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Dear Ms Herbeth

Thank you for your email of 30 June 2017 requesting the following information:

*"A list of properties owned by the MOD and the RAF in Central London"*

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, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at section 38 (Health and Safety) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 38 (Health and Safety) has been applied to some of the information in order to preserve the safety of individuals working at Ministry of Defence (MOD) sites. Section 38 is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The information you have requested can be found attached at annex A.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that Regents Park Barracks, Hyde Park Barracks, Horse Guards and Port Wellington Barracks are all Crown estate Freehold. However, there is an informal agreement of use with the MOD. The MOD has no boundary stipulating a specific 'Central London' area. As such we have included the whole London region within your request.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat