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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 requesting the following information:

*"The fencing and surfacing of Friday Woods car park (Colchester, Essex) is currently being removed. Please can you explain the reason for this work, who was involved in making the decision to carry it out, and what costs have been involved?"*

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 fencing and surfacing of Friday Woods car park (Colchester, Essex) is currently being removed. Please can you explain the reason for this work, who was involved in making the decision to carry it out"*

The reason for removal of the hard-core material, surrounding posts and metal-work is to restore the area back to heathland. This is being carried out by the MOD in consultation with Natural England.

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No information with regard to the costs involved is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find helpful to note the commission of the task provided a training opportunity on the site which made it a cost neutral exercise.

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](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,

DIO Secretariat