

Mr Simon Brown
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Ref: FOI 2020/08514

Dear Mr Brown,

Thank you for your email of 22 July 2020 requesting the following information:

"I am writing to you with reference to the recent chain link fencing installed along the eastern boundary of Long Valley (training area B4) along Rushmoor Road between OS Grid Ref: SU 85185 52364 and OS Grid Ref: SU 84949 51798

1. Please can you provide all internal correspondence (email, minutes of meetings, records of decisions etc) relating to the erection of the fence as stated above. I am happy for personal details such as names to be removed however, I am interested in the organisational positions of the individuals concerned, so where these appear in email signatures please can they be retained (I believe this request is inline with ICO guidance).

2. All costs, charges incurred to install the fence as stated above. This cost would be considered a one-off charge and therefore not subject to commercial-in-confidence restrictions or redaction".

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I am writing to confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) may hold information on the subject you have requested. However, I have to advise you that we will not be able to answer your request without exceeding the appropriate limit. This is because to locate, retrieve and extract information in scope of your request would involve at least 6 working days of effort.

Section 12 FOIA makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of your request if you reduce or refine your request to bring the cost of compliance under the limit. For example, if you were to ask for the cost of installing the fence. Please contact me if you would like to refine your request or require advice on doing so.

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Infrastructure Organisation Secretariat