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Dear Ms Hart

Our ref: FOI2020/20968 & FOI2020/21325

I am writing in response to your requests, made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, in your emails of 6 and 8 December. Your full requests are attached.

This information that we hold is already in the public domain and is therefore exempt under section 21 of the Act (*information accessible by other means*).

For ease of reference, the details are as follows.

The Withdrawal Agreement concluded between the United Kingdom and the European Union established the terms of the United Kingdom's orderly withdrawal from the EU, in accordance with Article 50 of the Treaty of the European Union. It was agreed on 17 October 2019, together with the Political Declaration setting the framework of the future EU-UK partnership, and came into force on 31 January 2020 when the United Kingdom left the European Union.

It can be found at: [New Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

We do not hold information in relation to the final point of your second request. I should explain outside the requirements of the Act that the reason for this is because no agreement has been “*ripped up*”.

Yours sincerely

NS Howard

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Ms Amanda Hart

Incoming request 6 December

Background: Prior to the 2019 general election Boris kept saying he already had an 'oven-ready' deal with regard to Brexit. This statement likely helped him win the general election.

FoI request: If it exists, please supply a copy of the above deal without any changes or modifications made to it after Boris became Prime Minister. We only want to see it in the state described above.

Please note we're not asking for anyone to create the information or for an opinion on the subject unless it's relevant to Section 16.

Incoming request 8 December:

Background: Prior to the 2019 general election Boris Johnson promised the UK he had an 'oven-ready' Brexit deal that was ready to go.

FoI request: Please kindly provide records which show why Boris Johnson ripped up the above deal after it was agreed and signed by him and EU.



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If you are unhappy with the level of service you have received from this office in relation to any aspect of your request, you may ask for an internal review.

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

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