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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 10 March 2019 requesting the following information:

Following the closure of the Car park in Bounstead Road, Colchester, Essex, is it the MOD's intention to construct a ditch alongside the public highway to completely restrict access to the woods and leave access to the car park permanently blocked? Where does the Boundary of the Training area lie, in relation to the public highway known as Bounstead Road, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], is the ditch the limit of the boundary or is it the Hedge line?

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 as follows:

I can confirm that there are currently no plans for the MOD to construct a ditch alongside any part of Bounstead Road.

Please see attached map at Annex A, which shows the boundary of the training estate in relation to Bounstead Road as a dotted green line.

Some of the information within the map falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 40 FOIA (Personal Data) and has been redacted. Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Under Section 16 FOIA (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that Bounstead Road is a public highway that boundaries the Fridaywood Training area. The Highways Department, who have responsibility for public roads, generally claim around one metre on either side of the road as part of the highway. You may wish to contact your local highways department for further information in relation to this part of the boundary.

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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Yours sincerely

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