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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 24 July 2023 in which you requested the following information:

'I am writing to submit a Freedom of Information request.

1. Has the jetty at Fort Blockhouse been condemned?
2. If it has not been condemned, would it be able to accommodate HMS Bristol?'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

In response to your request, I can confirm that the jetties at Fort Blockhouse ceased being used in 2018 and are not available for use by any vessel.

Under section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the Act, you may be interested to know that there is insufficient strength in the marine structure and insufficient water in Haslar Creek to take vessels of HMS BRISTOL's size.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

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