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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 11 October 2018 requesting the following information:

"This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act for a commercially sensitive site in Sussex.

I would like to request any details you have on military training taking place on the South Downs, including any historical plans.

I'm interested the extents of the training areas (demonstrated by plans), and the type of training undertaken, namely during WWII."

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 no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that there is currently no military activity on the South Downs in Sussex. MOD are unaware of any relevant material from the WWII period still held. Any such surviving material from the WWII period may be found in the local archives via the following link <https://www.gov.uk/search-local-archives> or alternatively The National Archives via the following link <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>.

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.

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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