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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 20 November 2019 requesting the following information:

- 1) What is the current status of the Chattenden and Lodge Hill Military Camps at Hoo St Werburgh in Kent?*
- 2) How much of the land and property at the Chattenden and Lodge Hill Military Camps at Hoo St Werburgh in Kent still belong to the MoD?*
- 3) Of the property and land still retained by the MoD what is it used for?*
- 4) Are there any underground structures, such as nuclear bunkers or underground command centres or underground storage or similar at the Chattenden and Lodge Hill Military Camps at Hoo St Werburgh in Kent?*
- 5) If any of the land and property at the Chattenden and Lodge Hill Military Camps at Hoo St Werburgh in Kent is for sale, can you tell me who is handing the sale?"*

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 and attached at annex A:

- 1) What is the current status of the Chattenden and Lodge Hill Military Camps at Hoo St Werburgh in Kent?*

Lodge Hill was sold to Homes England in January 2018, further information can be obtained through the Land Registry.

Please see attached a map attached at Annex A which shows the MOD's land interests in Chattenden.

- 2) How much of the land and property at the Chattenden and Lodge Hill Military Camps at Hoo St Werburgh in Kent still belong to the MoD?*

Please use annex A for reference, the areas owned by the MOD are:

- approximately 136.259 hectares (344.80 acres) of land to the North of Hasted Road (A289)/Four Elms Hill (A228).
- MOD also rents a small area (approximately 3.28 hectares (8.10 acres) – as shown coloured light green on the attached plan directly to the North of Four Elms Hill (A228).
- 43.939 hectares (108.57 acres) of land to the South of Hasted Road (A289)/Four Elms Hill (A228). Of this approximately 0.505 hectares (1.25 acres) is currently in disposal (the land as shown coloured light green on the attached plan directly to the South of Four Elms Hill (A228)).

Note: the areas only include those MOD areas as shown on the attached map on the **North side** of the River Medway.

3) *Of the property and land still retained by the MoD what is it used for?*

The Royal School of Military Engineering (RSME) use the area for military training. Further information on the RSME can be found via the following link:

<https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/corps-regiments-and-units/corps-of-royal-engineers/1-royal-school-of-military-engineering-regiment/>.

4) *Are there any underground structures, such as nuclear bunkers or underground command centres or underground storage or similar at the Chattenden and Lodge Hill Military Camps at Hoo St Werburgh in Kent?*

No information in scope of your request is held.

5) *If any of the land and property at the Chattenden and Lodge Hill Military Camps at Hoo St Werburgh in Kent is for sale, can you tell me who is handing the sale?"*

Please use Annex A for reference. The MOD is currently disposing of some land, which is referenced at approximately 0.505 hectares (1.25 acres), as shown on the attached map at Annex A, coloured light green, directly to the South of Four Elms Hill (A228).

Please note that the light green areas (North and South of Hasted Road (A289)) shown on the map attached at annex A are subject of further discussions with Homes England to support their nearby development land at former Lodge Hill/Chattenden Barracks. They are not for sale on the open market.

This matter is being dealt with by Defence Infrastructure Organisation officials.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) in relation to question four of your request you may find it helpful to know that there are underground fuel tanks, where RSME draw fuel for their vehicles, at Wainscott Barracks and on MOD land known as The Ponderosa.

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

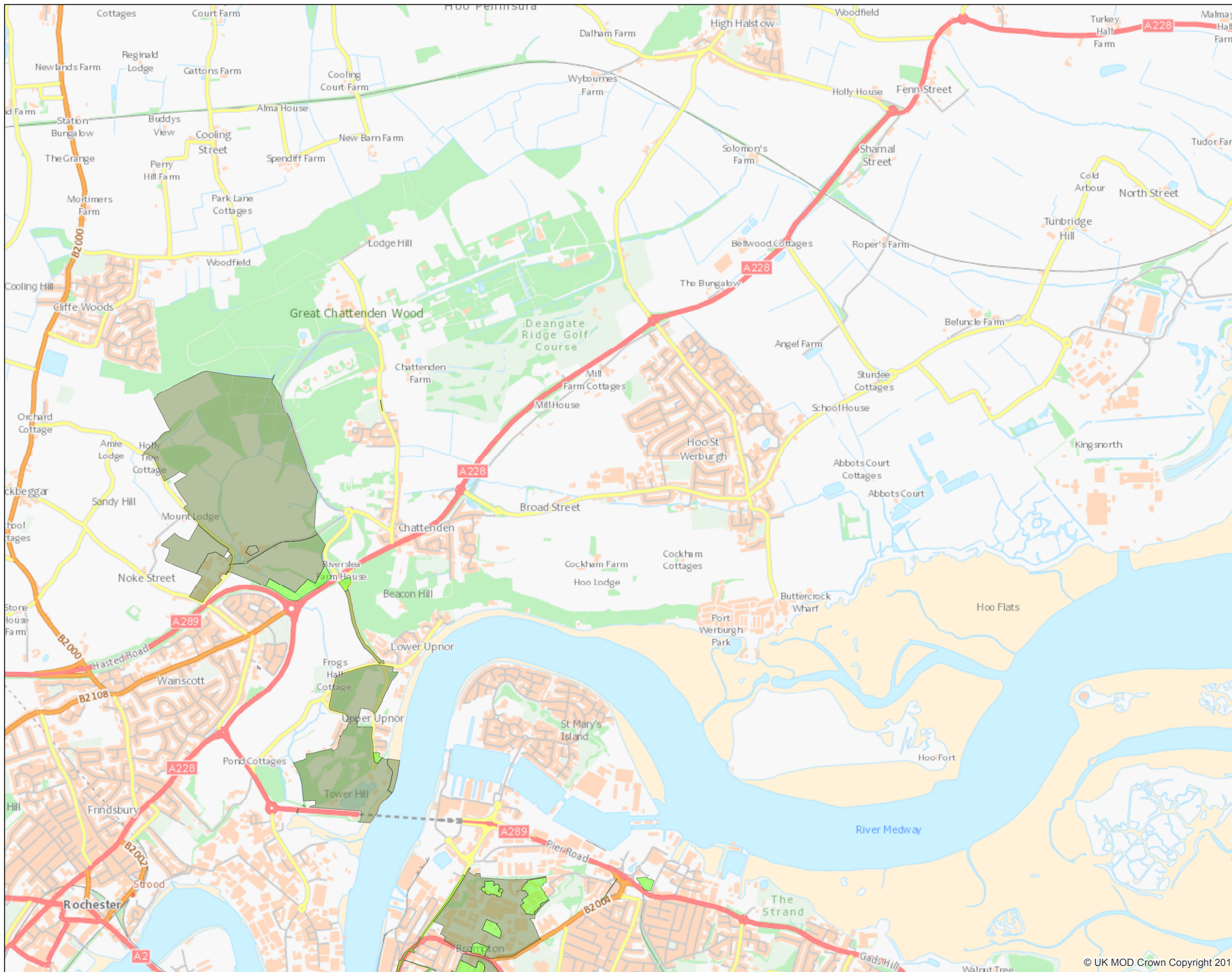




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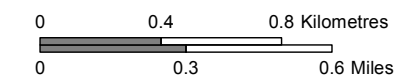
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