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Dear

Thank you for your email of 4 February 2015 requesting the following information:

*"Please supply information held relating to the capacity of ADR at Brizlee to cope with the growing number of windfarms north of Brizlee and their cumulative effects. Information should include timescale, purpose and outcome of any trials or studies"*

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

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

However the MOD is withholding this information as it falls under Section 26 (1) (2). The information contained would prejudice defence or the capability, effectiveness or security of relevant forces if disclosed.

Section 26 (1) (2) is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure. In this instance the public interest falls in favour of withholding the information as any release of this information could or would be likely to prejudice the defence of the British islands (i.e. the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) and the capability, effectiveness or security of the armed forces or that of any forces cooperating with them.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the MOD has agreed a Radar Mitigation Scheme for the Air Defence Radar at Brizlee Wood for three wind farm developments. They are confirmed as Middlemoor, Fallago Rig and Wandylaw and the MOD has recommended to the consenting authorities that the respective planning conditions can be discharged following the implementation of the Radar Mitigation Scheme.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat

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 Head of Corporate Information, 2nd 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, [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).