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Ref. FOI 2018/15702

Dear Mr Wagland,

Thank you for your email of 9 December 2018 requesting the following information:

- "1) Please could you describe the extent of the land owned by the MOD at Friday Woods, near Colchester, Essex, either by detailing the boundaries of this land in writing, or by providing a map with boundaries marked.*
- 2) Please advise what rights of access the public has over the land described above.*
- 3) What plans does the MOD have for the future use or disposal of the land described above? Specifically, is there any intention to sell any part of this land and, if so, what measures have been taken to achieve or advance this intention?"*

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.

The information you have requested can be found enclosed attached and below:

- 1) Please could you describe the extent of the land owned by the MOD at Friday Woods, near Colchester, Essex, either by detailing the boundaries of this land in writing, or by providing a map with boundaries marked.

At Annex A you will find a map of the Friday Woods Training Area, specifically at area D on the map.

- 2) Please advise what rights of access the public has over the land described above.

This area is regulated by Statutory Instruments 1973 No 1651 ([Colchester & District Military Lands Byelaws](#)), which in respect of 'Use of the Lands by Public' states – 'Subject to the provision of these Byelaws the public will be permitted to use any part of the Military Lands not being a road or unfenced arable land and on which there is no building or any other structure for purposes of passage and open-air recreation and any part of the Military Lands being a road for purposes of passage when any such part is not being used for any military purposes to which it is appropriated

and access thereto may be obtained without overcoming any obstruction or defying any prohibition or restriction at any time made or imposed by or on behalf of the Secretary of State'.

- 3) What plans does the MOD have for the future use or disposal of the land described above? Specifically, is there any intention to sell any part of this land and, if so, what measures have been taken to achieve or advance this intention?

There are no plans to dispose of Friday Woods Training Area.

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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