Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

| Update from | MOD: Defence Technical Training |
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| Date of Area Board Meeting | Wednesday 25 July 2012 |

Defence Technical Training Headlines

- The Defence Technical Training Change Programme Team (supported by DIO) are already setup on the site.
- Site investigations are on-going and have not identified any significant on-site constraints.
- Arrangements for public consultations will be announced in September.

MOD Defence Technical Training (DTT), Lyneham – July 2012

- 1. Since the previous presentation to the Area Board DIO have been progressing site investigations which will inform development proposals across the site.
- 2. A number of detailed ecology surveys are being undertaken. We are working closely with the Wiltshire County ecologist on how these surveys should be undertaken. When we have the results of these surveys we'll know whether they need to be supplemented by additional surveys during 2013, prior to the commencement of the development.
- 3. The initial findings of the ecology and also geophysical surveys indicate that there are no significant on-site constraints.
- 4. The results of these investigations will inform the development programme for DTT. It is currently envisaged that construction, to accommodate the first tranche of DTT moves onto the site, will not commence before 2014. As set out in the previous briefing to the Area Board the first tranche will focus on provision for Electro-Mechanical and elements of Aeronautical Engineering (moving from the existing Bordon and Arborfield sites).
- 5. The DTT Change Programme Team (supported by DIO) are already setup on the Lyneham site. They are currently focussing on refining the requirements for the first tranche of the development. In September this work is expected to be of a sufficient maturity to allow detailed site investigations and design work to commence.

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- 6. DIO are meeting with Wiltshire Planning Authority officers to develop a programme for submitting planning applications. It is currently envisaged that any detailed planning application will be supported by a Master Plan. The Master Plan will cover the whole of the Lyneham site and provide for the all the DTT programme's needs. It is currently envisaged that planning applications will not be submitted before Spring / Summer 2013.
- 7. Before any applications are submitted, there will be public consultation periods. DIO will propose that the Area Board will be the initial focus for such public consultations. By the next Area Board meeting in September, we hope to be able to provide further details on how to get involved in the consultation process.

Other issues:

Day to day site issues should continue to be referred to the Lyneham Site Estate Team Leader in the first instance, preferably via the Area Board Lyneham Steering Group meetings.

It is currently expected that the site will be used for a temporary period by powered gliders (moving from Odium during the period of the Olympics).

Existing DIO Service Families Housing (non operational) issues should be referred to DIO Secretariat Tel: 0121-3113879.

Future Events/Dates for the diary

The proposed approach to public consultation about future plans for the site is expected to be announced at the September Area Board meeting.

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