Dear xxxxxxxxxx

Request for Information: HMS Wildfire Chatham

Thank you for your e-mail dated 27 March 2007. This has been dealt with as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 by Defence Estates (DE), the Ministry of Defence (MOD) organisation with responsibility for managing the defence estate.

You asked for information relating to the former HMS Wildfire at Lower Lines Chatham. Following a search of our records we have been unable to find any information relative to your enquiry, with the exception of two maps which show the layout of the complex, but offer no further details. These will be sent to you shortly from DE’s Canterbury office.

However, I understand that the National Archive (www.nationalarchive.gov.uk) holds two files covering the proposed use of tunnel shelters in Gillingham, Rochester and Chatham that might be of interest to you in your research. Their references are HO:197:21 and HO:205:185.

It is also possible that the Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust (www.chdt.org.uk) might be able to assist you. In addition, you might want to contact the Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre which houses the ‘Royal Naval Collection’ that was held at the Chatham Library until 1993. Its contact details are shown at the foot of this letter.

Finally, our Senior Estate Advisor at DE Canterbury, xxxxxxxxxx, would be happy to discuss the site with you if you have any further queries. His contact details are as follows:

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Yours sincerely,

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