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To: [redacted]
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Dear [redacted]

Our Ref: FOI 154-24

Thank you for your email to the Electoral Commission.

The Commission aims to respond to requests for information promptly and regrets it has not done so within the statutory timeframe of twenty working days.

Your request is shown in bold below followed by our response.

You have asked for the following information:

In the documents provided about The Other Party [in response to FOI 140-24] there are links that I cannot open.

I am particularly interested in the intelligence report (Point 5) in ["The Other Party-registration note redacted"]

Is it possible to get [this] document?

Our response is as follows:

We hold the information you have requested.

Enclosed in this response is the requested The Other Party – Intelligence report.

You will notice that certain personal details have been redacted from the documents we are releasing. Section 40(2) 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.

The Commission strives to be an open, transparent authority and I trust that this information satisfies your request. If you are not satisfied with this response, please note that the Commission operates a review procedure, details of which can be found on the Commission website at: www.electoralcommission.org.uk/freedom-information/make-a-freedom-information-request.

Please also note that if you have exhausted all internal Commission review procedures and you are still not satisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Details of this procedure can be found on the ICO website: https://ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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The Other Party

Background Information and Regulatory Intelligence:

- Describing itself as a new UK political party “powered by the blockchain” (source). It claims that it intends to bypass traditional political apparatus and to decentralise power and restore it to the people through blockchain technology. “We are embarking on a journey to refine democracy. Our mission is to remover the centralised power of politicians and return it to the hands of the people. By leveraging blockchain technology” (source)
- The party is advocating a unique way of funding through what they call POD (Proof of Donation) Memorabilia Token. A digital sticker where 0.99% of the amount spent on this POD or sold or transferred is a direct contribution to the Other Party’s campaign. (source) Though the scheme presents a significant disclaimer on their website. Here is leader [redacted] explaining the POD system in a [redacted] video.
- The organisation is not registered with the Electoral Commission, although there is a prominent link on the landing page of its website saying, “View our party registration” and the Electoral Commission logo. (the link is to the publication of the notice for the party)
- The current leader, treasurer and party administrator is [redacted] and [redacted] is the nominating officer while [redacted] is the campaigns officer.
- Although there is no listing for The Other Party on Companies House both [redacted] and [redacted] are listed for a company called [redacted] which is filed as ‘Business and domestic software development’ – [redacted] website describes the company as [redacted]
- Contact details:
    - Website: https://www.otherparty.co.uk/
    - office address: [redacted]
    - email: None on record
    - phone: [redacted]

Digital campaigning:

- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/theotherpartyuk/
- Google: n/a
- TikTok: https://www.tiktok.com/@theotherpartyuk
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/@TheOtherPartyUK
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/theotherpartyuk

- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/theotherpartyuk/
- Telegram: https://t.me/theotherparty
- Discord: https://discord.com/invite/hnM76fXYRq
- Medium: https://medium.com/@TheOtherParty

Media monitoring:

- The Other Party is hoping to bring blockchain-powered democracy to the UK (The Block - December 2023)
- The Other Party launches (Crypto News - December 2023)
- The Dawn of a New Political Era (The Other Party Press Release (Global Newswire - Dember 2023)

Financial Reporting:

N/A

Compliance history:

- **Live issues/ongoing enforcement action:**

Case Type	Date	Summary

Engagement:

Date	Type of engagement	Notes