



Ministry
of Defence

Secretariat
Defence Infrastructure Organisation
Kingston Road
Sutton Coldfield
B75 7RL

E-mail: diosec-parli@mod.uk
www.gov.uk/DIO

17 December 2015

Ref. FOI2015/10308

Dear

Thank you for your letter dated 18 November 2015 requesting the following information:

- “1. Please advise are the Forces Marriage Homes staying at Howe Barracks and how many will MOD keep?*
- 2. I do not remember seeing on the 3x public meetings I attended about digging up the parade group to plant veg and other items. Allotments who will run it?*
- 3. Do the government own all of Howe Barracks as it seemed to be part of St Martins Hospital?*
- 4. What is to happen at Dover Barracks as been empty a long time?*
- 5. How much MOD have you sold in Kent and was any covered by covenant in that it was given for use to the MOD only?”*

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

1. None of the Service Family Accommodation are being sold with the barracks.
2. The three public meetings were pre-application public consultation events as the application was evolving. An orchard will be planted on what is now the parade group forming part of the community facilities. The orchard will be maintained by the Howe Trust, along with Howe Park, the allotments and the other community facilities that will be in the Trust.
3. Howe Barracks is owned by the Secretary of State for Defence. A small part of the barracks fronting and north side of Littlebourne Road falls into the St Martins Conservation Area, which covers the hospital to the south of the road.
4. Dover Barracks is not MOD owned land; it was sold to the Home and Communities Agency.

In relation to question number 5 at present the MOD is unable to confirm whether any information in the scope of your request is held. Please clarify the time frame to which you are referring. If you are able to confirm this via the address or email address at the top of this letter, I will be able to look into this further for you.

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 DIO Secretariat 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.

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,

DIO Secretariat