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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24 August 2018 requesting the following information:

'Conservationists and local people are extremely concerned about Shandon House and South Lodge. They were purchased by the MOD to increase the estate of Faslane naval base, but appear increasingly derelict. Please confirm the dates the MoD purchased these listed buildings. Will they be placed on the market, without further delay, if the MoD has no use for them?'

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that in regards to your question confirming the dates the MOD purchased these listed building, I can confirm that there is no information held.

In regards to your question concerning whether they will be placed on the market, without further delay, if the MOD has no use for them. The answer to your question can be found below:

The Estate Optimisation Programme examines the Defence Estate across the UK, with the aim of providing a smaller more sustainable estate in support of Military capabilities. Current work to define the Strategy, will clarify a list of locations that will contribute to the Government's commitment to release public sector land for house building in this parliament. Once a site is declared surplus to Defence purposes it is placed on what was referred to as the Register of Surplus Public Sector Land, which as of 2011 has been integrated into the core e-PIMS database managed by the Government Property Unit (GPU) within the Cabinet Office. This database provides an opportunity for other public bodies to express interest in acquiring sites before being placed on the open market. Any such a purchase must be at market value as stated within the guidelines set by the Treasury in Managing Public Money.

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