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Subject: FOI 174-23 - Response
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Dear [redacted],

Our Ref: FOI-174-23

Thank you for Freedom of Information request dated 25 November 2023 and received by the Commission on 27 November.

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

Your request is shown below followed by our response.

1. The internal process documentation pertaining to the registration of political parties, including all relevant forms.

2. All comments & the analysis of all comments specific to our Party [Homeland Party]*, for both applications.*

3. The analysis of social media or any other publicly available information regarding our Party [Homeland Party]*, for both applications.*

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested and are disclosing some of this information.

For ease of reference, we have addressed each part of your request in turn.

1. The internal process documentation pertaining to the registration of political parties, including all relevant forms.

Process documentation
Please find attached process documentation pertaining to the registration of political parties. This includes the Electoral Commission's party registration assessment template form, and an internal document outlining the process for registration of parties.

Forms relevant to the registration process
We have not included the other forms relevant to the registration of political parties, as we consider that the following exemption applies.

Exemption: Section 21 – Information accessible to the applicant by other means
Section 21 of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 exempts from disclosure information which is reasonably accessible to the requestor by other means. All application forms relating to the registration of political parties can be accessed through this page of our website and are therefore exempt from disclosure under this request.

2. All comments & the analysis of all comments specific to our Party [Homeland Party]*, for both applications.*
3. The analysis of social media or any other publicly available information regarding our Party [Homeland Party]*, for both applications.*

We hold documentation and correspondence that are covered by the scope of the request. We are releasing some information relating to this party in our response.

Application to register Homeland Party, submitted 08 May 2023
We have disclosed the assessment of the application to register Homeland Party, that was submitted on 08 May 2023, with a decision taken on 10 August 2023 to reject the application. This assessment contains analysis of social media, other publicly available information, and public comments regarding the registration of Homeland Party.

The assessment has been released in full, except for information redacted on the basis of the following exemptions.

Exemption: Section 40(2) - personal information
You will notice that certain personal details have been redacted from the documents we are releasing. Section 40(2) of the FOI Act provides for an exemption where the information requested constitutes personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA), and where release of the information requested would breach one of the data protection principles. Some of the information contained in the requested information falls within the description of personal data as defined by the DPA because the information relates directly to an identifiable living individual. This includes names and contact details of individuals in some instances. The individuals in some cases are junior staff members and they would not reasonably expect their information to be released.

Exemption: section 42(1) – legal professional privilege
We have redacted and withheld some of the information relating to this request under section 42(1) of the FOI Act. Section 42 provides an exemption for information that is protected by Legal Professional Privilege (LPP). This exemption protects communications between lawyers and their clients for the purpose of obtaining legal advice, or documents created by or for lawyers for the purpose of litigation.

Public interest test
Application of the section 42(1) exemption is subject to the public interest test. There are a number of factors that must be weighed in the balance to consider whether the public interest in applying the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The factors we have considered are set out below.

The arguments considered in favour of disclosure
There is a general presumption in favour of disclosure and there is a general public interest in authorities being accountable for the quality of their decision-making. Ensuring that decisions have been made on the basis of good quality legal advice is part of that accountability. There is a legitimate public interest in our registration process and it's being transparent. Transparency in the decision-making process and access to the information upon which decisions have been made can enhance this accountability, as well as public understanding and involvement in the democratic process. It could also be seen that there is a public interest in some cases in knowing whether or not legal advice has been followed.

The arguments considered against disclosure
Section 42 reflects a strong public interest in the Electoral Commission being able to communicate freely and frankly with its legal advisers to provide and receive advice in confidence. Public authorities require high quality and comprehensive legal advice for the effective conduct of their business. The ability of the Electoral Commission to obtain confidential legal advice so it can take robust and legally sound registration decisions is in the public interest.

There is a very strong element of not disclosing in the public interest inbuilt into the concept of Legal Professional Privilege and this has long been recognised, by the Information Commissioner, the Information Tribunal and the courts, and it reflects the importance of legal advice being sought, and given, in confidence. Moreover, the legally privileged material relates to a relatively recent decision of the Commission. Disclosure of the material is not necessary in order to understand the Commission's registration decision in this instance.

Conclusion
After carefully considering the opposing public interest arguments in favour of engaging the exemption and in favour of releasing the information, there is, we believe, a strong and overriding public interest in maintaining the principle of legal professional privilege.

Internal exchange relating to public comment received 22 April 2023

We have not released this exchange in our response to this request, as we consider that the following exemption applies.

Exemption: Section 21 – Information accessible to the applicant by other means
This exchange has already been disclosed under FOI 156-23, the response to which is available here on our website.

Application to register Homeland Party, submitted 11 September 2023
We have not disclosed the assessment of the application to register Homeland Party, that was submitted 11 September 2023. This is because this is a live assessment, and as such, we consider information to be exempt on the following basis.

Exemption: Section 31(1)(g) – law enforcement
Section 31(1)(g) exempts from disclosure information that would or would be likely to prejudice the exercise of the Commission's functions under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA) for the purposes of ascertaining whether circumstances which would justify regulatory action in pursuance of any enactment, as provided by s31(2)(c) of the FOI Act.

The Commission administers a registration function, as set out by PPERA. The information you have requested is currently under consideration as to whether the party in question will be registered, or the application rejected. Disclosure of a document currently under consideration as part of our registration function would in our view be likely to prejudice the exercise of that function, which involves deciding between two regulatory actions in pursuance of the Political Parties Elections and Referendums Act 2000.

Public interest test

Application of the section 31 exemption is subject to the public interest test. There are a number of factors that must be weighed in the balance to consider whether the public interest in applying the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The factors we have considered are set out below.

Public interest factors in favour of disclosure

The Commission recognises that with regard to the disclosure of information generally, there should be a presumption in favour of disclosure. We also recognise that there is a general public interest in promoting transparency, accountability, public understanding and involvement in the democratic process. Flowing from that general public interest, there is a legitimate public interest in promoting public understanding of the decisions we make as a regulator.

The Commission aims to be robust and fair in its regulatory decisions. These are matters we acknowledge and take into account, including when deciding whether to disclose information, whilst ensuring proper regulation of party political funding. For that reason we have made public through our website that an application has been received, and made available the descriptions and emblems that the party seeks to register. We do this so that the public can provide comments and views on those specific parts of the application, because views on whether any of these are likely to cause confusion, one of the statutory tests, are relevant factors which we take into account.

We will also make public our decision on this application, and if it is registered, the party's registered details will be published. Although we do not publish constitutions or financial scheme we will likely, if asked, disclose the constitution, financial scheme or correspondence factored in decision making in relation to an application that is not currently under consideration.

Public interest factors in favour of applying the exemption

The public interest also lies in enabling the Commission to conduct its regulatory functions effectively and efficiently.

Disclosure of information (and the Commission discloses information on its website to the public, not just to the particular requester) under consideration may in our view lead to public debate and speculation unhelpful to the decision making process. It may also create confusion for the public as to whether the party is in fact registered or not.

Releasing information whilst we are making a decision could also create a precedent on the release of information or impair the Commission's ability to obtain information in the future, which in turn may adversely affect the Electoral Commission's proper functioning. There is also a risk that prospective parties will be less likely to seek to register if they believe documentation submitted for consideration or correspondence will be made public, and be discouraged from political activity.

Balance of the public interest

We consider that the balance of public interest in this case lies on the one hand in carrying out our regulatory functions in an open and transparent way, and in promoting public understanding of the decisions we make as a regulator; and on the other in our ability to conduct our regulatory work effectively and efficiently, in a way that gives the public clarity as to the status of an application.

We consider that the public interest in carrying out our regulatory functions in an open and transparent way, and in promoting public understanding of the decisions we make as a regulator was met in part by our publishing through our website that an application had been received, and made available the identity marks that the party seeks to register, and will be further met by the fact that we will also make public the outcome of our consideration.

We do not consider that disclosure of the assessment in this case would add to carrying out our regulatory functions in an open and transparent way, and in promoting public understanding of the decisions we make as a regulator.

Having carefully weighed the public interest relating to possible disclosure of the information requested under Section 31(1)(g) we are satisfied that it is not appropriate at this time to disclose some of the information which the Commission holds. The Commission is satisfied that maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

As noted above, we will likely disclose the exempted information relating to the party after a decision has been taken, if the information was requested under the FOI Act.

Public comments made on the party application

Public comments submitted in relation to the 11 September application to register Homeland Party fall within the scope of the request, but have not been disclosed in this response, as we consider that the following exemption applies.

Exemption: Section 21 – Information accessible to the applicant by other means

All public comments provided in relation to applications made by the party have already been disclosed under FOI 163-23, the response to which is available here on our website.

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

If you are not satisfied with this response, please note that the Commission operates a review procedure, details of which can be found on the Commission website at: 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/.

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REG06 Registration of Political Parties

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1. Roles and responsibilities

Executive Scheme of Delegation Approvals board	• Decision makers of registration applications
Registration Manager	• Part of the decision-making process • Decides on category of application
Senior Registration Advisor (SRA)	• Leads of assessed applications (LAA) and registration applications
Registration Advisor (RA)	• Case owners

2. Legislative and policy background

2.1 The Commission has a statutory obligation under Section 28 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act (PPERA), as amended by the Electoral Administration Act (EAA) 2006, to register a political party on the Great Britain and/or Northern Ireland register as long as an application meets the criteria under PPERA.

2.2 The Commission maintains two registers of political parties in accordance with the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA), as amended by the Electoral Administration Act (EAA) one for Great Britain (GB) and one for Northern Ireland (NI). Applicants can apply to register on one or both registers for different elections. Parties that want to register on the GB register must also select in which parts of GB they want to be registered to contest elections.

2.3 All personal data within applications are strictly private and confidential. Party information may be shared with internal stakeholders where appropriate.

3. Purpose and scope

3.1 This procedure outlines the process, roles and responsibilities relevant to the registration of political parties on the Great Britain and/or Northern Ireland registers. The purpose of this document is to ensure that the Commission has clear procedures on the registration of political parties to ensure that decisions are consistent and clearly documented, and that the decisions made are proper and resistant to challenge. Please also refer to (*PEF06 documents etc. to be added*)

4. Procedure

4.1 Received applications

4.1.1 Applications to register a political party on the Great Britain and/or Northern Ireland registers are received by post (*check process BST*), email or PEF online. All correspondence should be tracked through CCM.

4.1.2 The Lead for Assessed Applications (LAA) tracks all received applications on the team live registrations tracker. They add a KPI date and allocate the application to a case owner within the team. Consideration is given to whether a Welsh translation is needed and referral to the Welsh translation team is needed and completed at this stage. A check of the assets and liabilities declaration should also be made.

4.2 Checking and acknowledging applications

4.2.1 The case owner must check the application to make sure the required information has been received. Refer to REG06w for further information. (*To be added*)

4.2.2 The case owner will contact the applicant party acknowledging receipt of the application as soon as possible after initial checks.

4.2.3 If the application is missing any documentation/information, then the case owner will contact the party informing them that the application is incomplete and on hold. They will explain what the party needs to do to

correct the application and the timescales involved, as decided by the case owner. The relevant correspondence template must be used.

4.2.4 The case owner will set a deadline for missing information to be provided and this will be noted on the tracker.

4.2.5 If the application has no missing documentation the relevant acknowledgement is sent to the party, found in the templates.

4.2.6 When the missing information is received this is acknowledged and the form tracker updated. If the missing information is not received by the deadline, the case owner makes the decision whether to assess the application or not. Refer to the REG06w for further information. *Add relevant codes.*

4.2.7 If the required application fee has not been paid, the application may be closed without assessment.

4.2.8 If the case owner decides not to assess, they advise the party applicant the application has closed using the relevant template.

4.3 Assessment process

4.3.1 The case owner uses the assessment template to assess the application and makes recommendations to the decision makers, see work instruction REG06w.(*add doc*)

4.3.2 If more information is needed at this stage, the case owner will contact the party directly for this and update the tracker. *Add relevant code.*

4.3.3 When all the information is received the case owner will contact the publication lead for that week referring to this document. This can be done when all the information has been received but ***must*** be done prior to the completion of the assessment.

4.3.4 The case is then made ready for publication see publication work instruction (*to be created and added*)

4.3.5 If public comments are made following the publication on our website, these are added to the relevant section of the application assessment. If relevant public comments have been received on previous applications made by the same party, these should also be added to the relevant section.

4.3.6 The LAA sends a weekly summary of all finalised assessments to the decision maker for initial view. (Considerations need to be added to work instruction) *Add relevant code.*

4.3.7 The decision maker advises the LAA that initial views have been added and the LAA passes these to the approvals board using the relevant

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template and updates the tracker (*Add relevant code*) The LAA will also include a deadline for a response and any other considerations relevant for a decision to be made.

4.3.8 The LAA checks to ensure all comments have been received by approval board. They then send these to the decision maker for their final decision and the LAA is informed of the decision made.

4.3.9 The LAA informs the case owner a decision has been made and the case owner processes the decision – refer to QMS doc - and communicates this to the party using the templates.

4.3.10 The case owner updates the tracker (*refer to relevant code*)

5. [OPTIONAL] Associated documents

- Document
- Document

Procedure ends.

HOMELAND PARTY

APPLICATION TO REGISTER IN GB

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Decision and Approval Board comments

Applicant party name: Homeland Party

Application type: Application to register in GB

Relevant register: GB (England, Scotland, Wales)

Application details and recommendation	**Decision and Approval Board comments**
Constitution (**R**) Financial scheme (**R**) Proposed party name: Homeland Party (**A**)	**Initial view (please add initials and date):** LE – 30/07/23 Name I am minded to approve the name. Constitution The constitution creates a UA governed by a National Council of up to 14 officers, with a quorum of four. Other than as described in the constitution, the NC decides on the roles and responsibilities of all officers. o The role of the chair (leader) is set out. o The role of the treasurer is set out, and broadly correct in law. o The role of the nominating officer is set out but includes reference to “compliance with all aspects of elections legislation” which overlaps with duties of the treasurer – this needs the party to clarify the respective roles. No other officer roles are described in the constitution. While it would be best if these are added to the constitution as they are agreed by the NC, the constitution is not, in my view, deficient if they are not in it. The key roles from a compliance point of view are covered, albeit with the above-mentioned error. A particular issue identified in the constitution is whether there is evidence that the party structure and organisation is not as set out in the constitution. All party bank accounts are under the authority of the NC and the treasurer must be a signatory on each of them. There is no reference to any branch structure and the financial scheme states that the party does not have accounting units.

Application details and recommendation	Decision and Approval Board comments
	The party appears to have activists around the UK. Having activists is not necessarily an indicator that the party has any branch structures to organise them. Information available on the party's website does, however, indicate there is a branch structure in place in England, Wales and Scotland. o 'Activist' post from 25 April 2023 refers to "a Homeland activist from our North East Scotland branch". o 'Activist' post from 30 April 2023 about a demonstration in Cannock says "we were blessed with three speeches, two from our regional organisers, [XX] of Homeland Wales and [XX] of Homeland West Midlands…" This at the very least raises a doubt about whether the party's constitution sets out its structure and organisation accurately. Further, if the party has fully autonomous branches that are AUs, or even semi-autonomous branches that are not distinct from the central party, there is evidence in these posts to indicate that these entities are important in the way the party organises its activities and interacts with its activists. We would expect to see them reflected in the constitution and potentially, if AUs, in the financial scheme. On this basis I am minded to conclude that I cannot be satisfied that the constitution is compliant with PPERA. The assessment does not assess whether there are any Equality Act issues. Media reporting around the party states that it has far-right sympathies, with various individuals being associated with the party and with comments that are antisemitic, racist and homophobic. The issue for us, though, is whether there is compliance under electoral and equalities law. Beyond that, it is for voters to express their views on a registered political party's policies and beliefs via the ballot box. The party commits to adherence to non-discrimination in its constitution. It does not require members to take action to further any of the party's beliefs or the views of contributors to its website. Membership requirements are to be over 16, pay the fee and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and Privacy Statement. According to the party website, it is

Application details and recommendation	Decision and Approval Board comments
	optional to also be an activist (applicant members can choose 'no' to the statement 'I want to be an activist.' We, however, have a public comment claiming that in practice the party imposes additional membership requirements. There is no source or evidence for the allegation. Nonetheless it raises a question that we should, in my view, put to the party in order to ensure we have considered it properly. Financial scheme I am minded to refuse the financial scheme on the same issue with the evidence of a branch structure, and the incorrect financial year end. Assets and liabilities record I agree with the assessment that there are two issues with the ALR to be explored with the party. o Looking at photos on its social media sites, the party appears to have a significant number of member-activists. This suggests significant membership income. o Given the apparent omission of a branch structure from the constitution, it is possible that the party also omitted any assets and liabilities held by these branches from its application. As part of clarifying the position with branches, we can clarify this. **Approval Board comments (please add initials and date):** AON: 4/8/23 – I agree with the initial view. RT 04/08/23 – I agree with the initial view. NN 07.08.2023: I agree with the initial view TH 08.08.2023: I agree with the initial view. DA 8/8/23: I agree that there are a number of issues that need to be clarified with the party. The purpose and nature of its apparent 'branches' is one of those. Having branches, even if not autonomous, seems to me to be part of the structure of a party and should appear in the constitution, and probably the financial scheme. I agree that in the absence of any reference to branches in the constitution or financial scheme, and some evidence that either there are branches, or some people believe there are branches, we cannot

Application details and recommendation	Decision and Approval Board comments
	be confident of the position set out in the constitution and financial scheme. Even if there are not actually any formal branches, the fact that some people clearly believe there are is enough in my view to indicate that the structure of the party is unclear, possibly to its own activists. I would reject on that basis. I do not think there is enough evidence to suggest any branches may also be accounting units, but clarifying that point will be helpful. CH 09/08/23: I agree with the initial view. **Decision (please add initials and date):** LE – 10/08/23 – I am not satisfied that the constitution and financial scheme are compliant with PPERA and so I refuse the application. This is because there is evidence to indicate a branch structure exists and is important to the way the party is organised, whether or not these branches are full AUs. This should be reflected in the constitution and, if necessary, in the financial scheme. There is also a point to clarify on the officer roles. As the application is incomplete I am not required to consider other elements of it. However, to aid any reapplication I put below my views on these elements, based on the current register and assessment. - I would have approved the name. - I would have sought clarification on the membership requirements in practice, given the public comment about them, to seek reassurance that the party complies as necessary with equality law.

Recommendation of Registration Team member

1. In making my recommendations I have considered the requirements and statutory tests set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA).
2. I recommend that the Commission **reject** party's application.
3. My recommendations in relation to each aspect of the application are set out as follows:

Application	-	**A**	Meets the PPERA requirements.
Asset and liability declaration	-	*****	**Request the party clarify the record provided.**
Constitution	-	**R**	Not consistent with the scheme; Does not properly set out the structure and organisation of the party
Financial scheme	-	**R**	Does not properly record reporting deadlines; is not consistent with the constitution
Name	Homeland Party	**A**	Meets the PPERA requirements

[redacted]

30 May 2023

Registration Team member assessment

Applicant party information

Link to party accounts	Website, Twitter, Facebook, Telegram, Youtube, Odysee, TikTok

4. It is widely reported that the party is a group that split from Patriotic Alternative.[1] [2]
5. [redacted] proposed leader – former Patriotic Alternative officer.
6. [redacted] proposed treasurer – is reported as [redacted] and speculated as continuing [redacted] for Homeland Party. [3]
7. [redacted], proposed nominating officer – is reported as the [redacted] [4] [5]
   a. [redacted] The offence appears to be relatively minor.[6]
   b. The Ferret reports that in 2021, [redacted] as involved in 'racial nationalism' since 1991.
8. We have received public comments about the party indicating that the party and its officers/members have extreme right political beliefs. There are a number of media reports which make similar statements:
   a. Searchlight, 22 April 2023 – PA rebels form Homeland Party
   b. Novara Media, 24 April 2023 – Fascist Party Patriotic Alternative in Messy Break Up
   c. Red Flare, 24 April 2023 – Homeland: British fascism fractures
   d. The National, 24 April 2023 – Patriotic Alternative split results in 'dangerous' Homeland group
   e. Yahoo News, 24 April 2023 – New far-right party 'eyeing power' following split from Patriotic Alternative
   f. Daily Record, 27 April 2023 – Notorious far-right extremist in plan to register new neo-Nazi group as a political party
   g. Vice, 27 April 2023 – 'Dangerous': The UK's Most Powerful Fascist Group Has Just Split in Two

[1] https://www.thenational.scot/news/23477488.patriotic-alternative-split-results-dangerous-homeland-group/
[2] https://www.searchlightmagazine.com/2023/04/pa-rebels-form-homeland-party/
[3] https://redflare.info/Homeland_British_fascism_fractures-RF.pdf (page 8)
[4] https://redflare.info/Homeland_British_fascism_fractures-RF.pdf (page 7)
[5] https://hopenothate.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/patriotic-alternative-report-2021-11-v3.pdf
[6] https://theferret.scot/leader-far-right-patriotic-alternative-scotland-court-guilty-firearms-charges/

h. Red Flare, 28 April 2023 – Independent Council Candidate linked to Neo-Nazis

i. Hope Note Hate, 07 May 2023 – EXPOSED: The Sickening True Beliefs of Nazis behind the New "Homeland Party"

j. The Herald, 7 May 2023 – How UK far right extremists have been shattered by Scottish rebellion

k. Milton Keynes Citizen, 22 May 2023 – Right-wing 'English nationalist' loses discrimination case after being sacked by Open University in Milton Keynes over tweet to Star Wars actor

l. The Ferret, 30 May 2023 – White nationalist Homeland group applies to be political party

m. Coventry Live, 18 July 2023 – Fury as far right group protests outside hotel housing refugees – and warns more events will follow

Application history

Link to application docs	Application, Financial Scheme, Constitution	
Part of the register	GB (England, Scotland, Wales)	
Date first lodged	**Date considered complete**	**Date published for comment**
08 May 2023	08 May 2023	23 May 2023

9. On 22 April we received a public comment alerting us to an audio recording of the party's inaugural meeting. The recording has been reporting on my national media but has been made private via the uploader and we can no longer access it.

10. I have made some considerations of this audio on the basis of the media reporting and the notes made by the team prior to it being made private. Please see Appendix 2 for these details details.

11. From the information in the recording it appears that, where the party has originated from a split with another party, it has moved some structures over wholesale from Patriotic Alternative specifically in relation to branches. It also appears that these branches act as accounting units where they have their own bank accounts and act independently on finance.

12. There are questions as to the total amount of assets the party has declared as it may be that there are branch assets to be declared that have not been.

Consideration of the Welsh Language Measure

13. As a public body operating in Wales, we are required to carry out our functions in line with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards. We are required to treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English in performing our functions in Wales.

14. I have considered these requirements insofar as they relate to our assessment of this registration application, including the application of the statutory tests under Part II of PPERA.

15. To this end, as the party has applied to contest elections in Wales, I have sought Welsh translations of all proposed English identity marks (and vice versa), including text contained in emblems. I have considered those translations and their relevance to each of the relevant statutory tests.

Type	ID Mark – English Version	ID Mark – Welsh Version	Translators comments
Name	Homeland Party	Plaid y Famwlad	-

Application form

Link to application form	Application
Recommendation	**Approve**
Summary reason	Meets the PPERA requirements.

16. I **am** satisfied that the required fee has been provided.

17. I **am** satisfied that the party have provided the address of the headquarters, or that where they have provided a correspondence address, that there is no evidence that the party has a headquarters.

    a. The applied for HQ address is: [redacted]

    b. The party also runs a PO Box: [redacted]

    c. The second address is used by the party in its privacy policy for contact with its data protection officer and is listed on business cards with the party's contact details.

    d. Schedule 4(3)(1) requires the party to provide its headquarters address, or if the party has no HQ, an address to which communications can be sent.

[7] https://t.me/HomelandParty/65
[8] https://homelandparty.org/privacy-policy/

e. I have not found evidence of a headquarters address for the party. Although they appear to be using more than one correspondence address, this is not prevented by the legislation. [redacted]

18. I **am** satisfied that the party have applied to register the overall leader of the party, or where the party does not have an overall leader, the leader is registered for a particular purpose.
    a. 4.3 of the constitution states that the chair is registered as the leader of the party. I am satisfied that no other officer appears to have the role of leader and that the party has correctly applied this provision.
19. I **am not** aware of any convictions for electoral fraud within the last 5 years for the proposed treasurer, having conducted open source searches.
20. I **am** satisfied that the officer roles applied for are compliant with PPERA.
21. I **am** satisfied the party has provided home addresses for all responsible officers.
22. I **am** satisfied that the application has been properly authorised.
23. I **am** satisfied the party has applied for a financial year end that matches that applied for in their financial scheme.
    a. Please note that the financial year end is 5 April.

Constitution

Link to constitution	Constitution
Recommendation	**Reject**
Equality Act issue identified	**No**
Summary reason	Not consistent with the scheme; Does not properly set out the structure and organisation of the party

24. Paragraph 5(1)(a), Schedule 4 of PPERA prescribes that a party must submit with their application to be registered a copy of their constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA says that a constitution is the document or documents by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined. Accordingly, the constitution must set out sufficient detail to show the structure and organisation of the party.

25. In my view the constitution **does not** show the structure and organisation of the party.

Topics we expect a party to include in their constitution	**Where this is outlined in the constitution, or how this is met.**
Summary and recommendation.	26. There are a number of matters for rejection identified. a. **Not consistent with the scheme**: i. Does not set out the role of all officers of the party and we cannot determine that they are consistent with the scheme. This includes roles that the party has mentioned it has outside of the constitution. ii. The nominating officer is responsible for compliance with "election legislation", which is inconsistent with the role of the treasurer and the scheme. b. **Does not properly set out the structure and organisation of the party**: i. The constitution omits details of party structure and organisation that are named in its social media accounts and website. By omitting these structures, the constitution does not meet the definition of a constitution under s26(9). 27. **There are some matters which should be clarified with the party**: a. Clarification required around the dismissal of National Council members. b. There are no quorum requirements for AGMs and EGMs.

Topics we expect a party to include in their constitution	Where this is outlined in the constitution, or how this is met.
	28. There are matters raised in relation to the Equality Act, but at this stage I do not think fall to be considered for rejection.
The constitution should reflect which register the party are applying to register in.	29. 2.1 – the party intends to contest local elections in GB.
The party's aims and objectives.	30. 1.4-1.6 – Aims 31. 2 – Objectives
A reference to an intention to stand candidates and at which elections.	32. 2.1 – the party intends to contest local elections in GB.
The candidate selection process (or at least a statement that the party will have one).	33. 6.2 – the nominating officer will create a candidate selection process.
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.	34. 3 – National Council a. There are no quorum requirements for AGMs or EGMs. i. The party should clarify this in any amendment. **ii. I recommend highlighting this to the party as part of a decision.** b. Outside of PPERA officers, the council can have "national officers". i. 3.7 states the Council "*shall define the roles and responsibilities of National Officers other than those described in this Constitution, as required.*" ii. No national officers are defined in the constitution. iii. My concern is that these officer roles, which appear to be expected to be filled, are not outlined. I would expect something like a specific list of certain officer roles – Secretary, comms officer, campaigns manager etc. – and potentially a generic officer role that is simply a member of the national council. iv. For the above, I would expect their role to be outlined, as the party has done for the other named officer roles. v. If the party wishes to add new officer roles at a later date, it can do so and it would need to add those to the constitution. But in all instances they must outline the role

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	of proposed officers, which I am not satisfied they have done here. **vi. I recommend that the constitution be rejected as it does not outline the role of all listed officers and we therefore cannot determine that those roles are consistent with the financial scheme.** c. 3.9 – the council will, as required, create standing orders and rules to enable the smooth running of the party. i. It appears this could relate to any aspect of the party. It is common for parties to have separate, more detailed rules that sit alongside its constitution. ii. Where there is little information as to what these standing orders would cover, I am presently minded to conclude that they do not require to be included in this constitution. That is particularly the case where we are not aware they would cover structures not already set out in the constitution. d. 3.10 – the party will meet as often as required and at least once a month. i. Sections 4, 5 and 6 state that meetings will be held within 14 days to replace PPERA officers. e. 3.15 – "*Members of the National Council will serve a term of office until either they decide to resign or a ballot of the members of the National Council dismisses them. No members of the National Council can be dismissed from the National Council on the day of a National Council meeting."* i. As a council member cannot be dismissed on the day of a council meeting, it is not clear how this provision is implemented. It appears that it could be that the decision is taken at the current meeting, and are dismissed from the following meeting onwards. ii. The party should clarify this in any amendment. **iii. I recommend highlighting this to the party as part of a decision.** 35. 4 – The Chairman 36. 5 – Treasurer 37. 6 – Nominating officer a. 5.2 – the treasurer is in charge of party finances

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	b. 5.3 – the treasurer is responsible for ensuring compliance with the scheme c. 6.3 – "*The Nominating Officer is responsible for compliance with all aspects of election legislation*." i. This sentence is quite vague as to the definition of "election legislation". In my view, it overlaps directly with the role of the treasurer. Certainly, the treasurers responsibility for campaign spending, could be considered to come under "election legislation", as well as other parts of their responsibilities. **ii. I am not satisfied that this is consistent with the financial scheme and I recommend rejecting on that basis.** **<u>Structure not covered in the constitution</u>** 38. There is evidence that the party has not included all of its structures – see appendix 1. 39. In a post from April, the party describes speeches being given by "*regional organisers"* of "*Homeland Wales*" and "*Homeland West Midlands*". 40. In a twitter post in early May, the party describes the actions of an activist from "*our North East Scotland branch".* 41. The party, in numerous posts, describes "Activists" from a specific region ('East Midland', 'West Midlands', 'Scotland' etc.), or 'area name' activists, being involved in party activities.[9] [10] [11] [12] a. This appears to likely describe branch activity, even though it does not specifically use the word 'branch'. 42. There is a post about party business cards which encourages individuals to "*hand them back to the local contact in their area".*[13] a. This appears to describe local structure of the party. 43. On the party membership page, potential activists will be contacted by "*our organisers".* a. This appears to describe a central structure. 44. I am satisfied that the party's social media posts explicitly state that they have branches and regional organisers (likely part of the branch structure). These posts also, in my view, demonstrate what should

[9] https://t.me/HomelandParty/10
[10] https://t.me/HomelandParty/70
[11] https://twitter.com/Homeland_Party/status/1657829340220981248?s=20
[12] https://t.me/HomelandParty/82
[13] https://twitter.com/Homeland_Party/status/1654142629645303808?s=20

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	be reasonably considered activity of branches and other officer roles or structures. a. The party has not included these structure in its constitution and therefore the constitution does not meet the definition of a constitution under PPERA 26(9). **b. I recommend rejecting the application on this basis.**
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.	45. 8 – General meetings a. There are no quorum requirements for AGMs or EGMs. b. The party should clarify this in any amendment. c. I recommend highlighting this to the party as part of a decision. 46. 10 – Resolution of Conflicts a. Outlines of the role of the appeals panel.
If the party has membership, and if so the process and rules governing that membership.	47. 7 – Membership a. Is open to anyone 16 or over. b. Members must agree to abide by the Code of Conduct. i. I'm not aware of any issues, particularly in relation to the Equality Act, with the Code of Conduct. c.
How the constitution can be changed and the process for dissolution of the party.	48. 1.3 – changes made at AGMs or EGMs via member vote. 49. 11 – Party Dissolution
That the party have adopted its financial scheme / The constitution must also be consistent with a party's financial scheme	50. 9 – Financial Rules a. Sets out how the party will operate its bank accounts. 51. As set out above, there are a number of reasons that the constitution is consistent with the scheme.
Equality Act consideration	52. I **have not** identified any issues in the legislation relating to equalities legislation. a. Is open to anyone 16 or over. b. Members must agree to abide by the Code of Conduct. i. I'm not aware of any issues, particularly in relation to the Equality Act, with the Code of Conduct.

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	53. I note there is speculation about 'vetting' for new members. There are reports that part of the split from Patriotic Alternative relates to the loosening of vetting procedures, where by new members had to agree to a house visit and provide 2 forms of ID.[14] [15] [16] a. One of the public comments we received notes that this was matter raised in the Equality Commission case against the BNP. I have found the below from a report at the time[17]: *"In addition, the revised document also required prospective members to submit to a two-hour vetting visit at their home by BNP officials, a clause* [Judge Paul] *Collins ruled that could be seen as intimidating for non-white applicants. He ordered both offending sections to be removed."* b. I have reviewed the constitution and this does not form part of the membership requirements. Similarly, this is not mention on the party's membership page. Although I note that this may not be the entire process and we cannot determine this without submitting an application. c. On the basis of the ruling mentioned above, it would not be permissible for the party to include such procedures. d. If there was evidence that the party had this process in practice but it was not included in the constitution, we would deem that the constitution did not set out the structure in reality. e. Whilst I am not currently aware of evidence that suggests the party has such structure and organisation, I recommend that further research is conducted to determine this more thoroughly for any future assessment.

[14] https://novaramedia.com/2023/04/24/fascist-party-patriotic-alternative-in-messy-break-up/
[15] https://www.thenational.scot/news/23477488.patriotic-alternative-split-results-dangerous-homeland-group/
[16] https://freedomnews.org.uk/2023/04/24/homeland-british-fascism-fractures/
[17] https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2010/nov/08/bnp-high-court-showdown

Financial scheme

Link to scheme	Financial Scheme
Recommendation	**Reject**
Summary reason	Does not properly record reporting deadlines; is not consistent with the constitution

54. Pursuant to section 26 of PPERA, a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which sets out the arrangement for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of PPERA.

55. I am of the view that the scheme **does not** set out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party of the purposes of PPERA.

    a. The party has set the financial year end as 5 April.

    b. Paragraph 1.7 states that the deadline for submission of the party's accounts is either 30 April or 7 July, depending on income/expenditure.

    c. These are not the correct deadline dates for these submissions. The correct dates would be 5 August and 12 October. The proposed deadlines are substantially curtailed and may not give the party sufficient time to provide returns.

    d. It is my view that the scheme should be amended to reflect the correct dates. If the party do not amend this information, the scheme is giving the party incorrect information about when this important return is due. If the party does not provide returns by the incorrect deadlines, they are not able to determine from their scheme when the correct submission date is.

    e. I recommend rejecting the application on this basis.

56. Based on the information available to me, I am of the view that the party **has not adopted** the scheme.

    a. Does not set out the role of all officers of the party and we cannot determine that they are consistent with the scheme. This includes roles that the party has mentioned it has outside of the constitution.

    b. The nominating officer is responsible for compliance with "election legislation", which is inconsistent with the role of the treasurer and the scheme.

57. The party's financial year end **does** match the financial year end indicated on the application form.

Asset and Liability Declaration

Link to record	ALR
Recommendation	**Seek clarity on the record**
Summary reason	
Pursuant to section 28(3B) of PPERA, a party may not be registered unless it has made a declaration that it the asset/liability is or is not met. Has the party has made a declaration under 28(3B)?	
Declaration has been made and states that an ALR is required. I have made further considerations below.	1. Having considered the available information, I am satisfied that an ALR is required.
28(3D) requires that a record of assets and liabilities be provided if the declaration states the condition is met. Where the party has provided an ALR, I have considered whether in my view the record properly reflects the assets and liabilities of the party, at the point of submission.	
2. I not satisfied that the asset and liability record is properly made.	3. Having conducted searches of the available information, I have found information that suggests the record is improperly made. a. The party has reported total assets of £1,060 and liabilities of £400. i. Its assets account for a PO and a small amount of campaign material. ii. Its liabilities are the cost of its website. b. Clarity regarding the party's assets should be sought in relation to the information set out in Appendix 2. i. As concluded in the constitution assessment, the party has structures that it has not set out, including branches. ii. This is supported by the information in Appendix 2. iii. The information from the meeting audio indicates that these branches potentially have their own assets which will have likely been omitted if branches

	structures themselves have been omitted. iv. **We should clarify with the party whether there are any assets held by its branches, or any other structures, and advise that these must be included in the ALR if they have not already been recorded**. c. The party has listed its cash at bank and in hand as zero. All of its assets are recorded against stock. i. I note from the party's website, that membership fees are £36 per year. ii. On the basis of the party's own social media posts, that the party has at least *some* membership. This could be substantial where the party lists members from a wide range of areas across the UK. **iii. We should seek clarification that the party has zero cash assets.** 4. I recommend that with any decision, we should seek clarity from the party in relation to its assets and liability record. There are currently indications that the record provided may not align with the assets and liabilities actually held by the party.

Name

Proposed name	Homeland Party
Recommendation	**Approve**
Summary reason	Meets the PPERA requirements

58. In making my recommendation I have considered the factors set out in the following paragraphs.

59. As explained above, in considering the requirements of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards, I have sought a translation for this proposed name: **Plaid y Famwlad**. I have considered the relevance of the translation to each of the relevant statutory tests.

    a. I am satisfied that the proposed name is not likely to cause confusion with any name or description registered in Welsh.

60. I am of the view that registration of the identifier **is not likely** to result in electors confusing the applicant party with another registered party.

OAK, Mary (address in the Constituency) National Housing Party United Kingdom[18]	
ASH, James (address in the Constituency) Homeland Party	
PINE, Susan (address in the Constituency) National Liberal Party - Land, People, Environment[19]	

    a. Above are the two most similar identity marks on the register.

    b. No party uses the words ‘Home’ and ‘Land’ on the register together.

    c. I am satisfied that the proposed name is not likely to cause confusion with another registered party.

[18] A party name

[19] A description of National Liberal Party - True Liberalism

61. The proposed identifier, in my view, **is not** obscene or offensive.
    a. I am not aware of any reason that the wording of the party name, in itself, is offensive.
    b. A number of the public comments raise concerns that the party is facists and neo-nazi and there is coverage of this, as per the Applicant party information.
    c. In the 2018 assessment of the Britain First party name, [redacted]
    d. After lengthy consideration, that assessment concluded that:

       "A voter may see Britain First on the ballot paper and recognise that name belonging to an organisation that holds unpopular views but, in my view, will not be offended by the name itself."
    e. The decision agreed with this view.
    f. Our 7 assessments (see 'Application history') of Patriotic Alternative between 2019 and 2023 did not consider the proposed name offensive where similar concerns were raised via public comments.
    g. I am satisfied on the basis of this precedent, and in the absence of any contrary information, that the proposed name is not offensive.
62. The proposed identifier, in my view, is **not likely**, were it to appear on a ballot paper, to result in an elector being misled as to the effect of their vote.
    a. There is a party in Turkey named 'Memleket Partisi', which translates to 'Homeland Party'.[2021]
    b. Where the two parties use the name in separate languages, I am not of the view
    c. One of the comments says that the party name is misleading because the National Trust in Scotland use the word 'Heritage' in their slogan.
        i. I do not think this is particularly likely to mislead, particularly in light of the registration of the Heritage .
63. The proposed identifier **is not the same** as another identifier on the register.
64. The proposed identifier **is not more** than six words.
65. The proposed identifier, in my view, if published is **not likely** amount to the commission of an offence.
66. The proposed identifier, in my view, is **not likely**, were it to appear on a ballot paper, to contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for their guidance in voting.

[20] https://www.memleketpartisi.org.tr/
[21] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homeland_Party_(Turkey,_2021)

67. The proposed identifier **does not** include any script other than Roman Script.

68. The proposed identifier **does not** include a word or expression prohibited by order made by the Secretary of State.

Register searches

Table 1: Identity marks that contain words in the proposed identity marks

69. I have conducted a search to identify where words contained in the proposed descriptions and emblems appear on the registers.

70. I undertook the searches on the GB (England, Scotland, Wales) register.

Word searched for: Home		
ID Mark	**Type**	**Party registered to**
Alliance for Green Socialism - Save Homes	Description	Alliance For Green Socialism
National Housing Party Citizens Deserve Homes	Description	National Housing Party United Kingdom
National Housing Party Homes For Citizens	Description	National Housing Party United Kingdom

Word searched for: Land		
ID Mark	**Type**	**Party registered to**
All 4 Freedoms: Scotland Britain Europe	Description	All 4 Freedoms
Alliance for Democracy and Freedom Midlands	Description	Alliance for Democracy and Freedom
Britain First - Long Live England	Description	Britain First
Canvey Island Independent Party	Name	Canvey Island Independent Party
East Cleveland Independent	Name	East Cleveland Independent
English Constitution Party, England, One Nation	Description	English Constitution Party
English Constitution Party, Independence for England	Description	English Constitution Party

English Constitution Party, Self-Determination for England	Description	English Constitution Party
English Democrats - "A Parliament for England!"	Description	English Democrats
English Democrats - "Believe In England"	Description	English Democrats
English Democrats - "England's National Party!"	Description	English Democrats
English Democrats - "Putting England First!"	Description	English Democrats
English Democrats - "Stronger For England"	Description	English Democrats
English Democrats - For an Independent England!	Description	English Democrats
English Democrats Love England - Leave EU!	Description	English Democrats
The English Democrats - "Putting England First!"	Description	English Democrats
Freedom Alliance England	Description	For Future's Sake – Freedom Alliance
Havering Residents Association - Rush Green / Crowlands	Description	Havering Residents Association
Holland On Sea & Eastcliff Matters	Name	Holland On Sea & Eastcliff Matters
Holland On Sea & Eastcliff Residents	Description	Holland On Sea & Eastcliff Matters
Holland On Sea Residents	Description	Holland On Sea & Eastcliff Matters
Hornchurch Residents' Association Hylands Ward	Description	Hornchurch Residents Association
Independence for Scotland Party	Name	Independence for Scotland Party
Independent Green Voice - Organic Green Scotland	Description	Independent Green Voice
East of England Independent Network	Description	Independent Network
Island Independent Network	Description	Independent Network
Scotland Independent Network	Description	Independent Network
West Midlands Independent Network	Description	Independent Network
Lincolnshire Independents - South Holland	Description	Lincolnshire Independents Lincolnshire First
National Liberal Party - Land, People, Environment	Description	National Liberal Party - True Liberalism
Our Island	Name	Our Island
Scotland - Unhyphenated	Name	Scotland - Unhyphenated

Scotland Unhyphenated People Before Party	Description	Scotland - Unhyphenated
Scotland Unhyphenated Country Before Party	Description	Scotland - Unhyphenated
Scotland Unhyphenated Scotland First	Description	Scotland - Unhyphenated
Scotland Unhyphenated Sensible Sustainable	Description	Scotland - Unhyphenated
Scottish Green Councillors - Working for Scotland	Description	Scottish Green Party
Scottish National Party – Stronger for Scotland	Description	Scottish National Party (SNP)
Scottish Socialist Party - Independent Socialist Scotland	Description	Scottish Socialist Party
Skelmersdale Independents Representing Up Holland First	Description	Skelmersdale Independent Party
South Holland Independents	Name	South Holland Independents
South Holland Independents, District before party	Description	South Holland Independents
South Holland Independents, putting you first	Description	South Holland Independents
South Holland Independents, working for you	Description	South Holland Independents
Liberal Party In Scotland	Description	The Liberal Party
Republican Socialist (England)	Description	The Republican Socialist Party
Republican Socialist (Scotland)	Description	The Republican Socialist Party
Uplands	Name	Uplands
Vanguard Party championing Cumberland	Description	Vanguard Party
Vectis Party – For the Island	Description	Vectis Party
Vectis Party – Proud of the Island	Description	Vectis Party
Vectis Party – Subsidise mainland hospital travel	Description	Vectis Party
Vectis Party – Supporting younger Islanders	Description	Vectis Party

Word searched for: Welsh names and descriptions		
ID Mark	**Type**	**Party registered to**
British Democratic Party	Plaid Democrataidd Prydeinig	Name
Democrataidd Prydeinig	British Democrats	Description
Charter Party	Plaid Siarter	Name
Christian Party "Proclaiming Christ's Lordship"	Plaid Gristnogol "Datgan Arglwyddiaeth Crist"	Name
Welsh Christian Party	Plaid Gristnogol Cymru	Description
Welsh Christian Party "Proclaiming Christ's Lordship"	Plaid Gristnogol Cymru "Datgan Arglwyddiaeth Crist"	Description
Climate Party	Plaid Siarter	Name
Common Good	Lles Pawb	Name
Britain's Communist Party	Plaid Gomiwnyddol Prydain	Description
Communist Party of Great Britain	Plaid Gomiwnyddol Prydain Fawr	Description
The British Communist Party	Y Blaid Gomiwnyddol Brydeinig	Description
Ceidwadwyr Cymreig	Welsh Conservatives	Description
Welsh Conservative Party Candidate	Ymgeisydd Plaid Geidwadol Cymru	Description
Labour and Co-operative Party	Llafur a'r Blaid Gydweithredol	Joint description
Green Party	Pairti Glas	Description
Green Party	Plaid Werdd	Name
Green Party - Save Our Green Space	Plaid Werdd – Achubwch Ein Mannau Gwyrdd	Description
Green Party candidate	Ymgeisydd Plaid Werdd	Description
Green Party Councillor	Cynghorydd Plaid Werdd	Description
Green Party first choice candidate	Ymgeisydd dewis cyntaf y Blaid Werdd	Description
Green Party lead candidate	Prif ymgeisydd y Blaid Werdd	Description
Green Party second choice candidate	Ymgeisydd ail dewis y Blaid Werdd	Description

Green Party third choice candidate	Ymgeisydd trydydd dewis y Blaid Werdd	Description
Plaid Cymru, Green Party, Common Ground	Plaid Cymru, Plaid Werdd, Tir Cyffredin	Joint description
The Green Party	Plaid Werdd	Description
The Green Party candidate	Ymgeisydd y Blaid Werdd	Description
The Green Party in N.I.	An Pairti Glas I dT.E.	Description
Wales Green Party	Plaid Werdd Cymru	Description
Gwlad – Annibyniaeth i Gymru	Gwlad – Independence for Wales	Description
Gwlad – Plaid Annibyniaeth Cymru	Gwlad – The Welsh Independence Party	Description
Gwlad – Plaid Diddymu San Steffan	Gwlad – The Abolish Westminster Party	Description
Gwlad - Wales Can Be Better	Gwlad - Gall Cymru Fod Yn Well	Description
Gwlad – Yn Paratoi am Annibyniaeth	Gwlad – Preparing for Independence	Description
Wales Independent Network	Rhwydwaith Annibynnol Cymru	Description
Interactive Democracy	Democratiaeth rhyngweithiol	Name
Irish Republican Socialist Party	Páirtí Poblachtach Sóisialach na h-Éireann	Name
Labour and Co-operative Party	Llafur a'r Blaid Gydweithredol	Joint description
Labour Party	Llafur	Name
Welsh Labour	Llafur Cymru	Description
Welsh Labour Candidate	Ymgeisydd Llafur Cymru	Description
Welsh Labour Party Candidate	Ymgeisydd Plaid Llafur Cymru	Description
Focus Team	Tîm Ffocws	Description
Liberal Democrat	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol	Description
Liberal Democrat Focus Team	Tîm Ffocws y Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol	Description
Liberal Democrats	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol	Name
Welsh Liberal Democrats	Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru	Description

Welsh Liberal Democrats Focus team	Tîm Ffocws Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru	Description
Life	Bywyd	Name
Newport Independents Party	Plaid Annibynol Casnewydd	Name
Nottingham Independents	Name	Description
Nottingham Independents	Name	Description
Plaid Cymru - For All of Wales	Plaid Cymru - Dros Gymru Gyfan	Description
Plaid Cymru - Plaid Cymru Newydd	Plaid Cymru - New Wales Party	Description
Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales	Plaid Cymru - The Party of Wales	Name
Plaid Cymru - Voice of the North	Plaid Cymru - Llais y Gogledd	Description
Plaid Cymru - Your Local Party	Plaid Cymru - Eich Plaid Leol Chi	Description
Plaid Cymru, Green Party, Common Ground	Plaid Cymru, Plaid Werdd, Tir Cyffredin	Joint description
Plaid Cymru: O Blaid Cymru	Plaid Cymru - Vote for Wales	Description
Plaid Cymru: Achub ein Hysbyty	Plaid Cymru: Save our Hospital	Description
Plaid Cymru: Llais Sir Gâr	Plaid Cymru: Carmarthenshire's Voice	Description
Propel: Better for Wales	Propel: Gwell i Gymru	Description
Propel: Free Wales	Propel: Cymru Rydd	Description
Propel: Not Politics as Usual	Propel: Nid Gwleidyddiaeth fel Arfer	Description
Propel: Wales Needs Champions	Propel: Mae Cymru Angen Pencampwyr	Description
Real Democracy Party	Pàirtì an Fhìordhaonlathais	Name
Real Democracy Party	Plaid Ddemocratiaeth Go Iawn	Name
Restoration Party	Atgyweiriad	Name
Revolutionary Communist Party Britain (Marxist-Leninist)	Plaid Gomiwnyddol Chwyldroadol Brydeinig (Marcsaidd-Leninaidd)	Name
SDLP (Social Democratic & Labour Party)	Pairti Soisalta Daonlath An Lucht Oibre	Name
Social Democratic Party	Yblaid Ddemocrataidd Gymbdeithasol	Name
Socialist Labour Party	Plaid Lafur Sosialaidd	Name

Liberal Party In Cornwall	Bagas Larch Kernow	Description
Liberal Party In Wales	Y Blaid Ryddfrydol Yng Nghymru	Description
The Liberal Party	Plaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru	Name
The Official Monster Raving Loony Party	Plaid Swyddogol yr Anghenfilaidd Ddihirod Gwallgof	Name
Republican Socialist (Wales)	Sosialydd Gweriniaethol (Cymru)	Description
The Sovereign Party	Plaid Sofren	Name
The Sovereign Party – For Freedom	Plaid Sofren – Dros Ryddid	Description
The Sovereign Party – For Wales	Plaid Sofren – Dros Gymru	Description
The Sovereign Party – Freedom and Fairness	Plaid Sofren – Rhyddid A Thegwch	Description
The Sovereign Party – Freedom and Rights	Plaid Sofren – Rhyddid A Hawliau	Description
The Sovereign Party – Freedom not Tyranny	Plaid Sofren – Rhyddid Nid Gormes	Description
The Workers Party	Pairti na n-Oibrithi	Name
Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	Clymblaid Undebwyr Llafur a Sosialwyr	Name
UK Independence Party	Plaid Annibyniaeth y DU	Description
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	Plaid Annibyniaeth y DU (UKIP)	Name
UKIP	UKIP	Description
Unity For Peace And Socialism	Undod Am Heddwch A Sosialaeth	Name
Volt United Kingdom	Volt Y Deyrnas Unedig	Name
Yeshua	Yeshua	Name

Public comments

All comments are original and verbatim. All comments are tracked to the RP1 case.

Commenter	Comment	Consideration
1 June - [redacted]	Hi I would like to raise a comment about 'Homeland Party' in relation to their application. I believe the logo and name is intended to mislead voters. The National Trust for Scotland have just released their new logo for their ten year plan going forward. The logo is very similar to that of Homeland Party. In addition, the National Trust in Scotland uses the term 'Heritage' as their slogan, I believe Homeland have used a similar sounding word and imagery to confuse voters	- The party has not applied for an emblem. - The words 'Homeland' and 'Heritage' are not particularly likely to mislead, in my view. That is more the case where we have registered "Heritage Party" in 2020.
31 May – [redacted]	I am very concerned about the Homeland being registered as a political party. It is a far right facist organisation that sows hatred and division in the community. Its name does not reflect its purpose and will mislead the public. As a plural and progressive country we should not allow such dangerous nazi-like organisations, which seek to sow hatred and stimulate hate crime, to register as political parties and parade as some kind of honest organisation. I am very much against the registration of Homeland as a political party.	- In relation to the party misleading the public as its name does not "reflect its purpose". We do not regulate the political content of campaign material. This does not fall within the remit of our considerations.
30 May – [redacted]	my comment about the registration of the homeland party is that they are a white nationalist splinter group from a banned far right terrorist group called national action and the British national front, they support anti-semitic conspiracy theory, extreme racism and homophobia	-
29 May – [redacted]	I am a [redacted] anti-fascist and researcher. I have noticed that a new and particularly dangerous fascist and neo-Nazi group named 'Homeland' has applied to become a political party under the name 'Homeland Party'. I am writing to let you know a little about this group, the danger they pose to the public,	- Comments relating to vetting procedure considered in constitution assessment. - Matters related to the leaked meeting audio are considered in appendix 2.

	those involved with the group and how they seek to circumvent Equalities Legislation. Firstly, a little background: Homeland is a split from Patriotic Alternative and the group is made up of numerous extremists. Homeland split from Patriotic Alternative in order to become 'more exclusive' and more 'highly vetted'. The split came about because those in Homeland wanted to insist on 'home visits' and a system whereby all members must 'consent' to handing over their passports or driving licenses. This is a breach of Equalities Legislation, as it would clearly be used to intimidate or force out those from minority backgrounds – be they ethnic or religious minorities, sexual minorities, those with different gender identities or those with disabilities. This was originally a tactic which the BNP attempted to use to keep out ethnic minority members when the Equalities Commission took them to court over their all-white membership policy which was proved in court to be unlawful. The Homeland and Patriotic Alternative split can be read about here: https://www.thenational.scot/news/23477488.patriotic-alternative-split-results-dangerous-homeland-group/ What is more disturbing is that those involved in this split held their first meeting on Hitler's birthday. https://theferret.scot/far-right-group-formed-hitler-birthday-patriotic-alternative-splits/ The Daily Record also reports that this split is an attempt to circumvent Electoral Commission rulings that have prevented Patriotic Alternative from registering and being able to stand in elections:	- The comment claims that [redacted] - I am able to substantiate the claims that [redacted] - I am not able to substantiate that [redacted] - I am not able to substantiate that [redacted] I can find an arrest related to leafleting.[23] I can find evidence of an altercation with a trans rights demonstration in February 2023.[24]

[22] https://redflare.info/Homeland_British_fascism_fractures-RF.pdf
[23] https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/20624987.film-exposes-norwich-teens-involvement-far-right-group-behind-leaflets/
[24] https://thenorwichradical.com/2023/04/28/trans-rights-far-right-nation-uk/

https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/notorious-far-right-extremist-plan-29805617

Secondly, the Electoral Commission should also be informed of those involved with Homeland.

[redacted] has been involved previously with the British National Party and Patriotic Alternative. [redacted] and was recently found guilty of a firearms offence: https://theferret.scot/leader-far-right-patriotic-alternative-scotland-court-guilty-firearms-charges/

[redacted] has also been visited by the police and had his firearms confiscated, he is currently taking court action over his suitability to own firearms with the police arguing that due to his extreme political views and repeated social media posts about violence he should not be allowed to own firearms.

[redacted] is now a Homeland spokesperson and was recently sacked for making racist comments on Twitter. This is not the first time [redacted] has been in trouble for tweets and was previous arrested for a string of tweets he made. https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-12099525/Far-right-extremist-sacked-Open-University-racist-tweet-John-Boyega-loses-legal-case.html

[redacted] a former Patriotic Alternative activist and now a Homeland activist who is currently on police bail for assault and for harassing a member of the LGBT community. [redacted] has also been excluded from his local community college for his extreme views.

[redacted] another former Patriotic Alternative organiser who is wanted for

	questioning by the police over violent disorder that occurred during an fascist demonstration against the housing of migrants. (Please note, his name is spelled incorrectly in this tweet). https://twitter.com/SWPValeofGlam/status/1655941054393360386 There is also an extensive report on the views espoused by Homeland members on Hope Not Hate, a vital resource for Anti -Fascists, it can be accessed here: https://hopenothate.org.uk/2023/05/07/exposed-the-sickening-true-beliefs-of-nazis-behind-the-new-homeland-party/ Please note, several of the comments made by Homeland members are extremely distressing to read and are potentially in breach of the law. What's more, at least one of the members of Homeland were active within the now banned neo-Nazi terror organisation National Action. I hope you take this into account when deciding whether this group should be a registered political party.	
2 May – [redacted]	Thank you for the reply. It was just according the audio recording of their former admin officer they had presented information in their last application stating they only had one bank account whereas the [redacted] personal account was being used for PA payments. Donations would be received through the website and those donations would then go to his account. Then they would be transferred back to the PA account or one of the directors. PA were not able to receive payments via their website as such after their banking facility had been removed hence the unorthodox arrangement that developed in August 2022.	-

	Also, each PA region had it's own bank account, usually, two, though usually in a manner which it would not be possible to tell as it would be usually in the name of a regional officer. The regions being PA Scotland, PA North East, PA North West, PA Wales, PA West Mids, PA East Mids, PA East of England, PA South East and PA South West. PA London were already defunct. As nearly all the regional officers would have left during this split in the group it is unclear what banking facilities remained. So it's not so much about funding, etc...but statements they made during the application process and given the number of times they have attempted to apply to be a political party I thought it was something to be aware of should they choose to do so again. Also, within the audio recording , the former PA admin officer who has set up another organisation, Homeland Party, will attempt to register as political party, it did not sound entirely orthodox as how they would be applying. Though this has already been reported in the media so you are probably aware of this situation.	
22 April - Mike Brooker	There is an audio recording with regards to two political organisations which I think the EC need to listen. They refer to Patriotic Alternative who have had their application rejected multiple times. The recording is made by the [redacted], and has been posted on a former PA members YouTube channel - [redacted] was essentially third in command of PA. In it makes claims how PA had multiple bank accounts and even one [redacted] set up himself PA payments yet it seems the EC were only told about one. Also, talks about "hiding" donations, couldn't quite pick up what was meant by that, but I think it refers to how donations from the web page, then encrypted. I couldn't follow it.	-

	[redacted] has formed his own group, Homeland, and they have or applied to be political party but in the recording he states that it will be done by 2/3 people who are unknown to the EC, i.e. not appeared in numerous newspaper headlines for being involved in the far right such as [redacted] Background to the split - https://www.searchlightmagazine.com/2023/04/breaking-news-patriotic-alternative-split/ Link to audio on a Youtube channel (it has been leaked in numerous other locations) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RB6P8bv29TA	

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Appendix 1 – Evidence of omitted structures

No.	Type of structure	comments	Linked evidence	date
1	East Midlands branch	"*Homeland activists in the **East Midlands**…"*	https://t.me/HomelandParty/10	25/04/2023

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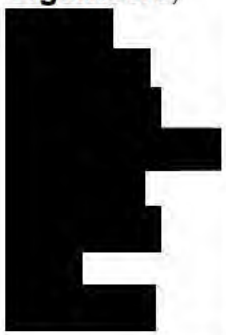






Homeland activists in the East Midlands braved the miserable weather on St George's Day and stood with the people of Long Eaton as they protested the housing of 400 migrants in two of the town's luxury hotels, Novotel and Best Western.

We made it clear that we will not allow Long Eaton to be transformed into yet another multicultural melting pot. This was much to the disappointment of the police, who allowed the bused-in counter-protestors to swamp our space in an attempt to break our morale. Their bark is worse than their bite, however, and we were not intimidated by their childish posturing and tired insults.

2	Wales, West Midlands branches regional organisers	"*We were blessed with three speeches, two from our* ***regional organisers***, 	https://t.me/HomelandParty/24	30/04/2023

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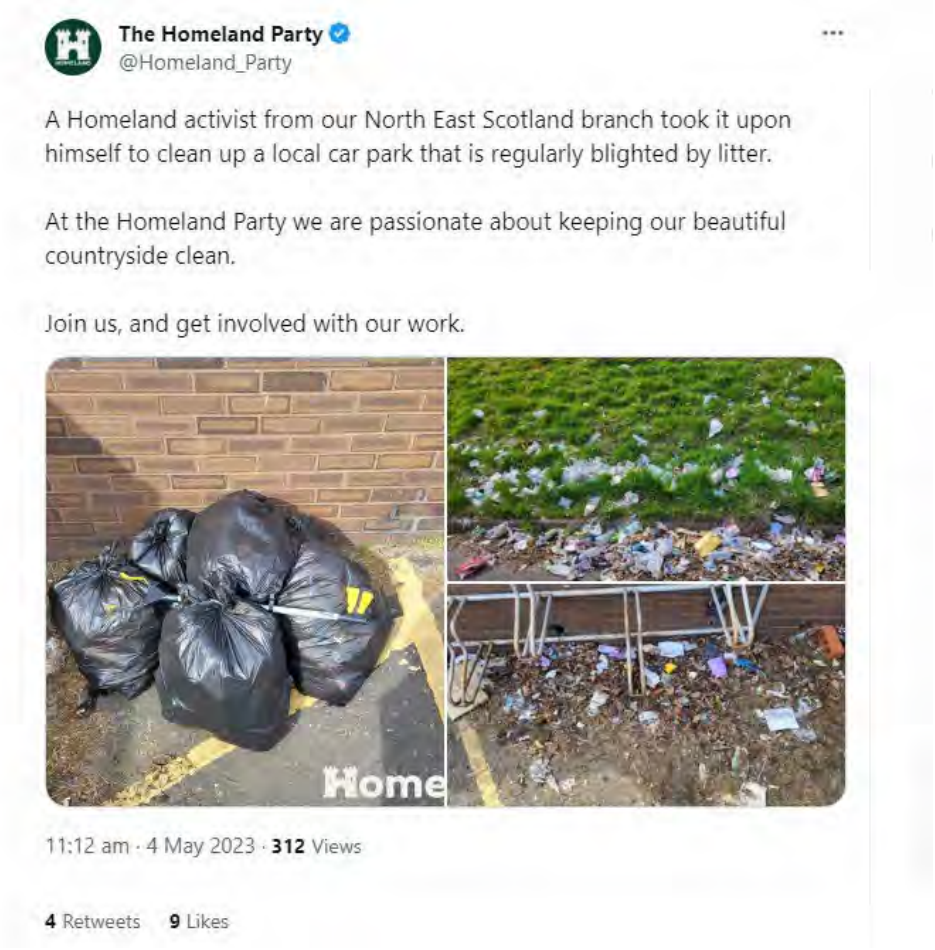
Today the Homeland Party held their debut demonstration in the town of Cannock. They stood in the face of heavy opposition from bussed in communist agitators, but didn't let it stop them from delivering the message that CANNOCK SAYS NO!

The trade unions fund protests against working people who simply wish to stand up for themselves and their community. They do not represent the views of a working class majority, they only represent a twisted & indoctrinated minority.

We were blessed with three speeches, two from our regional organisers, Jerome O'Reilly of Homeland Wales, Connor Marlow of Homeland West Midlands, and top activist, Alec Cave, formerly known as Wesley Russell.

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3	North East Scotland Branch	"*A homeland activist from our **North East Scotland branch…**"*	https://twitter.com/Homeland_Party/status/1654066453430128640?s=20 	04/05/2023
4	North East Scotland "Team"	"*The Homeland **team in North***	https://twitter.com/Homeland_Party/status/1654142629645303808?s=20	04/05/2023

		East Scotland"	**The Homeland Party** @Homeland_Party The Homeland team in North East Scotland took to the cold sands of Broughty Ferry beach for one of their trademark fitness sessions. We need to be good examples of men and women in order to win over those around us. Physical fitness is one small part of this. Why not join us?  4:15 pm · 4 May 2023 · **217** Views

5	Organisational team	*“We will also be encouraging and promoting many forms of recreational activity for Party Members and supporters in the same way that **our organisational team** have being doing across the count* *ry for several years now before the formation of Homeland.”*	https://t.me/HomelandParty/50	08/05/2023


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Homeland in The Herald
The Herald newspaper's main writer Neil Mackay devoted four whole pages to a feature piece on the formation of our Homeland Party.
While it was filled with many inaccuracies – which we won't correct, as you should never interrupt your enemy when they are making mistakes – it is worth me making comment on a few points.
The language in the report is much more measured than we have seen in recent times when reports are being made on Nationalists. One area that our Party will be strong on is challenging the mainstream media when they smear us with the labels that are beyond the pale. Indeed, today a formal complaint has been lodged with the *Daily Record* over the use of descriptive slurs in their last article about us.
As usual, the state-sponsored organisation I refer to as Dupes of Hate were writ large throughout the pages. It will come as no surprise to anybody involved with our Party, but the report suggested that people who are productive members of society are active in Homeland. Imagine that! A Party promoting positivity in communities as well as in the wider nationalist movement is filled with people that exemplify what it means to be an upstanding Nationalist.
These scoundrels who want to smash the world our forefathers built and replace it with a modern monstrosity

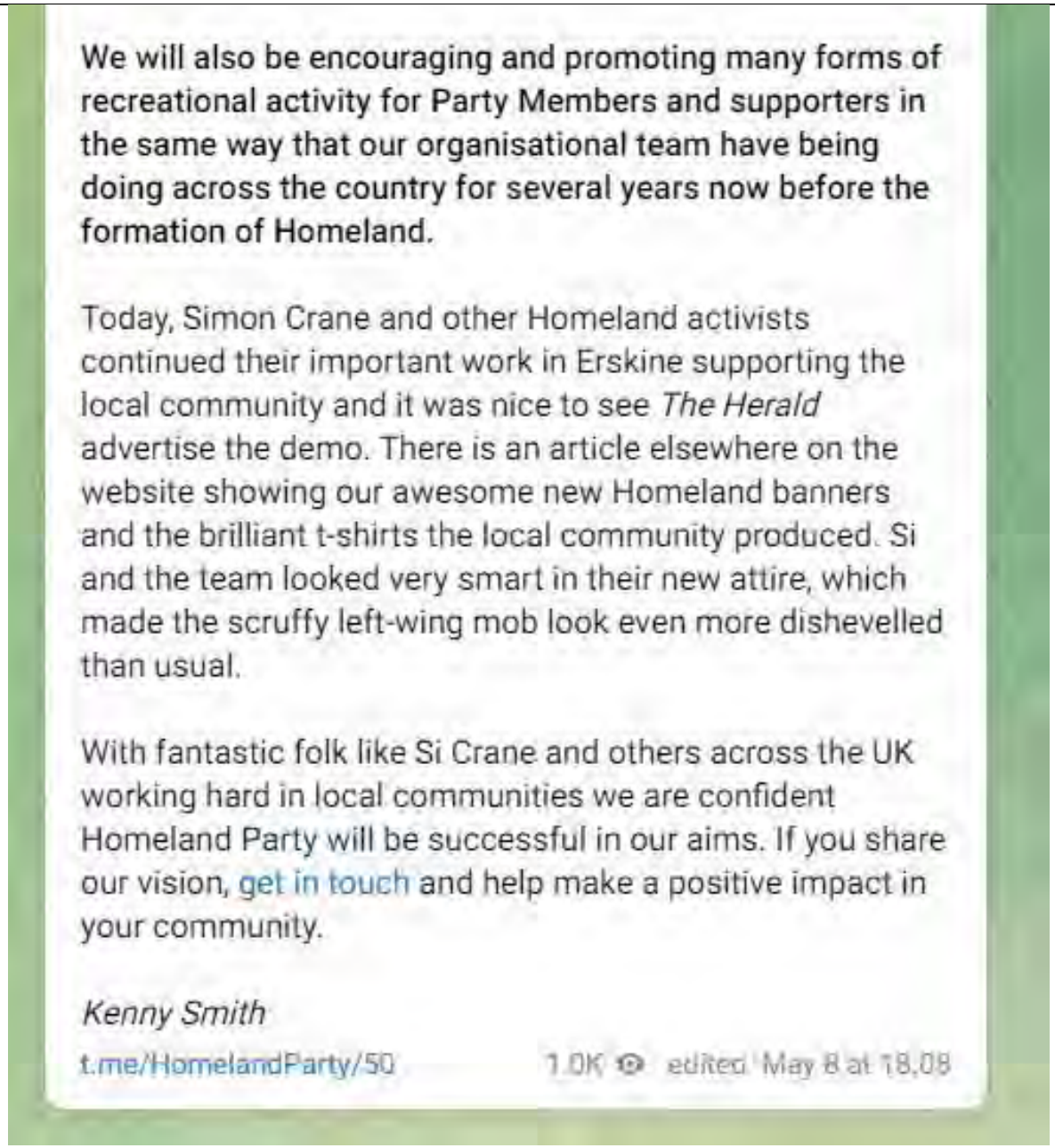
Nationalists are in community councils, they exit mainstream parties despite having being officers and candidates for them in the past, and they do important jobs across the country with all manner of organisations and companies.

What we need going forward is for more Nationalists to realise that they are a cut above these progressive liberals and to start to push themselves into positions of authority in communities and workplaces. If the haters and liars are spitting feathers now, imagine how they'll froth at the mouth when we start to take control of aspects of life that have in recent times being left solely to these culture-destroyers.

There are folk already in Homeland who can tell you how they have made a positive impact for their neighbourhood by taking a role or position in a community organisation or at their workplace.

There are some worm-tongued charlatans who will tell you that community politics is just about electoral politics and that Homeland Party are only interested in fighting elections. This is a blatant lie.

Community politics has actually got very little to do with the fighting of elections. It's about having a positive impact in your local community and providing that community with local leaders who will stand up for them. If done correctly, these local leaders may then become the elected



We will also be encouraging and promoting many forms of recreational activity for Party Members and supporters in the same way that our organisational team have being doing across the country for several years now before the formation of Homeland.

Today, Simon Crane and other Homeland activists continued their important work in Erskine supporting the local community and it was nice to see *The Herald* advertise the demo. There is an article elsewhere on the website showing our awesome new Homeland banners and the brilliant t-shirts the local community produced. Si and the team looked very smart in their new attire, which made the scruffy left-wing mob look even more dishevelled than usual.

With fantastic folk like Si Crane and others across the UK working hard in local communities we are confident Homeland Party will be successful in our aims. If you share our vision, get in touch and help make a positive impact in your community.

Kenny Smith

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6	Local contact	“*inquirers can fill out all their details and hand them back to the* ***local contact*** *in their area.”*	https://t.me/HomelandParty/65	12/05/2023

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Our new business cards, which include a handy section where inquirers can fill out all their details and hand them back to the local contact in their area.

7	Lothian	“***Our Lothian activists*** *revisited…”*	https://t.me/HomelandParty/70	13/05/2023

			The Homeland Party - Where You Belong HOMELAND HOMELAND Today our Lothian activists revisited Traprain Law near Haddington for a get together and walk with the dogs. After the fog lifted the activists were treated to a stunning view of the East Lothian coastline. Whilst community politics is the top priority we are always happy to have a get together for a barbecue, hike or just a coffee. HomelandPartyOfficial Get Involved / Contact Us Twitter t.me/HomelandParty/70 631 May 13 at 20:41		

8	Yorkshire, North East, West Midlands	"*Homeland* ***activists from Yorkshire****, the* ***North East****, and the* ***West Midlands****…"*	https://twitter.com/Homeland_Party/status/1657829340220981248?s=20  	14/05/2023
9	Regional organisers	"*Of the 54* ***organisers*** *in Patriotic*	https://www.searchlightmagazine.com/2023/05/britains-biggest-nazi-group-fractures-the-patriotic-alternative-split-and-where-it-leaves-britains-far-right/	15/05/2023

		Alternative (PA), ***32 deserted*** *its founder and leader* [redacted] *in late April 2023 and defected to a new breakaway movement, the Homeland Party*"		
10	West Midlands and Wales "activists"	"*Homeland* ***activists from West Midlands and Wales*****"**	https://t.me/HomelandParty/82	16/05/2023


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Homeland activists from West Midlands and Wales met at Haughmond Abbey near Shrewsbury to explore this Augustinian monastery founded in the 12th century and to enjoy a woodland walk. This was followed by lunch at a local country pub after which some of the group decided to take the forest path up to the top of Haughmond Hill where they had panoramic views across England and Wales.
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11	East Midlands	“***Activists** from the East Midlands*”	https://t.me/HomelandParty/106	22/05/2023

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On Sunday activists from the East Midlands were out cleaning up litter at a local park.

Archer's Field in Stapleford is often ridden with rubbish, including beer bottles, food wrappers and even car tyres and batteries.

After a hard day's work, activists and their families from the East Mids and Yorkshire enjoyed Sunday evening together over home made pizza.

12	Midlands	“***Activists** from the Midlands*”	https://t.me/HomelandParty/134	04/06/2023


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Activists from the Midlands were out in Cannock for a banner-drop, signalling a bold message, *Put our people first.*
Motorists passing by honked in the dozens in support of the message displayed, showing that many are conscious of the plight we here in England face.
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13	Recruiting for local activists.	*“Homeland membership is open to all. We are keen to recruit those who want to be open advocates for Nationalism in their communities.”*	https://t.me/HomelandParty/197	23/06/2023



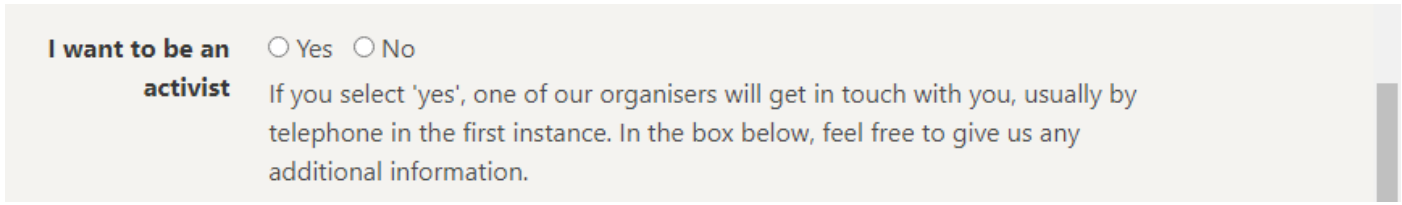
Join the Homeland Party today

We are delighted to announce that Membership is now available.

This is an exciting new way forward for Nationalism in Britain with a central focus on community politics.

Since forming on the 8th of May we have begun the hard graft that is needed in local communities around the country. We already have two Parish Councillors in England and two of our members are Community Councillors in Scotland.

Work is ongoing in many other areas across the country to increase these numbers and make a real impact in the neighbourhoods we live in. We want nationalists in power instead of the liberal progressives, so we can be the bulwark against the destruction of our communities.

14	Membership page	"*If you select 'yes', one of our **organisers** will get in touch with you*"	https://homelandparty.org/join/ 	-

Appendix 2 – Audio recording of inaugural meeting

1. Here are the notes the Party Registration team made whilst the video was available. The notes highlight the following matters:
    a. The group talks about how it has had to hid how it gets donations from its payment processor as otherwise they will refuse to deal with them.
    b. The majority of regional organisers from Patriotic Alternative have left to be part of Homeland.
        i. This indicates that substantial numbers of 'officers' of PA have moved over and that they may have taken up similar roles for Homeland.
    c. It is discussed that PA regional branches had their own bank accounts.
        i. This is usually a strong indication that those branches are actually accounting units. There is the potential that this structure has been replicated in Homeland.
    d. Further discussion of branch bank accounts at PA. most branches had 2 accounts. Some discussion about opening these in other names – "positive action" – and activists opening these accounts directly.
    e. Most regions operate with small amount of funds. Discussion that this money should not go back to PA, but be kept when the party splits.
        i. Indication that the party may have more assets to declare than has been recorded.
        ii. Further indicates there are multiple units of PA, and potentially the same applies to this application.
    f. Regional organisers manage membership

    g. **It is openly discussed that Homeland will be a party with accounting units.**
2. There are indications that:
    a. The party has a substantial branch and regional organiser network already, which has carried over from PA.
    b. There is the potential that any branches will operate with their own bank accounts
3. In addition to this the audio states that the party intends to register with accounting units.
4. It appears that, if the party does indeed have branches, they likely have some assets. Where branch structures have been excluded from the constitution, it seems likely that any branch assets have also been omitted. We should seek to clarify this with the party.

PARTY NAME

APPLICATION TO REGISTER IN GB

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Decision and Approval Board comments

Applicant party name:

Application type:

Relevant register: GB (England, Scotland, Wales), NI

Application details and recommendation	**Decision and Approval Board comments**
Constitution (**A** / **R**) Financial scheme (**A** / **R**) Proposed party name: XXX (**A** / **R**) Proposed descriptions: 1. XXX (**A** / **R**) 2. XXX (**A** / **R**) Proposed emblems: 1. XXX (**A** / **R**) 2. XXX (**A** / **R**) Registered descriptions 1. XXX (**Retain** / **Remove**) 2. XXX (**Retain** / **Remove**)	**Initial view (please add initials and date):** **Approval Board comments (please add initials and date):** **Decision (please add initials and date):**

Recommendation of Registration Team member

1. In making my recommendations I have considered the requirements and statutory tests set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (PPERA).
2. I recommend that the Commission **approve** the party's application.

3. I recommend that the Commission **reject** party's application.
4. My recommendations in relation to each aspect of the application are set out as follows:

Application	-	**A** / **R**	
Asset and liability declaration	-	**A** / **R**	
Constitution	-	**A** / **R**	XX
Financial scheme	-	**A** / **R**	
Name		**A** / **R**	
Description 1		**A** / **R**	
Description 2		**A** / **R**	
Description 3		**A** / **R**	
Description 4		**A** / **R**	
Description 5		**A** / **R**	
Description 6		**A** / **R**	

Description 7		**A / R**	
Description 8		**A / R**	
Description 9		**A / R**	
Description 10		**A / R**	
Description 11		**A / R**	
Description 12		**A / R**	
Emblem 1		**A / R**	
Emblem 2		**A / R**	
Emblem 3		**A / R**	

Registered description 1		**Retain / Remove**
Registered description 2		**Retain / Remove**

NAME Choose an item. NAME

DATE Click or tap to enter a date.

Registration Team member assessment

Applicant party information

Link to party's registered entry	Link
Link to party accounts	Website, Twitter, Facebook

5. XXX

Application history

Link to application docs	Application, Financial Scheme, Constitution, Emblem 1, Emblem 2, Emblem 3, Email	
Part of the register	GB (England, Scotland, Wales), NI	
Date first lodged	**Date considered complete**	**Date published for comment**
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6. XXXX

Consideration of the Welsh Language Measure

7. As a public body operating in Wales, we are required to carry out our functions in line with the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards. We are required to treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English in performing our functions in Wales.
8. I have considered these requirements insofar as they relate to our assessment of this registration application, including the application of the statutory tests under Part II of PPERA.
9. To this end, as the party Choose an item., I do not consider that these requirements have any further relevance to this application.
10. To this end, as the party Choose an item., I have sought Welsh translations of all proposed English identity marks (and vice versa), including text contained in emblems. I have considered those translations and their relevance to each of the relevant statutory tests.

Type	ID Mark – English Version	ID Mark – Welsh Version	Translators comments

Intention to stand candidates

11. XXX

Application form

Link to application form	Application form
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

12. I **am/am not** satisfied that the required fee has been provided.
13. I **am/am not** satisfied that the party have provided the address of the headquarters, or that where they have provided a correspondence address, that there is no evidence that the party has a headquarters.
14. I **am/am not** satisfied that the party have applied to register the overall leader of the party, or where the party does not have an overall leader, the leader is registered for a particular purpose.
15. I **am not/am** aware of any convictions for electoral fraud within the last 5 years for the proposed treasurer, having conducted open source searches.
16. I **am/am not** satisfied that the officer roles applied for are compliant with PPERA.
17. I **am/am not** satisfied the party has provided home addresses for all responsible officers.
18. I **am/am not** satisfied that the application has been properly authorised.
19. I **am/am not** satisfied the party has applied for a financial year end that matches that applied for in their financial scheme.

Constitution

Link to constitution	Constitution
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Equality Act issue identified	**No / Yes**
Summary reason	

OR

Link to constitution subject of application	**Link to currently registered constitution**
Constitution	Constitution
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Equality Act issue identified	**No / Yes**
Summary reason	

20. Paragraph 5(1)(a), Schedule 4 of PPERA prescribes that a party must submit with their application to be registered a copy of their constitution. Section 26(9) of PPERA says that a constitution is the document or documents by which the structure and organisation of the party is determined. Accordingly, the constitution must set out sufficient detail to show the structure and organisation of the party.

21. In my view the constitution **does** / **does not** show the structure and organisation of the party.

Topics we expect a party to include in their constitution	**Where this is outlined in the constitution, or how this is met.**
Summary and recommendation.	22.
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.	23.

Topics we expect a party to include in their constitution	Where this is outlined in the constitution, or how this is met.
The constitution should also reflect that.	
The party's aims and objectives.	24.
A reference to an intention to stand candidates and at which elections.	25.
The candidate selection process (or at least a statement that the party will have one).	26.
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.	27.
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.	28.
If the party has membership, and if so the process and rules governing that membership.	29.
How the constitution can be changed and the process for dissolution of the party.	30.
That the party have adopted its financial scheme / The constitution must also be consistent with a party's financial scheme	31.
Equality Act consideration	32. I **have** / **have not** identified any issues in the legislation relating to equalities legislation. 33. Where my recommendation is to reject this constitution against the requirements of PPERA, I have not contacted the party about this consideration – this will be addressed in any rejection correspondence. If the delegated decision maker is minded to approve this constitution against

Topics we expect a party to include in their constitution	Where this is outlined in the constitution, or how this is met.
	PPERA, the party will be contacted in relation to this matter before a final decision is made.

Financial scheme

Link to scheme	Financial scheme
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

OR

Link to financial scheme subject of application	**Link to currently registered financial scheme**
Financial Scheme	Financial scheme
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

34. Pursuant to section 26 of PPERA, a party may not be registered unless it has adopted a scheme which sets out the arrangement for regulating the financial affairs of the party for the purposes of PPERA.
35. I am of the view that the scheme **does** / **does not** set out the arrangements for regulating the financial affairs of the party of the purposes of PPERA.
36. Based on the information available to me, I am of the view that the party **has adopted** / **has not adopted** the scheme.
37. The party's financial year end **does** / **does not** match the financial year end indicated on the application form.

Asset and Liability Declaration

Link to record **Recommendation** **Summary reason**	ALR, supporting information **Approve / Reject**
Pursuant to section 28(3B) of PPERA, a party may not be registered unless it has made a declaration that it the asset/liability is or is not met. Has the party has made a declaration under 28(3B)? [DELETE ROW AS APPROPRIATE]	
A declaration has not been made by the party and the application therefore must be rejected. [any additional information required]	
A declaration has been made and states that an ALR is not required. Having considered the available information I am satisfied / not satisfied that the party is not required to provide an ALR.	[Delete as appropriate] 1. I am not aware of information that indicates the declaration is not properly made. 2. I am aware of and have considered the following information in considering whether the declaration is properly made.[any relevant information that has been considered to be added here] 3. [set out reasoning] 4.
Declaration has been made and states that an ALR is required. I have made further considerations below.	5. Having considered the available information, I am/ am not satisfied that an ALR is required. 6. [further explanation as required.] 7.
28(3D) requires that a record of assets and liabilities be provided if the declaration states the condition is met. Where the party has provided an ALR, I have considered whether in my view the record properly reflects the assets and liabilities of the party, at the point of submission.	
8. I am satisfied / not satisfied that the asset and liability record is properly made.	9. Having conducted searches of the available information, I have not / have found information that suggests the record is improperly made. a. [further information has required]

	10. The party has provided additional information/ amendments to its record. I have made considerations of this below. a. [further considerations]. 11. I recommend that the application be approved / rejected. 12. [Borderline recommendation if required "having considered all available information, it is my view that a recommendation is finely balanced. I have set out both views for the board to consider. Having considered all facts of this case, I am/ am not satisfied that a proper record has been made."]
Where the party is applying for registration on both registers in note the following: Pursuant to section 26 (10) of PPERA, a party's financial scheme must show that the financial affairs of the party in both registers will be conducted separately. I have considered whether the ALR provided by the party in meets the requirements of 26 (10).	
Having reviewed all information available, including any additional information provided by the party, I am/ am not satisfied that the assets and liabilities of the party in GB and NI are held separately and that the requirements of 26 (10) are met.	13. I recommend that the application be approved / rejected for the following reasons.

Name

Proposed name	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

38. In making my recommendation I have considered the factors set out in the following paragraphs.
39. As explained above, in considering the requirements of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards, I have sought a translation for this proposed name: **TRANSLATION**. I have considered the relevance of the translation to each of the relevant statutory tests.
    a. The record of the translation can be found here.
40. The proposed identifier **is not the same** / **is the same** as another identifier on the register.
41. I am of the view that registration of the identifier **is not likely** / **is likely** to result in electors confusing the applicant party with another registered party.

OAK, Mary (address in the Constituency) Party identifier	
ASH, James (address in the Constituency) Proposed party identifier	
PINE, Susan (address in the Constituency) Party identifier	
ELM, David (address in the Constituency) Party identifier	

42. The proposed identifier **is not more** / **is more** than six words.

43. The proposed identifier, in my view, **is not** / **is** obscene or offensive.
44. The proposed identifier, in my view, if published is **not likely** / **likely to** amount to the commission of an offence.
45. The proposed identifier, in my view, is **not likely** / **would be likely**, were it to appear on a ballot paper, to result in an elector being misled as to the effect of their vote.
46. The proposed identifier, in my view, is **not likely** / **would be likely**, were it to appear on a ballot paper, to contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for their guidance in voting.
47. The proposed identifier **does not** / **does** include any script other than Roman Script.
48. The proposed identifier **does not** / **does** include a word or expression prohibited by order made by the Secretary of State.

Review of registered descriptions

49. As part of this application, I am recommending approving a change to the party's registered name.
50. The party has registered descriptions which it is not applying to remove as part of this application.
51. Below I have therefore considered whether existing descriptions continue to identify the party, if the final decision is to approve the name change.
52. If the description no longer identifies the party from the revised party name, my recommendation is to remove the description from the register.

Registered description 1

Proposed description	
Recommendation	**Retain** / **Remove**
Summary reason	Choose an item.

53. I **am satisfied** / am **not satisfied** that the proposed description amounts to a description under PPERA.
    a. In coming to this view, I have considered below whether the description continues to identify the party, if the application to change the applicant party name is approved.
    b.
    c.

Descriptions

Description 1

Proposed description	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

54. In making my recommendation I have considered the factors set out in the following paragraphs.
55. As explained above, in considering the requirements of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards, I have sought a translation for this proposed description: **TRANSLATION**. I have considered the relevance of the translation to each of the relevant statutory tests.
    a. The record of the translation can be found here.
56. I **am satisfied** / am **not satisfied** that the proposed description amounts to a description under PPERA.
57. The proposed identifier **is not the same** / **is the same** as another identifier on the register.
58. I am of the view that registration of the identifier **is not likely** / **is likely** to result in electors confusing the applicant party with another registered party.
59. The proposed identifier **is not more** / **is more** than six words.
60. The proposed identifier, in my view, **is not** / **is** obscene or offensive.
61. The proposed identifier, in my view, if published is **not likely** / **likely to** amount to the commission of an offence.
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63. The proposed identifier, in my view, is **not likely** / **would be likely**, were it to appear on a ballot paper, to contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for their guidance in voting.
64. The proposed identifier **does not** / **does** include any script other than Roman Script.
65. The proposed identifier **does not** / **does** include a word or expression prohibited by order made by the Secretary of State.

Description 2

Proposed description	

Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

66. XXX

Description 3

Proposed description	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

67. XXX

Description 4

Proposed description	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

68. XXX

Description 5

Proposed description	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

69. XXX

Description 6

Proposed description	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

70. XXX

Description 7

Proposed description	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

71. XXX

Description 8

Proposed description	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

72. XXX

Description 9

Proposed description	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

73. XXX

Description 10

Proposed description	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

74. XXX

Description 11

Proposed description	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

75. XXX

Description 12

Proposed description	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

76. XXX

Emblems

Emblem 1

Proposed emblem	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

77. In making my recommendation I have considered the factors set out in the following paragraphs.
78. As explained above, in considering the requirements of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Welsh Language Standards, I have sought a translation for the text contained in this proposed emblem: **TRANSLATION**. I have considered the relevance of the translation to each of the relevant statutory tests.
    a. The record of the translation can be found here.
79. I **am satisfied** / am **not satisfied** that the proposed identity mark amounts to an emblem under PPERA.
    a. The proposed identity mark **does / does not** primarily comprise a pictorial or symbolic element. ***EXPAND***
    b. As I am not satisfied that this identifier constitutes an emblem, it should be rejected on this basis.

80. The proposed emblem **does meet** / **does not meet** the text size requirement set out in the Commission's guidance and is therefore likely to mislead a voter as to the effect of their vote.
81. The proposed identifier **is not the same** / **is the same** as another identifier on the register.
82. I am of the view that registration of the identifier **is not likely** / **is likely** to result in electors confusing the applicant party with another registered party.
83. The proposed identifier, in my view, **is not** / **is** obscene or offensive.
84. The proposed identifier, in my view, if published is **not likely** / **likely to** amount to the commission of an offence.
85. The proposed identifier, in my view, is **not likely** / **would be likely**, were it to appear on a ballot paper, to result in an elector being misled as to the effect of their vote.
86. The proposed identifier, in my view, is **not likely** / **would be likely**, were it to appear on a ballot paper, to contradict, or hinder an elector's understanding of, any directions for their guidance in voting.
87. The proposed identifier **does not** / **does** include a word or expression prohibited by order made by the Secretary of State.

Emblem 2

Proposed emblem	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

88. XXX

Emblem 3

Proposed emblem	
Recommendation	**Approve / Reject**
Summary reason	

89. XXX

Register searches

Table 1: Similarity score results

90. The following table lists identifiers that are similar to the proposed name or descriptions according to an electronic matching process. The higher the value, the higher the similarity.

91. I undertook the search on the GB (England, Scotland, Wales), NI register.

Proposed ID Marks	**ID Mark**	**Type**	**Party registered to**	**Register**	**Protected until**	**Similarity**

Table 2: Identity marks that contain words in the proposed identity marks

92. I have conducted a search to identify where words contained in the proposed descriptions and emblems appear on the registers.

93. I undertook the searches on the GB (England, Scotland, Wales), NI register.

94. I did not search the following words: XXX, XXX, XXX. That is because XXX.

Word searched for: [WORD]		
ID Mark	**Type**	**Party registered to**

Public comments

None received

OR

All comments are original and verbatim. All comments are tracked to the RP1 case.

Table 1: Comments received on this application

Commenter	Comment
DATE - NAME	Copy of text.

Table 2: Comments received on previous applications to register identity marks

Commenter	Comment
DATE - NAME	Copy of text.

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