26 June 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 756/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

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Request/Response:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I understand that there have been a number of meetings between Rutland County Council and/or the Ministry of Defence (and/or its agencies) and/or consultants working on their behalf and Historic England to seek advice in relation to the St. George’s Barracks redevelopment (including the old airfield) and the conservation of the Thor Missile Site at former RAF North Luffenham (https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1400806).

Please can you provide me with the following information:

1. The dates of the meetings (and or any telephone or computer accessed conference calls) that have taken place to date in relation to the above.

   Answer:

   Thursday 29th June 2017 St George’s Barracks. Site Reconnaissance.
   Present: Robert Clayton (RCC), Major Jack Kemp (MOD), Suzy Fox (DIO), Neville Doe (HE), Dr Ben Robinson (HE)

   Thursday 23rd November 2017, RCC Offices. Initial Contact Meeting.
   Present: Robert Clayton (RCC), Roger Ranson (RCC), Rachel Armstrong (RCC), Nick Hodgett (RCC), Helen Briggs (RCC), Oliver Hemsley (RCC), Neville Doe (HE), Dr Ben Robinson (HE)

2. Who attended the meetings (and/or conference calls) and which organisation they were representing.

   Answer: See Q1

3. Copies of the agenda and any papers circulated before, during or after any of these meetings or conference calls.

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Answer: No agenda was issued prior to either meeting. A written letter was received from Historic England after the 23rd November meeting, copy attached, with an added page of information about other aerodrome redevelopments, also attached:

“756 18 - St Georges Barracks Jan 2018_Redacted”
“756 18 - Examples of work for historic aerodrome redevelopment”

4. Copies of any minutes, file notes, emails or similar written or recorded information that provide a record of what advice was offered by Historic England and what was discussed and agreed (including any action points).

Answer: The attached letter makes clear the advice provided by Historic England. The second paragraph states:

“We do not consider that we are yet in a position where we can provide you with pre-application advice, but will be happy to do so once a development proposal has been produced.”

“756 18 - St Georges Barracks Jan 2018_Redacted”

5. Copies of any email exchanges (or other form of written or recorded conversation) that have taken place as a result of liaison between the St.George’s Barracks Redevelopment Partnership and Historic England with respect to the Thor Missile Site at former RAF North Luffenham (or in relation to any other heritage features at this location).

Answer: 14th March letter from Historic England attached, which relates to the Officer’s Mess area of the site, together with the prior email exchange:

“756 18 - Ms Helen Briggs_Redacted”
“756 18 - Report Potential Acquisition and Development of the Officers' Mess”

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Yours faithfully

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