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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 23 March 2015 requesting information on the relocation of HMS CAMBRIA and disposal plans for the land on which it is currently located. Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the department holds the following information within the scope of your request.

The Future Reserves 20 White Paper announced that to support the recruitment and retention of Maritime Reservists (RNR & RMR) there is going to be a major upgrading of its supporting infrastructure.

Phase One: The Upgrading of the Existing is now complete and all Maritime Reserve units have received major improvements in their infrastructure, this includes the development of the Maritime Reserves Sub Unit in Swansea.

Phase Two: This involves the development of five large projects to develop new, modern and fit for purpose facilities in Edinburgh, Tyneside, Cardiff, Portsmouth and Bristol.

A copy of the Future Reserves 20 White Paper is available at the following web address:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/future-reserves-2020-consultation>

The Royal Navy has an aspiration to relocate HMS CAMBRIA to central Cardiff by 2018 and a project team has been formed to develop a number of options for achieving that. The Project Team have consulted widely with a number of stakeholders in South Wales including the Welsh Assembly, Cardiff City Council, Universities of Wales Military Education Committee, local Chamber of Commerce and the Lord Lieutenancies.

A modern facility in central Cardiff will allow the Royal Navy to play a larger part within the Welsh community and support its recruitment and retention targets.

With regard to the disposal of the land on which HMS CAMBRIA is currently located no decision has yet been taken but any disposal will be in accordance with the normal departmental process.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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