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Thank you for your email of 1 August 2017 requesting the following information:

"I am enquiring whether Predannack Aifield might be for sale either now or in the future, or at least whether permission could be obtained to use the airfield for a civilian 4 seater aircraft on a regular basis, as a private individual."

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 (MOD) and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

There remains a current and enduring requirement to utilise Predannack Airfield in support of defence aviation. Predannack operates as a satellite aerodrome to Royal Navy Air Station (RNAS) Culdrose, primarily supporting the initial training and continuing generation of Culdrose based helicopter aircrew in fulfilling their mandated defence aviation tasking. Civilian use of MOD aerodromes is governed by Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Article 2415 and a further document called 'Use of Military Airfields by British and Foreign Civil Aircraft.' You can view Regulatory Article 2415 using the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/regulatory-article-ra-2415-third-party-use-of-military-airfields

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note in the first instance, any request for Civilian use of Predannack Airfield should be address to: RNAS Culdrose, Helston, Cornwall, TR12 7RH.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk).

Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at https://ico.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat