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Ref. FOI 2019/08997

30 August 2019

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter of 29 July 2019 requesting the following information:

*“ The individual (named person) who has chosen to accept the risk to life presented by tree C to my family. It is important that this person is clearly named so that they can be held to account if an incident occurs.*

- The date that tree B and tree C were last assessed to be safe.*
- The date on which a full tree inspection (ie of all of the trees) was completed on the Bushey Heath patch.*

*I request a written response which confirms your intentions regarding trees B and C, and which answers the three questions stated as a freedom of information request.”*

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 of the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found enclosed, below:

- The individual (named person) who has chosen to accept the risk to life presented by tree C to my family. It is important that this person is clearly named so that they can be held to account if an incident occurs.*

Information not held

- The date that tree B and tree C were last assessed to be safe.*

5 March 2019.

- The date on which a full tree inspection (ie of all of the trees) was completed on the Bushey Heath patch.*

The trees on this patch were last surveyed between February and March 2019.

*I request a written response which confirms your intentions regarding trees B and C, and which answers the three questions stated as a freedom of information request.*

DIO contractors are arranging a date for the works to be done off the back of the survey completed in March 2019.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may wish to note that in relation to your first question, the current service license to Occupy Service Family Accommodation states that the license is between the occupant (licensee) and the Defence Infrastructure Organisation regional delivery Accommodation team on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence (licensor).

You may also wish to note that no health and safety issues were noted during the survey of the trees completed on 5 March 2019.

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