisham People Before Profit Lewisham People Before Profit	People Before Profit - Save London NHS
Lewisham People Before Profit	People Before Profit - Save London NHS
Lewisham People Before Profit Lewisham People Before Profit	People Before Profit - Save London NHS People Before Profit - No Rent Rise
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Life	Wellfair, Paid Fair.
Life	Common Sense. Common Purpose.
Life	Sustainable Prosperity for All
Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First	Lincolnshire Independents
Link Party	Yellow Sun & Green Grass
Matriarchal Party United Kingdom Great Britain	Matriarchal Party United Kingdom Great Britain
Matriarchal Party United Kingdom Great Britain	Lawfulness, Trustworthiness, and Transparency
Matriarchal Party United Kingdom Great Britain	Lawful, Trust, Transparent
Matriarchal Party United Kingdom Great Britain	Seeing through to the truth
Matriarchal Party United Kingdom Great Britain	Seeing eyes, the most powerful instrument
Mexborough First	Working for Mexborough, the forgotten town.
Mexborough First	The Forgotten Town
Morecambe Bay Independents	Independence 4 Morecambe
Morecambe Bay Independents	Heysham Independents
Morecambe Bay Independents	Bare Independents
Morecambe Bay Independents	Torrisholme Independents
Morecambe Bay Independents	Westgate Independents
Morecambe Bay Independents	Poulton Independents
Morecambe Bay Independents	Harbour Independents
Morecambe Bay Independents	Carnforth Independents
Morecambe Bay Independents	Lancaster Independents
Morecambe Bay Independents	Bolton-Le-Sands Independents
Morecambe Bay Independents	Morecambe Independents
Movement for Active Democracy (M.A.D.)	Empowering you to shape your world
Movement for Active Democracy (M.A.D.)	Empowering people to save our planet
Movement for Active Democracy (M.A.D.)	Empowering people to control the government
Movement for Active Democracy (M.A.D.)	Taking control of our own destiny
Movement for Active Democracy (M.A.D.)	Vote for yourself, end this anarchy
Movement for Active Democracy (M.A.D.)	End this anarchy, vote for yourself
Movement for Active Democracy (M.A.D.)	Empowering you to end this anarchy
Movement for Active Democracy (M.A.D.)	Elections are farcical, end this nonsense
National Flood Prevention Party	Common sense flood defence
National Flood Prevention Party	National Flood Prevention Party

National Flood Prevention Party	Common sense coastal defence
National Flood Prevention Party	Putting people and property first
National Flood Prevention Party	Fair treatment for flood victims
National Flood Prevention Party	Seeking fair and affordable insurance
National Flood Prevention Party	Exposing flooding myths
National Flood Prevention Party	Reducing the probability of flooding
National Flood Prevention Party	Supporting flood defence investment
National Flood Prevention Party	Putting flood defence first
National Flood Prevention Party	Exposing authorities shirking their responsibilities
National Health Action Party	Patients not profits in our NHS
National Health Action Party	Patients not Profits
Northampton - Save Our Public Services	Northampton - Save our Public Services
Northampton - Save Our Public Services	Northampton - Save our NHS
Northampton - Save Our Public Services	Campaign for Public Services
Official Monster Raving Loony Party	The Screaming Lord Sutch Party
Official Monster Raving Loony Party	The Rock n' Roll Loony Party
Official Monster Raving Loony Party	The Loony Party
Official Monster Raving Loony Party	The New Loony Party
Official Monster Raving Loony Party	The Raving Loony Party
Official Monster Raving Loony Party	Monster Loony Party
Official Monster Raving Loony Party	The Independent Loony Party
Official Monster Raving Loony Party	The Official Loony Party
Official Monster Raving Loony Party	The Official Loony Independence Party
Old Swan Against the Cuts	No Austerity
Old Swan Against the Cuts	End Austerity
Our West Lancashire	Putting residents first and foremost
Patria	We Dare
Patria	Our People First and Always
Patria	Defend the Nation
_ Patria	Land and People
Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales	Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales
Populist Party	Populist Movement
Populist Party	Populists For National Revival

Populist Party	Scottish Patriots' Party
Populist Party	Populist Alliance
Populist Party	Localist (Populist Party)
Populist Party	Protectionist (Populist Party)
Populist Party	Patriots' Party
Populist Party	Advance England
Populist Party	Populist Action - New Dawn for Freedom
Rebooting Democracy	Removing the politicians
Residents Associations of Epsom and Ewell	Woodcote (Epsom) Residents Society
Residents Associations of Epsom and Ewell	Nonsuch Residents' Association Candidate
Residents Associations of Epsom and Ewell	Nonsuch Independent Residents' Association
Residents Associations of Epsom and Ewell	College Ward Residents Association Candidate
Residents Associations of Epsom and Ewell	Town Ward Residents' Association Candidate
Residents Associations of Epsom and Ewell	Ewell Village Residents Association Candidate
Revolutionary Communist Party Britain (Marxist-	Fight for an anti-war government
Scottish Democratic Alliance	The Real Independence Party
Scottish Democratic Alliance	The Flat Tax System Party
Scottish Democratic Alliance	The Low Sales Tax Party
Scottish Democratic Alliance	Cut Bureaucracy to Promote More Jobs
Scottish Democratic Alliance	Scottish Taxes for Scottish Jobs
Scottish Democratic Alliance	Lower Taxes for Economic Growth
Scottish Democratic Alliance	The Competence Before Age Party
Scottish Democratic Alliance	Competency Standards for Election Candidates
Scottish Democratic Alliance	The Other Independence Party
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Scottish Green Party	Elect Mark Ruskell as Green MSP
Scottish Libertarian Party	Free Speech, Free Markets, Free People
Scottish National Party (SNP)	Giving Scotland a Voice in Europe
Scottish National Party (SNP)	Scotland's Team in Europe
Scottish National Party (SNP)	Strong Voice for Scotland in Europe
Scottish National Party (SNP)	Nicola Sturgeon for First Minister
Scottish National Party (SNP)	Nicola for First Minister
Scottish Socialist Party	Fight the cuts
Scottish Socialist Party	Scrap council tax
Scottish Socialist Party	Free school meals
Scottish Socialist Party	Stop the war
Scottish Socialist Party	Independent Socialist Scotland
Scottish Socialist Party	Citizens not subjects
Scottish Unionist Party	Proud Scottish Unionists
Scottish Unionist Party	The Only Scottish Unionist Party
Scottish Unionist Party	The Only Scottish and Unionist Party
Scottish Unionist Party	Proud to Be Scottish and British
Scottish Unionist Party	Proudly Scottish and British
Scottish Unionist Party	Scottish Unionist
Scottish Unionist Party	Proudly Scottish, Proudly British
Socialist Equality Party	British Section of the Fourth International
Socialist Equality Party	International Committee of the Fourth International
Socialist Equality Party	Your future, your fight!
Socialist Equality Party	Join the fight for social equality!
Socialist Equality Party	For socialism. Against austerity and war.
Socialist Labour Party	(Leader Arthur Scargill)
Solidarity - Scotland's Socialist Movement	Tommy Sheridan - Solidarity - Hope Over Fear
Solidarity - Scotland's Socialist Movement	Tommy Sheridan - IndyRef2
Solidarity - Scotland's Socialist Movement	Hope Over Fear
Solihull and Meriden Residents Association	Solihull Independent Party
Solihull and Meriden Residents Association	Independent Dickens Heath Residents Action
Solihull and Meriden Residents Association	Independent Solihull Ratepayers Association
Solihull and Meriden Residents Association	Solihull Ratepayers Association Protecting Local

Solihull and Meriden Residents Association	Independent Blythe Ward Residents Association
Solihull and Meriden Residents Association	Independent Shirley Residents Association
Space Navies Party	We Want The Future Now
Space Navies Party	Vote For The Future
Space Navies Party	Equality and Prosperity For All
Space Navies Party	Peace and Prosperity For All
Space Navies Party	Vote To Save The World
Space Navies Party	Vote For Freedom
Space Navies Party	We Are The Future
Space Navies Party	We Want You To Live
Space Navies Party	We Want Everyone To Be Rich
St. Neots Independent Group	Putting St Neots Residents First
St. Neots Independent Group	Thinking Independently, Vote Independent
St. Neots Independent Group	Your Village my Priority
St. Neots Independent Group	Your Community my priority
St. Neots Independent Group	Our community my Priority
Stone Independents	Working for Stone
Stone Independents	Independent minded individuals working for stone
Stone Independents	Local residents working for Stone
Temple and Farringdon Together	Working in and for the Ward
Temple and Farringdon Together	Barristers, Butchers, and Barts
Thames Ditton / Weston Green Residents'	Thames Ditton/Weston Green Residents'
Thames Ditton / Weston Green Residents'	The Dittons Residents' Association
Thames Ditton / Weston Green Residents'	The Dittons Residents
The Common People	The Vulgar Party
The Democratic Party	Democracy for England
The Democratic Party	Independence from Britain
The Entertainment Party	The Entertainment Party
The Local Party	Representing Local People in Local Government /
The Moderate Group	The Moderate Independent Group
The Moderate Group	Moderate
The Moderate Group	The Moderate Candidate
The Moderate Group	An Associate of the Moderate Network

The Moderate Group	Moderates
The North East Party	Standing Up For North East England
The Protest Party	Make your Protest vote count
The Protest Party	A positive Protest vote
The Protest Party	Protest for a better government
The Realists' Party	Guides you to your goal
The Republican Socialist Party	For Democracy and Social Ownership
The Republican Socialist Party	For a Peoples Republic
The Socialist Party of Great Britain	World Socialist Party (UK)
The Socialist Party of Great Britain	World Socialist Party (EU)
The Socialist Party of Great Britain	World Socialist Movement
The Whig Party	The modern successors to the Whigs
The Whig Party	The buff and blues
Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition
Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	Preston Independent Socialists Against the Cuts
Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	Scottish Anti-Cuts Coalition
Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	Leicester Independent Councillors Against Cuts
Transhumanist Party	Positive social change through technology
Transhumanist Party	None deserted
Transhumanist Party	Overcoming limitation
UK Meritocracy Party	Equal Opportunity for Every Child
UK Meritocracy Party	Bringing Out the Best
Vote Roehampton	Vote Roehampton
Vote Roehampton	We'll Do Right By Roehampton
Vote Roehampton	No more parachuted-in party puppets
Welwyn Garden City Party	Our Town Deserves Better
West Suffolk Independents	Forest Heath Independent
West Suffolk Independents	Independent of West Suffolk
West Suffolk Independents	Independent (West Suffolk)
Women's Equality Party	Because equality is better for everyone.
Women's Equality Party	Fair societies flourish
Young People's Party YPP	Young People's Party YPP
Yourvoice	a better democracy

Yourvoice	no policies just your voice!
Zero Tolerance Policing ex Chief	Zero Tolerance Policing for Criminals

Descriptions minded-to remove and kept after consideration of representations

Party	Description considered
Christian Party "Proclaiming Christ's Lordship"	The Christian Party
Christian Party "Proclaiming Christ's Lordship"	Scottish Christian Party
Christian Party "Proclaiming Christ's Lordship"	Welsh Christian Party / Plaid Gristnogol Cymru (tr)
Independent Kidderminster Hospital and Health Concern	Independent Health Concern
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Liberal Democrats	Focus Team / Tîm Ffocws (tr)
Mexborough First	Put Mexborough First the Forgotten Town
Mexborough First	Always putting Mexborough First
National Liberal Party - True Liberalism	National Liberal Party - Independence For Ulster
National Liberal Party - True Liberalism	National Liberal Party - Liberty, Independence,
National Liberal Party - True Liberalism	National Liberal Party - Land, People, Environment
National Liberal Party - True Liberalism	National Liberal Party - The Radical Centre
National Liberal Party - True Liberalism	National Liberal Party (Cuffley Courier Team)
National Liberal Party - True Liberalism	National Liberal Party (Harold Voice Team)
National Liberal Party - True Liberalism	National Liberal Party (Elm Park Voice)
National Liberal Party - True Liberalism	National Liberal Party (Local Voice Team)
National Liberal Party - True Liberalism	National Liberal Party - No To Overdevelopment
National Liberal Party - True Liberalism	National Liberal Party - Self-determination for all!
National Liberal Party - True Liberalism	National Liberal Party Ulster Third Way