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Dear Mr Pepperell

Thank you for your clarification email of 5 February 2018, following your email of 24 January 2017 in which you requested the following information:

*"I would like information regarding the use (or banning the use of) private flying and private gliding clubs."*

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, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found at annexes A-D, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 40 (Personal Data) and has been redacted. Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information. Information not within scope of your request has been redacted.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that no information is held by the Royal Navy in scope of your request as the Sea Cadets fall under the MSSC (Marine Society of Sea Cadets).

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 within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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