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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 6 December 2017 requesting the following information:

"Please provide the following

1. The cost for new fencing for Ash Ranges
2. The reason for putting up new fencing at Ash Ranges
3. The cost of new fencing at Deepcut
4. The reason for putting up new fencing for Deepcut
5. The contact name for complaints about the new fencing and it cutting of Public Rights of Way."

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.

The cost for new fencing for Ash Ranges was £380,410.55. The fence is a replacement for an existing RDA (Range Danger Area) fence that had fallen into disrepair.

The reason for putting up the new fencing at Ash Ranges is it surrounds the Ash Range Danger Area and has the purpose of preventing the public from entering the RDA when the range is live and when there is a serious threat to life. This is to ensure the public are safe. When there is no firing taking place flags are down, the gates are unlocked and the public are permitted to enter the RDA. This was a replacement fence and not a new development.

The cost of new fencing at Deepcut is information not held.

The fence was erected by Skanska who have done so to protect the public from inadvertently entering the training area when they are using the Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGS).

The new fencing does not cut a public right of way, a new public right of way has been enabled outside of the fence line which links the new SANGS to the tow path of the Basingstoke canal.

This runs in its entirety outside the boundary of the MOD estate. Any queries regarding the fence can be sent to DIOSDTrg-HQSvcMgtTeam@mod.uk.

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 in writing within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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