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Thank you for your email of 6 October 2018 requesting the following information:

"What is the primary method that the organisation uses to store and manage data (including for example, data relating to: contract management; BIM visualisation/management; project controls and reporting; bidding and tenders; collation of O&M information; Health & Safety management) relating to self-delivered capital construction and built environment projects? For example, this could include: emails, files stored on personal drives, files stored on shared drives; cloud-based shared drives (e.g. SharePoint, Google Drive etc.); cloud-based construction project management software (e.g. Aconex, Conject, Autodesk Buzzsaw,

Does the organisation own or subscribe directly to any specific project management software, which is used to store and manage construction project information? Please specify.

a. Specifically, does the organisation own or subscribe to any cloud-based Construction Project Management Software (e.g. Aconex, Conject, Autodesk Buzzsaw, PMWeb, BuildIt Live etc.)?

If so, is this software used for all construction projects?

a. If no, please give details of the criteria used when selecting projects that utilise this software.

Generally, at what (RIBA) stage of a construction project is specific software implemented for the storage and management of data?"

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.

The information you have requested can be found below:

1. What is the primary method that the organisation uses to store and manage data (including for example, data relating to: contract management; BIM visualisation/management; project controls and reporting; bidding and tenders; collation of O&M information; Health & Safety management) relating to self-delivered capital construction and built environment projects? For example, this could include: emails, files stored on personal drives, files stored on shared drives; cloud-based shared drives (e.g. SharePoint, Google Drive etc.); cloud-based construction project management software (e.g. Aconex, Conject, Autodesk Buzzsaw,

The primary management and storage system used within the MOD is SharePoint.

- 2. Does the organisation own or subscribe directly to any specific project management software, which is used to store and manage construction project information? Please specify.
 - a. Specifically, does the organisation own or subscribe to any cloud-based Construction Project Management Software (e.g. Aconex, Conject, Autodesk Buzzsaw, PMWeb, BuildIt Live etc.)?

The MOD does not own or subscribe directly to any specific project management software.

- 3. If so, is this software used for all construction projects?
 - a. If no, please give details of the criteria used when selecting projects that utilise this software.

No information in scope of your request is held.

4. Generally, at what (RIBA) stage of a construction project is specific software implemented for the storage and management of data?"

No information in scope of your request is held.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

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