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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 22 August 2019 requesting the following information:

“Currently ground survey works are being carried out at Leuchars Station in Fife.
What type of works are being planned for at Leuchars Station with these surveys?
Are works being surveyed & planned for the Airfield, Taxiway & Runway areas of the station?
Is the Watchman Tower being relocated or removed?
Are new Barrack Accommodation Blocks or other structures being planned for the aircraft moving areas, particularly around the short runway, the rear of the Fire Section & Air Traffic Control tower?
Are new Barrack Accommodation Blocks or other structures being planned for the wooded areas on the Eastern perimeter of the station?
Is a new road layout being planned for on the Airfield area of the site?
Do the Army have desires to take over the Airfield areas of the site?”

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below, for ease of reference I have numbered your individual requests:

1. *What type of works are being planned for at Leuchars Station with these surveys?*

These surveys are being completed to understand where there is potential to construct new storage buildings/offices and to deliver improved facilities at Leuchars station.

2. *Are works being surveyed & planned for the Airfield, Taxiway & Runway areas of the station?*

Yes.

3. *Is the Watchman Tower being relocated or removed?*
4. *Are new Barrack Accommodation Blocks or other structures being planned for the aircraft moving areas, particularly around the short runway, the rear of the Fire Section & Air Traffic Control tower?*
5. *Are new Barrack Accommodation Blocks or other structures being planned for the wooded areas on the Eastern perimeter of the station?*
6. *Is a new road layout being planned for on the Airfield area of the site?*
7. *Do the Army have desires to take over the Airfield areas of the site?*

The answer to questions 3 – 7 is no.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to know that as part of ongoing work to optimise the Defence Estate, the MOD has plans to increase the number of units at Leuchars Station in the future, circa 2025. However, planning for this is in the early stages and as such it is not yet known how the developments will affect the site.

You may also wish to note that with regards to question two of your request, Defence Infrastructure Organisation have been tasked with undertaking resurfacing works to the runway.

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,

DIO Secretariat