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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 26 November 2016 requesting the following information:

'The following article, presumably based upon a press release, was posted by the BBC in September: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-37287613>. This includes an apparent intention to sell MoD land in Old Dalby, Leicestershire for housing development. [REDACTED] and it would be very helpful for all concerned to know what the status of this is please? I have been unable to find out anything about this [REDACTED]

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

On 6 September 2016 the Ministry of Defence (MOD) announced the intent to release 13 sites as part of the Department's estate optimisation strategy to create a more effective and efficient Defence estate. That announcement included the intent to dispose of the land at Old Dalby in Melton Mowbray after 2020. Over the next 12 to 18 months there will be a series of detailed assessments involving all relevant areas of the MOD. These assessments will more precisely define the exact moves and sequencing required in line with delivering the outputs of the 2015 Strategic Defence and Security Review. Once a firm disposal date has been identified, all relevant parties will be notified and the site will be sold in accordance with MOD disposal procedures.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) wrote to the Chief Executive of Melton Borough Council on 6 September 2016 concerning the future of Defence sites in the area. You may wish to contact the Town Planning Team within the Council directly for further information. The MOD will liaise with the planning team of the Council at an appropriate time in the future when a date for the disposal of the site has been determined.

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, 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

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