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Dear

Thank you for your email of 27 July 2016 requesting the following information:

"Your response to our FOI request (request-347983-cb7bc96f@whatdotheyknow.com) stated that "As of 27 July 2016 no land has formally been released to the HCA but it is expected to transfer shortly."

This implies that a decision may not yet have been made but is expected.

Has the decision to release the land at Chalgrove Airfield actually been made and, if so, when was it made and by whom?"

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

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

Has the decision to release the land at Chalgrove Airfield actually been made.

Yes it has.

When was it made and by whom?

The decision was made by the Minister for Defence Veterans, Reserves and Personnel, Mark Lancaster on 27 April 2016.

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, 2nd Floor, Zone N, 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