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Dear

Thank you for your email of 29 July 2015 requesting the following information:

"I am requesting a copy of the land lease agreement made between: the Defence Infrastructure Organisation and British Solar Renewables Group, address: Higher Hill Farm, Butleigh, Somerset, BA6 8TW.

This lease agreement concerns land owned by the DIO located at the (now closed) RAF transport base/ airport at: Lyneham, Chippenham, Wiltshire. I understand this lease was organised on or about January 2015 and relates to a large section of land now used as a Solar Farm, developed and operated by: British Solar Renewables. I am particularly interested in; if there are any restrictions contained in the lease or associated documents regarding the use of the land by BSR."

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

All of the information in scope of your request falls entirely within the scope of qualified exemption provided for at Section 22(1) (Intended for future publication) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 22 (1) 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.

The outcome of the public interest test confirms it is in public interest to withhold the information, as it outweighs the requirement to disclose the information, as it will be available in the public domain. The information will be available through another government body and therefore there is no obligation for the DIO to currently disclose it.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the lease will be registered with the Land Registry and you can access this online at:
https://eservices.landregistry.gov.uk/www/wps/myportal/My_Home.

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 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>.