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Email:

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Dear

Thank you for your email of 7 April 2017 requesting the following information:

Now that the closure of RAF Northolt Aerodrome is scheduled I would like to ask the Secretary of State for Defence for details of the work and in particular the purposes of the work in relation to the impact this will have on numbers of flight movements and size of commercial jets operating under the Northolt Jet Company.

I should also like details of the consultation process you will undertake to ensure residents can respond according to their rights and with particular reference to the time needed before work commences to facilitate any legal challenge.

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 and can be found below.

I can confirm that the aim of the project at RAF Northolt is to address the runway's condition and make improvements as required to extend the life of the main runway by 10-15 years. This is planned lifecycle replacement works to the runway pavement in line with the safety cases for the military aircraft which operate from the Station. There will be a closure of the runway from spring 2018 in order to complete the required works. There are no plans after the works to increase the number of civilian commercial movements, which remain capped at 12,000 movements per year. There are also no plans to change the aviation terms and conditions, which prohibit scheduled Airlines at the Station. Therefore, there is no planned consultation on aviation matters or the future of the Station.

With regards to the ground works period, the Department continues to liaise with the Local Council and other stakeholders in relation to the mandatory construction site requirements of this project; for example workplace safety, environmental protection measures and road traffic regulation orders.

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

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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 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, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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