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Dear 

Thank you for your letter of 22 November 2017 requesting the following information:

- a) *Please update me under the FOI act 2000 i.e. Access from Littlebourne Road, the Have you DIO spoke to the residents parking bay south side of Littlebourne Road and what is to be build here on the south side?*
- b) *As you the DIO/MOD are keeping the officer's homes on the link road Littlebourne Road to Chaucer Road/Military Road, how is this road, a single carriageway be a link road, as buses & HGVs will not be able to use it.*
- c) *How many MOD houses will you be keeping and where are there in relation to Chaucer Road?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

In respect of items A and B of your request above, whilst the Ministry of Defence (MOD) submitted a planning application prior to the sale to Taylor Wimpey, the Defence Infrastructure Organisation has not been party to subsequent dealings with the Planning and Highway Authorities.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note information may be available to you from other public authorities. Questions on the link road can be answered by Highways England, and those on the parking bay should be directed to Canterbury City Council, the Local Planning Authority and Kent County Council. These authorities are liaising with Taylor Wimpey, the current owner of the land at Howe Barracks.

In respect of item C above of your request, the MOD neither confirms nor denies whether it holds any information in scope of your request under Section 26(1)(b) (Defence) and Section 38(1) (Health and Safety) of the FOIA. Both Section 26 and Section 38 are qualified exemptions and therefore a public interest test has been conducted.

Section 26(1) (b) has been applied because some of the information requested could put at risk the security of our Armed Forces personnel and 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.

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](mailto: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,

DIO Secretariat