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EMAIL ONLY:

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Dear

Thank you for your email of 6 October 2016 requesting the following information:

"I'm currently in the process of compiling local authority information of addresses where non-traditional methods have been used. I note that some houses may also be owned/managed by the MoD.

Several mass building projects for local authority houses were constructed using prefabricated or in-situ techniques such as concrete or steel and often had trade names such as Reema, Wates, Cornish etc. These are both pre and post war. Some of these types were subject to further investigation under the Housing Act 1985.

I would be grateful if you could forward and information you hold of information relating to such dwellings in your local authority. Even if the information is limited it would be of great use. Some local authorities have provided lists showing the road, number and type to assist with identification.

Whist writing I would be grateful if you could assist with the identification of house types in King Georges Field, Stow on the Wold. I'm unsure if they are traditional or possibly 'Unity'."

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 the information in scope of your request is held; however some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at Section 38(1) (Health and Safety) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 38(1) has been applied as some of the information requested could put the safety of the families and dependants of our Armed Forces personnel at risk. A public interest test has been conducted to determine whether the risk posed to our Armed Forces personnel through this information is tolerable and the balance of public interest lay in neither confirming nor denying whether the MOD held any of the information in scope of your request.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that there are a total of 6711 Service Family Accommodation (SFA) properties that are of non-traditional construction and there is no SFA in King Georges Field, Stow on the Wold.

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, <a href="http://www.ico.org.uk">http://www.ico.org.uk</a>.

Yours sincerely,

**DIO Secretariat**