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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 17 October 2017 requesting the following information:

"I am writing to enquire as to whether or not the army houses in Shipton Bellinger, Hampshire, are being taken over by the council in the future. I have heard several reports that this is the case and, because there is a brand new military estate on the outskirts of Tidworth now, this would make sense because there is a desperate shortage of local housing in the village - of which my family would like to move back to.

Are the military relinquishing possession of these houses? If so, who to (council?)."

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

There are no plans for the local council 'to take over' the properties in Shipton Bellinger, Hampshire.

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 within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat