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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 12 July 2017 requesting the following information:

*"My enquiry with yourself is related to the 'Terms and Conditions' as to the condition of land being handed over in a fit-for-purpose state within the original or any subsequent LEASE agreements between the MOD and the Duke of Wellington (DoW) Estate, with special interest being paid to ANY communications between the MOD and the ultimate owners of this land, whom we are informed were the Duke of Wellington Estate, when the MOD returned this woodland just north of Dixon Road back to the DoW portfolio, who we understand later sold it publicly as woodland.*

*I have inserted a 1952 photograph to help jog the memory.... it is the land shown in the bottom right hand corner alongside the south-eastern exit via Dixon Road. This is the woodland just north of the road, known as Dixon Road, which is primarily a service into the southern end of the Brambly Camp located at these coordinates; SU6656.9050o*

*We are interested in any communications between the MOD and the DoW as to the state / condition of the said land and any stipulations, recommendations, warnings, concerns or feedback of any kind that may have occurred back then when the MOD stopped using the land and handed it over to the estate.*

*It would be extremely helpful of the MOD or Landmarc if you were able to furnish us with any collateral relating to this land during the MOD's tenure as a tenant, especially those relating to any suspicions or knowledge of potential buried ordnance by workers of George Cohen and Sons and the end of lease negotiations at the point of when the MOD handed-over this land."*

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 no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note there is no record of MOD owing the land in question or of a lease with the Duke of Wellington Estate.

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, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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