



Our Reference:

BY EMAIL ONLY

11 February 2016

Dear

Request for Information

Thank you for your letter received by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) on 25 January 2016, requesting information on RAF Staff College, Bracknell. For ease of reference your request is below:

We are writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information we wish to obtain is as follows.

Please check your records and let us know whether you hold any records relating to any asbestos contained within or removed from any buildings at the RAF Staff College Bracknell.

In January 2015 we received a similar request to yours above and we recalled from our archives all the files that related to the site concerned. These were checked for any information regarding asbestos. We identified a number of documents within the scope of that request and now, subsequently, we hold these on file and they answer your enquiry above. We have provided you these documents in full and they accompany this letter. In light of the time that has passed from the previous request to this one, we checked our files in order to ascertain if we held any new information regarding asbestos at RAF Staff College, Bracknell. We can confirm that we hold no further information. For purposes of transparency we can also confirm that two files relating to the above site were previously held but destroyed in line with the HCA's document retention policy due to the age of the files (this was reported in January 2015 when investigating the previous request). We have no further information regarding what those files may have contained.

By way of further information, the Homes and Communities Agency sold the site in question to Taylor Wimpey on 21 July 2005. Therefore, you may wish to contact Taylor Wimpey as they might hold information relevant to your enquiries. Although they are not bound by the Freedom of Information Act 2000, they may be willing to provide any information they hold on a voluntary basis.

If you wish to contact Taylor Wimpey, they have an online enquiry system on their website available at the following address: <https://www.taylorwimpey.co.uk/get-in-touch/contact->

[US](#).

If you have any questions regarding this response or any further queries you can contact us at the following addresses and quote your unique reference number found at the top of this letter:

Email: mail@homesandcommunities.co.uk

Mail: Information Access Officer
Homes and Communities Agency
Fry Building
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

If you are unhappy with the way Homes and Communities Agency has handled your request you may ask for an internal review. You should contact

Head of Legal Services
Homes and Communities Agency
Fry Building
2 Marsham Street
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Online: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/>

Yours sincerely

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