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Sent via email: [redacted]

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Dear [redacted],

Internal review of FOI request FOI 122-21

Thank you for your email to FOI@electoralcommssion.org.uk of 21 November 2021 seeking an internal review of your request for information, reference number **FOI 122-21**.

In seeking an internal review you made the following comments:

Specifically, under section 38 and section 24, could the public interest test please be reviewed?

However I accept the exemptions under section 40 so there is no need to review them.

Outcome of internal review:

I have reviewed the information to which the section 38 and section 24 exemptions were applied and considered the application of the public interest test to those exemptions.

The Commission is committed to the general public interest of disclosing information wherever it is possible to do so, to support the transparency of democratic processes. However in this case I have reviewed the reasons for not disclosing the information requested and I agree that the public interest lies in maintaining these exemptions.

I am therefore upholding the application of the public interest test and the decision to withhold the information.

I have completed this review because I am a member of the Electoral Commission's management team and I was not previously involved in the original response to your request.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. For further details about the appeal procedure please visit www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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