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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 19 October 2018 requesting the following information:

*"I wanted to request information about Uxbridge ghost town which is on Grays Road, Uxbridge UB10 0SA.*

*Please advise:*

- 1. What are the plans for this dilapidated housing estate?*
- 2. When will these houses be demolished?*
- 3. Why hasn't been the land allocated for new housing?"*

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 information in scope of your request is held. I can therefore respond to your request as follows:

1. The housing estate located at Grays Road, Uxbridge is to be returned to Annington Homes Limited in 2019 under the terms of its lease.
2. Upon its return, it will be for Annington Homes Limited, as owners of the site, to identify the long term solution for the estate.
3. It is understood that Annington Homes Limited intend to redevelop the estate for residential use in conformance with the Local Plan, and that discussions with the local planning authority have been initiated. The MOD is supportive of this however, it should be noted that once the estate is handed back under the terms of the lease, the MOD will have no further legal or financial interest in this site.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note, the housing estate at Grays Road, Uxbridge is not owned by the MOD. The estate forms part of the sale and leaseback arrangement between the MOD and Annington Homes Limited entered into in 1996.

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](mailto: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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Yours sincerely,

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