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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 9 January 2023 requesting the following information:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information:

1. The confirmed final closure date of Queen Elizabeth II Barracks, Strensall

2. The current Home Office (HO) and Ministry of Defence (MoD) intention for repurposing or disposal of the site"

This response is further to our letter of 6 February 2024 in which we advised we would need more time to consider whether release of the information you have requested, was in the Public Interest.

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 no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to know that Queen Elizabeth II Barracks was originally identified for disposal in 2021 as part of the Better Defence Estate announcement in 2016, with the disposal subsequently delayed to 2024. Following further assessments, the MOD has now confirmed Queen Elizabeth II Barracks will be retained.

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 in writing within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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