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Dear

Thank you for your email of 7 August 2015 requesting the following information:

*"I would like to request the Integrated Rural Management Plans (IRMP), The sites of interest are Battlesbury and Scratchbury hillforts if this matters? I don't know if there is just one IRMP or several so the one that covers these sites would be great.*

*I was also led to believe that there were inspections of these areas and such there should be reports on how these areas are defined ie good status, poor etc achieving their aims or not etc. would it be possible to have the most recent assessments of the IRMP as well for reference."*

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 of the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found attached on Annex A,B & C, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at sections 40 (Personal Data) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that there is no IRMP or quinquennial inspection report available for Scratchbury Hillfort, as the area falls within a full agricultural tenancy. Under the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 the Ministry Of Defence is not legally enabled to include it within its management plans. Any such inspections are a matter for the tenant and Historic England.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1st 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.

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