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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – LOCATION OF FORT WHITEROCK, DATES OPENED AND OFFICIALLY CLOSED

I can confirm that your request has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI(A)), and the process is now complete.

You asked for the following:

- “1. The physical location of Fort Whiterock, West Belfast (ie its former address/its accurate location on the Springfield Road***
- 2. When was Fort Whiterock opened?***
- 3. When was Fort Whiterock officially closed.”***

I can confirm that Fort Whiterock was located at 711-717 Springfield Road, Belfast (Whiterock Industrial Estate). It was requisitioned by the Army on 31 October 1979 and closed on 21 May 1999.

By way of further advice (a principle outlined in Section 16 of the FOI(A)), I can advise that a document entitled Responding to a Changing Security Situation is published via the Conflict, Archive on the INternet (CAIN) website. The document lists all the base demolition and closures and can be viewed at the following link:

<https://cain.ulster.ac.uk/issues/politics/docs/nio/nio1003security.pdf>.

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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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