

EV-0603 — WhatDoTheyKnow: Ministry of Defence, “1988 Dispossession of Great House Farm, Llandough from the Williams/ Buckler Family”

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Catalogue entry **EV-0603** of the Great House Farm evidence register, carried over from the Legal Wiki evidence page last modified on 2026-10-21. The same record is published at research.bucklerfamily.estate, and this version is also a [PDF](#) in the wayback archive.

1 Release notes

1.1 This release (version 1.0.0)

- **2026-Oct-23** - Carried over to the docs library from the Legal Wiki evidence page for EV-0603 (wiki page 7569, last modified 2026-10-21 21:25:39 UTC). The record text, dates and references are as on the wiki. Links to wiki pages lead to the same page on research.bucklerfamily.estate; images are links to their files on the wiki.

1.2 Older versions

None yet.

2 Record

EV ID	EV-0603 (wayback WB-0403)
Title	1988 Dispossession of Great House Farm, Llandough from the Williams/ Buckler Family (WhatDoTheyKnow request thread)
Authority	Ministry of Defence
Dates	Sent 1 May 2026; last message 10 Oct 2026
Type	FOI request thread: 7 messages (3 sent, 4 received), 4 attachments
Evidence label	CORRESPONDENCE (public FOI thread, published on WhatDoTheyKnow)
Status	refused (WhatDoTheyKnow: Refused)
Outcome	s.23(5) neither confirm nor deny for Special Forces; otherwise not held; upheld at internal review, which found the Act’s time limit was not met. Parts passed on as a subject access request.
Deadlines	Response (20 working days): due 2 Jun 2026, met (29 May 2026); Internal review (40 working days, outer limit): due 14 Aug 2026, missed (10 Oct 2026)

2 Record

References	FOI2026/09019, FOI2026/09190
Links	Thread on WhatDoTheyKnow · Send/receive view · Archived JSON
Related	WhatDoTheyKnow correspondence (email copies) · all WhatDoTheyKnow threads

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Timeline: request texts are summarised (full text on WhatDoTheyKnow); replies are summarised, with the full text below.

#	Date	From	Class	Text or summary	Attachments
1	1 May 2026	Requester	request	Request for any records of UK Armed Forces involvement (including Special Forces) in the 1988 eviction at Tŷ Mawr (Great House Farm), Llandough: deployments, MACA requests, correspondence with South Wales Police, the Council and the Welsh Office, and after-action reports.	
2	29 May 2026	Ministry of Defence	refusal with exemption cited (s.23(5)); rest not held	Response FOI2026/09019 (letter attached): neither confirm nor deny under s.23(5) for the Special Forces parts; no information held for the rest; pointed to The National Archives.	Ministry of Defence FOI2026/09019 response: s.23(5) neither confirm nor deny (Special Forces); otherwise not held (WB-0408)
3	20 Jun 2026	Requester	internal review request	Internal review requested, and parts of the request asked to be handled as a subject access request.	
4	4 Jul 2026	Ministry of Defence	acknowledgement only	Internal review acknowledged; target 21 July 2026, with 20–40 working days indicated.	
5	21 Jul 2026	Requester	follow-up	Chaser asking when the internal review will be completed.	

6	5 Aug 2026	Ministry of Defence	of clarification demand	MoD data-protection team asks for a personal email address and identity documents before handling the subject access part. Two MoD internal emails about the request were attached to this public reply.	Copy of the 1 May 2026 request email, attached by the MoD to its 5 August 2026 reply (WB-0409) MoD internal emails on the internal review and subject access request, attached to the 5 August 2026 public reply (WB-0410)
7	10 Oct 2026	Ministry of Defence	of complaint outcome (not held; s.23(5) upheld; late)	Internal review FOI2026/09190 (letter attached): the request was not handled within the time the Act requires; no information held; s.23(5) upheld; parts passed on as a subject access request.	Ministry of Defence internal review FOI2026/09190: not handled within time; not held; s.23(5) upheld (WB-0411)

Attachments (Wayback Vault):

- Ministry of Defence FOI2026/09019 response: s.23(5) neither confirm nor deny (Special Forces); otherwise not held · WB-0408 · WhatDoTheyKnow copy
- Copy of the 1 May 2026 request email, attached by the MoD to its 5 August 2026 reply · WB-0409 · WhatDoTheyKnow copy
- MoD internal emails on the internal review and subject access request, attached to the 5 August 2026 public reply · WB-0410 · WhatDoTheyKnow copy — Direct-dial phone numbers redacted in this copy.
- Ministry of Defence internal review FOI2026/09190: not handled within time; not held; s.23(5) upheld · WB-0411 · WhatDoTheyKnow copy

Reply 2, 29 May 2026: full text as published

Dear [requester],
Please find attached our response to your recent FOI request.
Kind regards,
Defence Business Services Records Review - FOI Team

Reply 4, 4 Jul 2026: full text as published

Dear [requester],
Receipt **is** acknowledged of your email of 9 June 2026 requesting an internal review of your request, our reference FOI2026/09019.
The Department's target for completing internal reviews is 20 working days from date of receipt. We therefore aim to have a response with you on or before 21 July 2026. However, in the interests of providing you with a realistic indication of when you should expect a response, the majority are currently taking longer depending on their complexity, but we will aim to complete the review between 20 and 40 working days.
The review will involve an independent assessment of the processing of the requests **and** the outcome.
Yours sincerely,
MOD Information Rights Compliance Team

Reply 6, 5 Aug 2026: full text as published

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE - PERSONAL

Good morning

Thank you **for** your email.

We have been passed on your enquiry **and** to allow us to proceed can I ask you to provide your personal email address along **with** Valid Identification. Please see guidance below.

The Data Protection Act **2018** **and** General Data Protection Regulation require us to verify the identity of an individual before releasing **any** information. As such, to allow us to proceed **with** your request please forward a copy of either:

A. Your photographic Driving Licence showing your current address

Or

B. Your current signed passport AND a utility bill **or** official correspondence which shows your current address **and is** dated within the last three months.

If your current name differs **from the** name under which you served, please provide documentary proof of your name change, such **as** a copy of a marriage certificate, divorce decree **or** a copy of your deed poll showing the change.

Upon receipt of the above we will begin processing your request.

Kind Regards,

[name]

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Reply 7, 10 Oct 2026: full text as published

Dear [requester],

Please find attached a response to your request **for** internal review.

Yours sincerely,

MOD Information Rights Compliance Team

2.1 Page version & change log

Current version: 1.0.0

Version	Date (UTC)	Editor (human or agent name)	Change	Source / evidence
1.0.0	2026-10-21T18:34Z	Tab agent	Page created: WhatDoTheyKnow thread archived (7 messages, 4 attachments).	Owner’s request, 21 Oct 2026 19:08 BST; WhatDoTheyKnow thread and Wayback items linked above

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