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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 17 October 2019 requesting the following information:

"The Essex and Suffolk Hunt has a licence to trail or drag hunt on MOD land in Colchester up until April 30, 2020.

I would like to know:

- *What locations and pieces of land this allows the Essex and Suffolk Hunt access in order to trail and drag hunt on?*
- *How much Essex and Suffolk Hunt paid to the Ministry of Defence to receive this licence?*
- *Any conditions, such as maximum amount of hunts, or the maximum number of participants, which are on the licence"*

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 information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below:

1. What locations and pieces of land this allows the Essex and Suffolk Hunt access in order to trail and drag hunt on?

The Essex and Suffolk Hunt is permitted to use the Friday Woods Area within Colchester Army Training Area to carry out their hunt fixtures.

2. How much Essex and Suffolk Hunt paid to the Ministry of Defence to receive this licence?

The standard amount paid for each Hunt Licence to the MOD is:

- The fee for the grant of the Licence - £75 plus VAT
- The fee for the preparation of the Licence - £100 plus VAT

3. Any conditions, such as maximum amount of hunts, or the maximum number of participants, which are on the licence.

There are no limits to the amount of hunts that take place each season on MOD Land or the amount of participants who take part. The only limit is that the hunting group are allowed no more than two supporting vehicles to transport supplies for the hunt. The hunting Lead must contact the MOD at least 7 days before they wish to have access to MOD Land for a fixture, asking for permission from the MOD Head of Establishment. Hunting groups must not access MOD land without permission.

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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