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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: ENFORCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC AREA

We refer to your email dated 22 January 2024 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which was acknowledged on 22 January 2024.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

Documentation which would establish that constables of the Ministry of Defence are bound in their duties and obligation to act under an oath of attestation as are the civilian police.

Documentation which would authorise and empower a constable of the Ministry of Defence Police to enforce “The Road Traffic Acts” on public roads and highways, exclusive of military roads which have public access.

A search for information has now been completed I can confirm that the MDP does hold information in scope of your request.

The information is exempt under Section 21 (Information accessible by other means) of the FOIA 2000 as it can be accessed at the following links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/ministry-of-defence-police>

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1987/4/contents>

The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) is a civilian police force established by the Ministry of Defence Police Act 1987 (the 1987 Act).

MDP officer attestations are set out in Section 1(2) of the 1987 Act. MDP officer jurisdiction is set out in Section 2 of the 1987 Act.

If you are not satisfied with 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 within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly 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 the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office