



Ministry
of Defence

Secretariat
Defence Infrastructure Organisation
Kingston Road
Sutton Coldfield
B75 7RL

E-mail: diosec-parli@mod.gov.uk
www.gov.uk/DIO

11 July 2018

Ref. FOI 2018/07757

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 10 June 2018 requesting the following information:

"My request relates to the possible civilian use of the existing buildings to provide housing for the general population once the service personnel have vacated. I would like to establish the vacant housing capacity of the existing accommodation on the sites from day 1 after the MOD cease to use them.

a) Please could you tell me how much existing accommodation is presently built on the sites which are earmarked for closure (in the York City Council area). I understand that this might be a range of types of housing so please could you give both number of beds and any more meaningful metrics such as number of dwelling (equivalent)/area sqm etc.. that you may have available.

b) Please could you tell me how much of this accommodation, if any, is at the end of it's useful life. ie accommodation that is substandard and must be demolished at the end of the MOD use so could not be used for civilian purposes thereafter."

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 some information, in scope of your request is held and is below.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that Service Family Accommodation (SFA) is not linked to specific Barracks but is based on distance.

In respect of part B of your request, the majority of the SFA estate in England and Wales is owned by Annington Homes and under lease back to the MOD. When the MOD determines that properties are no longer required the MOD can terminate the lease and return them back to Annington.

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.gov.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 Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. 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,

DIO Secretariat