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Ref. FOI 2022/06202

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 18 May 2022 requesting the following information:

*"The total number of dwellings owned by the MOD in the Borough of Colchester, Essex as at 31st March 2022, including any dwellings that were vacant even if they are scheduled for demolition at a later date."*

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 and can be found below.

The total number of dwellings owned by the MOD in the Borough of Colchester, Essex as of 31 March 2022, is one.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to know that in addition to the one property owned by the MOD, the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) also has responsibility for an additional 956 properties which are owned by Annington Homes and 7 properties which are Private Finance Initiative properties.

If an update to this response is required on a regular basis, please contact the Defence Infrastructure Organisation Accommodation Team who will be able to provide the information. The Team can be contacted at [DIORDAccn-Secretariat@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DIORDAccn-Secretariat@mod.gov.uk)

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](mailto: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,

DIO Secretariat