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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 16 December 2020 requesting the following information:

*"...in case of nuclear attack (or other) and (without need of location) was another site location founded which would hold government and any high officials if an attack was imminent today and are there any other relating facts to the UK's response if an attack was to happen (including what the mod would advise citizens to do in such scenario and the use of a ww2 like air raid siren network)."*

We have treated your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the following information.

The MOD maintains business continuity plans to ensure the continued delivery of critical Defence outputs during crises. However, the Cabinet Office is responsible for the business continuity plans for government.

Further, while the MOD is the lead government department for the UK's nuclear deterrent capability and other military capabilities which may deter or defend against a nuclear ballistic missile attack, the Cabinet Office (specifically its Civil Contingencies Secretariat) is the lead department for civil contingencies.

You may also find the following links of some use:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-risk-register-2020>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/preparation-and-planning-for-emergencies-responsibilities-of-responder-agencies-and-others>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/preparation-and-planning-for-emergencies-the-capabilities-programme>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/evacuation-and-shelter-guidance>

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on their website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Nuclear Organisation Secretariat