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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 7 June 2018 requesting the following information:

"1) If Rutland County Council (RCC) are unable to agree plans for the site that have the backing of the public what action would the MOD take? Is there a 'Plan B' if RCC's proposals are effectively blocked, beyond what is outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Risk Log?

2) If RCC withdraws from the MOU what does the MOD plan to do with the St. George's site?"

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. The information you have requested can be found below:

- 1) If Rutland County Council (RCC) are unable to agree plans for the site that have the backing of the public what action would the MOD take? Is there a 'Plan B' if RCC's proposals are effectively blocked, beyond what is outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Risk Log?*

In the event that RCC are unable to agree plans for the site, the Defence Infrastructure Organisation would review the options at that time to progress the disposal. The MOD as a Government Department is required to deliver best value from the disposal of its surplus estate.

- 2) If RCC withdraws from the MOU what does the MOD plan to do with the St. George's site?*

If RCC withdrew from the MOU, MOD would continue with the disposal of the site in accordance with the department's standard procedure, as it is surplus to future operational requirements.

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Yours sincerely,

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