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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 24 October 2017 requesting the following information:

*'I am writing to express my shock to find the training estate in Deepcut, from Alma Gardens and Dettingen Road, being fenced in.  
This area is enjoyed by many and training happens without disturbance from the public.*

*So i am enquiring as to if there is going to be any future access, once the area is fully enclosed?'*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIRS) 2004.

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.

The information you have requested can be found below:

The intention is that access will not be permitted while troops are training on the area and will be permitted when they are not. When closed for training the gates will be locked and a visible notice will be posted. MOD officials are reviewing what control measure to put in place to enable this.

Under Regulation 9(1) (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the fence is intended to define the new Deepcut Suitable Accessible Natural Green Space and to ensure members of the public don't by-pass this in order to access what remains of Deepcut. The area that we are currently fencing is some 150 acres. This will only apply to Deepcut and Long Valley because of the specific nature of the training which is carried out on these areas and because of the intensity of training the effect will be that these two areas will be closed to the public for the majority of time.

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Regulation 11 under the Environmental Information Regulations. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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