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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 22 March 2017 requesting the following information.

"I would like to know about the nature of all the numerous military planes flying over Knutsford, Cheshire between 3 and 5pm".

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) gives an applicant the right to access recorded information held by public authorities at the time the request is made and does not require public authorities to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information held.

The Ministry of Defence requires further information in order to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request. In particular, it would be helpful to know the date the military planes were flying over Knutsford, Cheshire you reference in your request.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that measures are taken to provide a balance between military training requirements and the need to avoid excessive disturbance on the ground. The MOD takes its responsibilities to the general public very seriously indeed and is keen to maintain good relationships with local communities.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal

review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Once you have clarified your request, I will be pleased to consider it again.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in future communications.

Yours sincerely

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