



Ministry of Defence

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Dear

Thank you for your email of 28 June 2016 requesting the following information:

"1. Please set out in detail the method by which the department estimated the potential housing capacity of all sites that have been disposed of under the Government's public land disposal policy since 2011.

"2. Please state the names of any external consultants and/or firms hired to assist with producing these estimates."

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In assessing housing capacity at site level, the Department uses the figure provided through a planning allocation, permission or in the Local Plan or, if not yet available, information provided through a valuation or other formal site assessment. Once sites have been identified, but before any planning application is in place, the Department uses its best judgement to estimate housing capacity taking into account site constraints, the developable area, access and local housing densities. In the absence of other information a standard assumption of 40 dwellings per net developable hectare is used

The names of external consultants used to assist with producing these estimates include Bilfinger GVA, Carter Jonas, Jones Lang LaSalle and AMEC Foster Wheeler.

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, 1st 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.

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat