

Lyneham Defence College

Lyneham Defence College will become the nation's main training site for all three armed forces – Army, Navy and Air Force. By 2019 there will be as many as 5,000 people on site.

A contract worth £230 million is currently being tendered for building works required at Lyneham and three contractors are being considered. This fixed price contract will be announced before Xmas, 2013 and building work will begin in January, 2014. This work will continue until late 2015 and the College will open in early 2016. Army REME will start to move in late 2015. At first there will be about 2,000 students and staff on site. There will be an enormous variation in the types of training on site.

There are concerns about heavy goods traffic travelling through Chippenham and heavy use of Chippenham Railway Station on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons. There are plans for these sort of movements in the initial reports, but as time goes on plans will become more fixed and Wiltshire Council will be informed of firm plans.