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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 21 October 2019 requesting the following information:

Information request-1

At what date and time during the bidding process of the sale of the Lincomb PSD site was the successful offer placed?

Information request-2

Was the successful person with their bid included in the first round of bidding for the Lincomb site?

Information request-3

What is the amount in pounds of the successful bid or offer for the Lincomb site?

Information request-4

What was the date of the other peoples notifications they were unsuccessful with their bids?

Information request-5

Has the purchaser got the monies available for the purchase of the site in their own bank account?

Information request-6

Will the sale be completed earlier than 8 weeks' time frame for the sale 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 some information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested can be found below, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the

absolute exemptions provided for at Section 40 (Personal Data) and qualified exemptions provided for at Section 43 (Commercial Interests) of the FOIA and has been withheld.

Section 40 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.

Section 43(2) has been applied to some of the information requested; if released it would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This exemption is subject to a Public Interest Test (PIT) which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure. A PIT has been conducted and I am satisfied in this case that the balance of the public interest lies in withholding the information because if disclosed, it could prejudice the future sale of this site.

1. At what date and time during the bidding process of the sale of the Lincomb PSD site was the successful offer placed?

The successful offer was placed during the second round of best and final offers on 28 August 2019 at 1200.

2. Was the successful person with their bid included in the first round of bidding for the Lincomb site?

No.

3. What is the amount in pounds of the successful bid or offer for the Lincomb site?

Information withheld in accordance with Section 43 (Commercial Interests) of the FOI Act.

4. What was the date of the other peoples notifications they were unsuccessful with their bids?

No information held.

5. Has the purchaser got the monies available for the purchase of the site in their own bank account?

Information withheld in accordance with Section 40 (Personal Data) of the FOI Act.

6. Will the sale be completed earlier than 8 weeks' time frame for the sale of the site?

No, the completion of the sale is not anticipated until late December.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that Avison Young may have the information you have requested for Q4.

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).

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat

