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14 February 2017

Ref. FOI2016/12357

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 14 December 2016 requesting the following information:

'All correspondence between Maidstone Borough Council, the Ministry of Defence and any third parties since 2010 regarding the purchase and development of the Invicta Park Barracks site post 2025?'

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 information in scope of your request is held and can be found at Annexes A and B.

Some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 40(2) and the qualified exemption provided for at section 43(2) (Commercial Interests) of the FOIA and has been redacted accordingly.

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<http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/planning/local-plan>

<http://maidstone-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

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Yours sincerely

DIO Secretariat

DIO Sec-Parli (MULTIUSER)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2016 10:54
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Invicta Barracks, Maidstone

Importance: High

Dear Sir / Madam

On behalf of the DIO, I write to confirm that as an organisation, we are happy with Policy H2 (2) (Invicta Park Barracks) of the Detailed Policies for broad locations for housing growth.

We apologise for this email being late, but we consider it is important that the Council are aware of our support for Policy H2 (2).

Kind regards

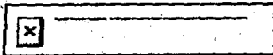
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From: DIO [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2016 13:25
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Invicta Park Barracks, Maidstone

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your message.

I will be in touch.

Kind regards

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Email: [REDACTED] Website: www.mod.uk/DIO

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2016 12:47
To: DIO [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Invicta Park Barracks, Maidstone

Good afternoon

Thank you for your email received this morning. As you acknowledge it has been received after the deadline for consultation responses and so will not form part of our deliberations.

That said your continued support for the inclusion of the site is noted, and assists us in a slightly different way. We have been actively seeking to liaise with the MOD over the site to assist and enable some more detailed work (perhaps an embryonic masterplan) to complement our evidence that underpins the plan and will be examined alongside the plan once submitted. My colleague [REDACTED] copied in, is progressing this work and it would be helpful if he can contact you to set out what information you may be able to provide to support his work.

I hope this is something you may be able to assist us with, and look forward to hearing that the work is progressing. In the meantime if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind Regards

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t: [REDACTED] m: [REDACTED] f: [REDACTED] w: www.maidstone.gov.uk

From: DIO [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2016 11:48
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Invicta Park Barracks, Maidstone

Dear Sir/Madam

I apologise for the late response to your Local Plan consultation. DIO has the following comment to make on the Local Plan

DIO supports the inclusion of Invicta Park Barracks in Policy H2 (2), broad locations for housing growth.

I do hope that you can include this comment in your representations made.

Yours faithfully

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 May 2016 11:27
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting with LPA - 4th May [CJ-WORKSITE.FID272467]
Importance: High

Good Morning [REDACTED]

I am writing following our meeting on 4 May regarding the confirmation letter we requested indicating that the Barracks site will be available towards the latter end of the plan-period.

We are in the final few days of preparing topic papers to support the intended submission of the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for examination on Friday 20 May.

My colleague [REDACTED] (copied-in) is tasked with the Housing topic paper and would be very grateful if the confirmation letter could be forward as soon as possible this week for inclusion in the topic paper as an Appendix. (This would be public information).

If that is likely to be a problem to you could you advise us as soon as possible please in order that we can establish what may be achievable (and suitable) for the Topic paper.

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 April 2016 15:46
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Meeting with LPA - 4th May [CJ-WORKSITE.FID272467]
Importance: High

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t: [REDACTED] m: [REDACTED] w: www.maidstone.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 April 2016 13:48
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Meeting with LPA - 4th May [REDACTED]
Importance: High

[REDACTED]
Further to your email on Monday, please find attached the agenda that we have used for other meetings with the local planning authorities.

We have agreed this with the DIO in the anticipation it will enable consistency for all meetings.

Any questions – please call.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2016 15:16
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Letter re Invicta Park Barracks
Attachments: InvM516.doc

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find enclosed my letter regarding Invicta Park Barracks.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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18 May 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Maidstone Borough Plan

Publication Draft (Regulation 19)

Policy H2 (2)

Invicta Park Barracks, Maidstone

Thank you very much for meeting myself and colleagues from Carter Jonas on 4 May. It was good to talk through the Maidstone Borough Plan and discuss the future development potential of Invicta Park Barracks with you and your colleagues.

The barracks is being studied in the context of the UK Footprint Strategy for Defence which is an estate wide departmental asset review, the aim of which is to create a smaller and better estate that effectively supports and serves the needs of our armed forces.

A number of sites are being looked at as part of the work on the Footprint Strategy. This barracks, which is in the urban area, may be one where the operations could be relocated elsewhere in the UK portfolio.

In the light of the work we are doing, DIO is very pleased to see the inclusion of the Barracks in the draft Local Plan for residential led development for up to 1300 units. Our Strategy and its likely programme are due to be reported in the Autumn of this year and in the interim the site should continue to be allocated.

At our meeting we shared with you the work that has been completed to date and the emerging illustrative proposals for the site. Housing units which come forward on the site will count towards MoD targets for housing and also deliver part of Maidstone Borough Council's housing allocation in the plan period.

Our work will continue over the next few months and as agreed we should look to meet again in the near future, to discuss the local plan progress and our work on the site.

I will contact you again once our study has concluded but in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

My thanks once again for your time on 4 May.

Yours Sincerely

A redacted signature consisting of two thick, horizontal black bars.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 August 2016 13:03
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Invicta Park Barracks
Attachments: Session 03B Agenda MIQ 20160805.pdf; Session 05A Agenda MIQ 20160805.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have been asked to develop a concept for a high-level masterplan for Invicta Park. I thought it would be helpful to send an introductory email and to update you on the progress of the local plan examination.

Your letter of 18 May 2016, confirming support for the identification of the Barracks as a broad location for housing development, was appended to the Housing Topic Paper which was submitted with the Maidstone Borough Local Plan to the Secretary of State on 20 May 2016. The local plan examination commences on 4 October, and we are now in receipt of the Inspector's issues, matters and questions. Invicta Park Barracks will be debated on 6 and 12 October, in session 3B Alternative Strategic Development (para 1.5 and questions 3.3 and 3.4) and session 5A Housing Supply (para 3.4(b) and question 5.4). The matters will be published on our website shortly but I attach the relevant sessions for your convenience. The Inspector's deadline for responses is 15 September.

First, the Inspector is seeking a position statement on the availability of the Barracks for redevelopment and asking what the council would do should the site not come forward. The Inspector is concerned that a scenario may arise whereby the DIO releases a statement during (or worse after) the examination hearings, confirming the site will not be available for future development. The loss of 1,300 units would have implications for the soundness of the local plan as it would severely impact on the council's ability to meet its housing target. Can you please confirm that the DIO's strategy and programme is still on track to be reported in the autumn, and do you have a firm date for publication?

Second, I understand you have undertaken some initial work on the site's development potential but are not yet in a position to release it to us. I have been putting together some first thoughts on the masterplan, which I am happy to share with you tomorrow.

[REDACTED] I would be grateful if we could arrange a meeting for my return, to discuss the council's response in respect of this site and to receive some feedback from you on the concept for Invicta Park. In my absence, could you please advise [REDACTED] of your availability for a meeting week commencing 5 September? Meanwhile, please let me know if you have any queries arising from this email (or the email that will follow).

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 September 2016 09:53
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Invicta Park Barracks Meeting: 8 September 3.00pm at Maidstone House

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 September 2016 15:16
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Invicta Park Barracks Meeting: 8 September 3.00pm at Maidstone House

Dear All

I thought it would be helpful to set out a brief agenda for Thursday's meeting. Please let me know if you wish to add anything.

1. Introductions
2. Progress on the Local Plan
3. Progress on the autumn DIO asset review and timescales
4. Response to Inspector's questions relating to the delivery of Invicta Park Barracks
5. Discussion on the initial draft concept for the site (previously circulated)
6. Next steps

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 12 September 2016 13:36
To: [Redacted]
Cc: DIO [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Invicta Park Barracks, Maidstone

Dear [Redacted]

I am aiming to get a response to you tomorrow. A draft is circulating at the moment and as soon as I am able to share something with you I will.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 12 September 2016 11:19
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Invicta Park Barracks, Maidstone

Dear [Redacted]

I found last Thursday's meeting to discuss the above named site with yourself and [Redacted] to be very helpful and productive. During the meeting we agreed that a further letter from you offering reassurance that the site will be delivered within our local plan period, possibly seeking an allocation for the site as opposed to the current broad location designation, would be emailed early this week. You proffered a draft letter in advance of the final version, and I would be grateful if you could give me some idea when we might expect receipt of the draft.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted]

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DIO Sec-Parli (MULTIUSER)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 September 2016 21:06
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Invicta Park Barracks, Maidstone

[REDACTED]

Thank you for the email and we have been discussing the matter further internally [REDACTED] finalising the draft letter from me which should be with you by midday tomorrow (Tuesday) which I trust will offer more detail as to the MoD's current thinking for this site, albeit a final decision remains unlikely prior to the final footprint strategy announcement later this autumn.

We will continue to keep you advised and as suggested, very happy to attend the examination should the inspector find that helpful.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 September 2016 11:19
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Invicta Park Barracks, Maidstone

Dear [REDACTED]

I found last Thursday's meeting to discuss the above named site with yourself and [REDACTED] to be very helpful and productive. During the meeting we agreed that a further letter from you offering reassurance that the site will be delivered within our local plan period, possibly seeking an allocation for the site as opposed to the current broad location designation, would be emailed early this week. You proffered a draft letter in advance of the final version, and I would be grateful if you could give me some idea when we might expect receipt of the draft.

Kind Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 September 2016 13:18
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: DIO [REDACTED]
Subject: Invicta Park Barracks
Attachments: 20160912- DIO letter to Maidstone BC - Invicta Pk Bcks Maidstone (3f.pdf)

Dear [REDACTED]

I enclose the letter, as discussed, from DIO setting out our current position on Invicta Park Barracks which I hope is useful to you.

Can you please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Regarding the examination, I noted from the meeting that 11 and 12 October were the days for housing supply discussions. Is this correct and can you please inform me if you wish DIO to appear at the examination.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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12 Sep 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Invicta Park Barracks, Maidstone

Thank you very for your time and that of your fellow officers last week for meeting with myself and [REDACTED] following the earlier meeting in May.

As advised previously, the MoD, has been developing its Estate Optimisation Strategy, (known as the Footprint Strategy) that will enable it to progress a programme of rationalisation of its defence estate portfolio. The objective being to provide the Armed Forces with a better quality and more cost efficient estate. In addition the programme will see the MoD continuing to be a major contributor to the provision of surplus public land for housing development and economic regeneration.

To date, the MoD has already declared its future plan to vacate some 35 sites as part of its target to reduce the size of the built estate by 30% by 2040

Whilst no decisions about the future of other individual sites, not mentioned in previous announcements, can be made at this time, we are looking at options whereby the Royal Engineers regiment at the barracks could be better served closer to the training area and the military units that they operate alongside. Again this is subject to further ongoing work but the timelines for this could see the site being released in the 2025-2028 horizons.

The Department is also conscious that this particular barracks site appears to offer a large sustainable brownfield site suitable for a housing led scheme. Planning work on the constraints, opportunities and capacity of the site has been carried out by our consultants this year and we will continue to refine this work.

It is therefore appropriate that the Council continue to promote the site for a general or indeed specific allocation for housing in its Local Plan on the basis that , if declared surplus to defence needs, it could be brought forward after 2025 and within the latter part of the Local Plan period.

We will continue to update you on the programme and as advised DIO will be happy to attend the Local Plan Examination in October. I will also confirm when the Footprint Strategy is announced.

In the interim [REDACTED] will continue to liaise with you and the team to assist in any further studies that support an allocation for future redevelopment of the Barracks..

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 13 September 2016 17:49
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Invicta Park Barracks

Thank you [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 13 September 2016 16:17
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Invicta Park Barracks

Dear [Redacted]

We are working on the changes and [Redacted] should get back to you in the morning.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 13 September 2016 15:21
To: [Redacted]
Cc: DIO [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Invicta Park Barracks

Dear [Redacted]

Further to our telephone conversation, I would be grateful if you could incorporate the following tweaks within the MoD letter.

Paragraph 3 – At our meeting, the balance of MoD sites to be sought was quoted so could this figure (or a range) be included.

Paragraph 4 – You refer to the site being “released in the 2025-2028 horizons”. Could this be replaced with the same words used in paragraph 6 “brought forward after 2025 and within the latter part of the Local Plan period”.

Paragraph 6 – Could you replace “if declared surplus to defence needs” with “following final Ministerial announcement”.

Kind Regards,

[Redacted signature]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 13 September 2016 13:18
To: [Redacted]
Cc: DIO [Redacted]
Subject: Invicta Park Barracks

Dear [Redacted]

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Kind Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 September 2016 10:45
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Maidstone Borough Local Plan Examination - Invicta Park
Attachments: Session 03B Agenda MIQ 20160805.pdf; Session 05A Agenda MIQ 20160805.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

Questions relating to the availability of Invicta Park Barracks are raised under Session 3B (Q3.3 and Q3.4) to be heard on 6 October (afternoon); and Session 5A (Q5.4) on 12 October (morning). The reason the question is repeated is because there are different participants attending each session. [REDACTED] letter has been attached to the Council's responses which will be submitted today. I will keep you informed and let you know promptly if your attendance at the examination is requested.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 October 2016 14:51
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Invicta Park Barracks

Thank you [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 October 2016 12:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Invicta Park Barracks

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. I am afraid I am not able to add anything to the September letter at this stage.

Announcements regarding the Footprint Strategy are due to be made at the end of October.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] **Mobile:** [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED] **Website:** www.mod.uk/DIO

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 October 2016 10:15
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Invicta Park Barracks

Hello [REDACTED]

At the Local Plan examination this afternoon the discussion is around alternative strategic development, and the Inspector has asked whether there is an updated position in respect of the availability of the Invicta Park Barracks site. We have already updated the Inspector regarding our continued engagement with the MoD/DIO, and your September letter has been submitted to the examination. I am contacting you now in case you have any further information you can release regarding the availability of the site.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
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DIO Sec-Parli (MULTIUSER)

From: DIO [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 November 2016 15:41
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Invicta Park Barracks

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email. Can you confirm that my response below will be referred to at the Local Plan Inquiry session tomorrow.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Mobile [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED] Website: www.mod.uk/DIO

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 November 2016 07:59
To: DIO [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Invicta Park Barracks

Thank you [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ
[REDACTED] w www.maidstone.gov.uk

From: DIO [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 November 2016 15:46
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Invicta Park Barracks

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

I have the following response to your question from the Local Plan Inspector.

“DIO can confirm that 2027 is an estimated date for the disposal of Invicta Park Barracks. There is potential for the barracks to be released earlier and DIO is working on ways to speed up the release. DIO will continue to work with Council to bring forward the release date.”

On the family quarters, I am still clarifying the numbers in different areas of the site and will get back to you as soon as possible.

I will be contacting you to arrange another meeting.

I hope this is useful.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Mobile: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED] Website: www.mod.uk/DIO

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 November 2016 16:26
To: DIO [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Invicta Park Barracks

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to my email this morning, the Local Plan Inspector has now specifically asked the Council the following question:

"The Ministry of Defence has announced the intended closure of the Invicta Barracks site [H2(2)] in 2027. This is one year later than anticipated in the Local Plan with potential implications for the amount of housing that could be delivered there."

I should be grateful if you would write to confirm that 2027 is an estimated date for disposal and, following further studies which will be undertaken over the next two years, there is potential for Invicta Park Barracks to be released earlier.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] www.maidstone.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 November 2016 10:19
To: 'DIO' [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Invicta Park Barracks

Dear [REDACTED]

We were very pleased to see the inclusion of Invicta Park Barracks in last week's publication of the Strategic Defence and Security Review. I note the estimated date for disposal of Invicta Park is 2027, but also that reference is made to further studies over the next two years to confirm precise move dates and re-provision locations. We are keen to continue to work with the DIO to develop the masterplan for the site, but I would also confirm our position that we would seek an earlier disposal date to enable the delivery of 1,300 homes by 2031, in accordance with the Maidstone Borough Local Plan.

Given the publication of the Review, it would be helpful to have a further meeting to discuss outstanding matters, such as the potential to bring forward the disposal date and the role/involvement of [REDACTED]. As an aside, you were going to confirm the number of dwellings in each parcel of land leased [REDACTED] (see attached email). I would be grateful for the outcome.

At our last meeting you indicated that the draft concept plan for the site I presented was not too dissimilar to the work that had been undertaken for the DIO by Carter Jonas. I wonder if you are you in a position to share the work with us now?

Would you kindly let me know when you and [REDACTED] may be free for a further meeting to discuss the points I have raised?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] www.maidstone.gov.uk

[REDACTED]

From:

Sent:

07 December 2016 16:12

To:

Subject:

Invicta Park Barracks

Dear [REDACTED]

I have the following information about the Family Quarters at Invicta Park Barracks.

	TOTAL	Type B	Type C	Type D	Postcode	Year built (approx.)
[REDACTED]	16	6	9	1	[REDACTED]	1965
[REDACTED]	12	5	6	1	[REDACTED]	1965
[REDACTED]	10	10	0	0	[REDACTED]	1950s
[REDACTED]	8	4	4	0	[REDACTED]	1965
[REDACTED]	18	5	12	1	[REDACTED]	1965
[REDACTED]	20	7	11	2	[REDACTED]	1965
[REDACTED]	9	0	8	1	[REDACTED]	1965
[REDACTED]	4	0	4	0	[REDACTED]	1965
[REDACTED]	12	5	5	2	[REDACTED]	1965
[REDACTED]	8	0	8	0	[REDACTED]	1965
[REDACTED]	11	4	5	2	[REDACTED]	1965
[REDACTED]	8	0	8	0	[REDACTED]	1965
[REDACTED]	6	5	0	1	[REDACTED]	1965
[REDACTED]	10	10	0	0	[REDACTED]	1950s
[REDACTED]	19	7	11	1	[REDACTED]	1965
[REDACTED]	68	91	12			
		Type V	Type IV	Type III		
[REDACTED]	13	6	6	1	[REDACTED]	1950s; 1965, 2000
[REDACTED]	8	8	0	0	[REDACTED]	1950s
[REDACTED]	14	6	1			

SFA is Service Families Accommodation. The type relates to size and specification.

I hope this is useful.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]

Website: www.mod.uk/DIO

DIO Sec-Parli (MULTIUSER)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 December 2016 18:12
To: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Many thanks for your reply. The area we would need would be in the region of [REDACTED]

I look forward to hearing further from you in due course.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 December 2016 16:25
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Invicta Barracks Maidstone

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your letter. We are in the early stages of planning our work at Invicta Park Barracks and I will contact you again to arrange a meeting. In the meantime I would be grateful if you could let me know what sort of size of land area do you require for [REDACTED]

Thank you again for your interest.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[Redacted]
Email [Redacted] Website: www.mod.uk/DIO

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 28 November 2016 10:08
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Invicta Barracks Maidstone

Dear [Redacted]

I write on behalf of [Redacted] in connection with Invicta Barracks as we are aware that this site is to be sold for development purposes in 2027, if not sooner. I understand that you are the person who may be dealing with the issue.

[Redacted]
The Invicta Barracks presents, on face value, an ideal opportunity for us and the local community to consider.

I request that [Redacted] be considered for inclusion in any "masterplan" that Maidstone Borough Council intend to prepare in the future for the site [Redacted]

[Redacted]
We believe that there would be many advantages to make provision for [Redacted] in any masterplan, especially from political and town planning points of view. From [Redacted] perspective the site is extremely well located providing easy access from the town centre via public transport systems and is close to two junctions on the adjacent M20 motorway with further access via the A229 to the M2 in the north. In planning terms, it is a highly sustainable site in all aspects. Potentially our inclusion would have significant community benefits [Redacted]

[Redacted]
We would very much welcome your comments in light of the above and I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss the opportunity. [Redacted]

[Redacted]
Please do not hesitate to contact me.