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Dr Chris

Thank you for your email of 22 June 2017 regarding the contaminated land at Jubilee Field, Weedon. I am grateful to you for taking the time to bring this matter to my attention and for the opportunity to be able to look into the important issues raised.

My officials have continued to engage with Weeton Bec Parish Council and their legal representatives regarding the contaminated land. As outlined in the letter of 23 February 2016 from my predecessor, Mark Lancaster TD VR MP, the land was sold to the Parish Council in 1978. The Parish Council was aware of the presence of asbestos contamination and this site was sold as seen and under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Ministry of Defence (MOD) is not liable for the costs of remediation of the contamination and this was reflected in the sale price. I can assure you that the MOD has disposed of hand grenades as they have been discovered and has a clear mandate, under the provisions of Military Aid to Civil Authorities to dispose of such munitions free of charge.

I can confirm that my officials contacted Weeton Bec Parish Council on 23 June 2017 to schedule a meeting to discuss the next steps in relation to the site. I trust this meeting will be forthcoming and provide the opportunity to agree the level of support required from the MOD and lead to full resolution of the situation. I trust this clarifies the Department's position.

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