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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 20 August 2022 requesting the following information:

*"I wish to make a Freedom Of Information request in respect of the former ABRO Army vehicle repair workshops which were sold at some point this year.
The site is located off Flagstaff Road – part of the former Colchester Garrison – and was owned by the Ministry of Defence prior to the sale.*

Four Questions, please:

- 1 – How many bids were received for the purchase of the site?
- 2 – What was the highest bid?
- 3 – Was this the bid which was accepted?
- 4 – What was the date on when the sale was completed?"

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 enclosed below:

- 1 – How many bids were received for the purchase of the site?

Seven offers were received.

- 2 – What was the highest bid?

£9.8M.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to know that, during negotiations with the highest bidder, there was a price realignment to £8.85M. This was still the highest bid.

- 3 – Was this the bid which was accepted?

Yes.

- 4 – What was the date on when the sale was completed?

11 August 2022.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOIA, you may wish to be aware that, in line with standard procedure, the details of the disposal of DSG Colchester will be available from the Land Registry in due course.

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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