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Dear Mr Arbeely

Thank you for your email of 11 May 2020 in which you requested the following information:

If possible I would like a list which shows the changes to Army Reserve units since 2015.

There was a report in 2015 shown through this link:

[https://web.archive.org/web/20131203193356/http://www.army.mod.uk/documents/general/20130703-](https://web.archive.org/web/20131203193356/http://www.army.mod.uk/documents/general/20130703-SUMMARY_OF_ARMY_2020_RESERVE_STRUCTURE_AND_BASING.pdf)

[SUMMARY OF ARMY 2020 RESERVE STRUCTURE AND BASING.pdf](#) which showed the future, but there isn't any updated listed from what I can find, and the army website is quite out dated and doesn't list all the changes and units. A list in this same organisation along with sub-titles would be greatly appreciated.

As stated in my letter of 2 June 2020, I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). In this letter I explained that information related to your request is held by the Department, but that some may fall within the scope of the following qualified exemption: Section 26 (Defence).

This information is exempt under Section 26(1)(b) (Defence) of the Act and is therefore being withheld. Section 26 exempts information that, if disclosed, would, or would be likely to, prejudice the capability, effectiveness or security of the Armed Forces. This is a qualified exemption which requires a public interest test to establish the balance on releasing or withholding information. In this case, the arguments for release include the public interest in how Defence is run and the size of the British Army. Arguments to withhold information include that internal organisational detail including of squadrons and companies is sensitive information useful to potential adversaries, as it exposes internal Army structures and capabilities. It has been decided that, on balance, the information should be withheld as release would be likely to be prejudicial to the capability, effectiveness and security of the units in question, and those of a similar nature.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) I can advise that, while I note similar information to that requested was released in 2015, the Act requires that we treat all requests singularly on their individual merits. Interest in the British Army's activities has increased, and at the same time its scope and capabilities have developed. Therefore, different factors are relevant to judgements about the risk of releasing information today than was the case in 2015.

I have enclosed a downgraded map which shows all Army Reserve units and their locations. In line with the advice given in this letter, sub-unit detail has been redacted under Section 26(1)(b) (Defence) of the Act.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, 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.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 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/>.

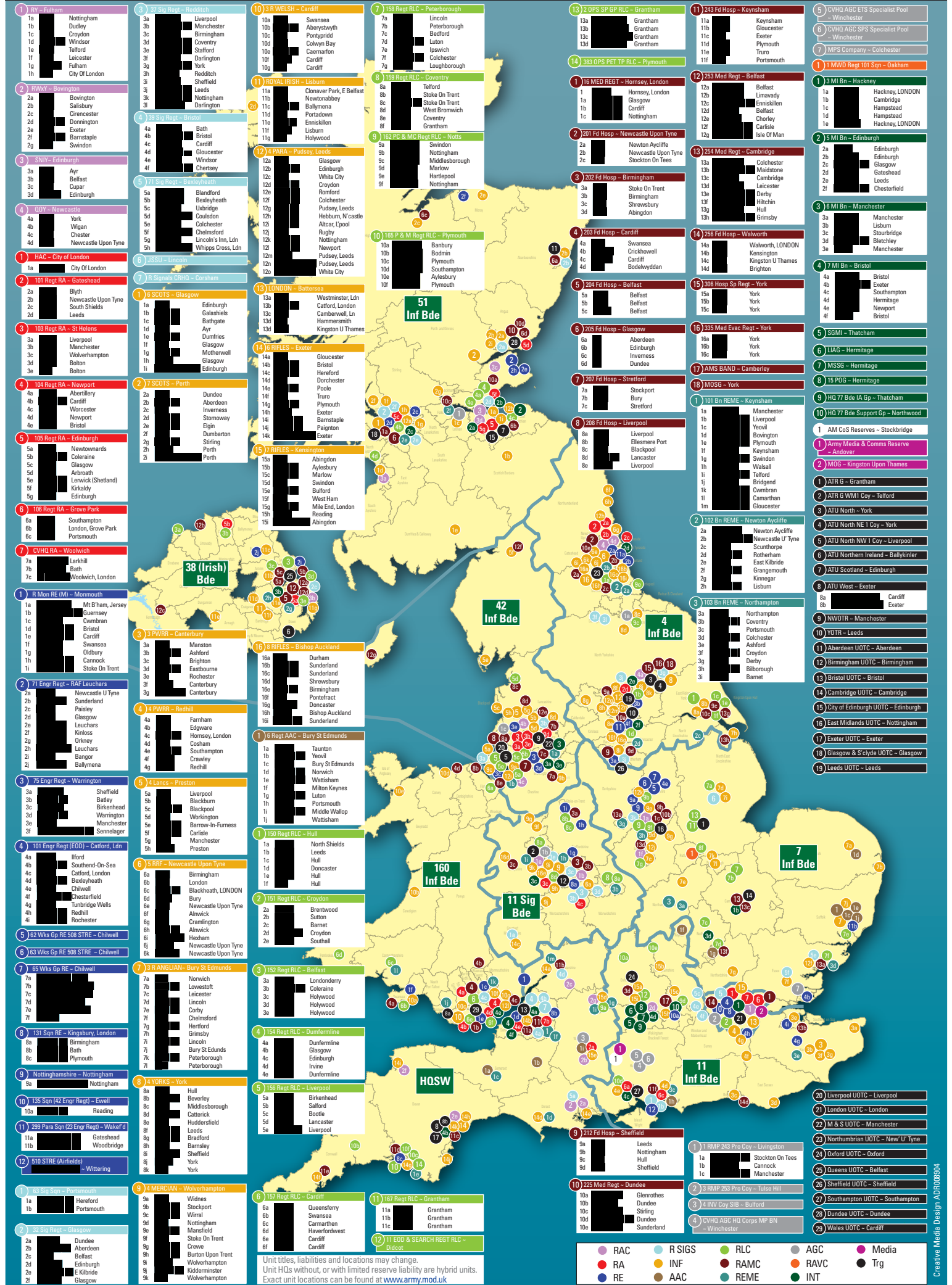
Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat

Enclosures:

Enclosure 1 - Downgraded Army Reserve Unit Locations Map

ARMY RESERVE UNIT LOCATIONS



Unit titles, liabilities and locations may change.
 Unit HQs without, or with limited reserve liability are hybrid units.
 Exact unit locations can be found at www.army.mod.uk

- RAC
- RA
- RE
- R SIGS
- INF
- AAC
- RLC
- RAMC
- REME
- AGC
- RAVC
- Media
- Trg