

Wiltshire Council

Strategic Planning Committee

30 July 2014

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**Army Basing Programme - Master Plan  
Revisions to ABP Master Plan Recommendation  
to Strategic Planning Committee**

On the advice of the Council's Head of Legal Services the recommendation to Committee has been revised, as set out below.

The reason for the revisions is to give greater clarity to the recommendation in view of the fact the Master Plan cannot at this point be considered a finalised document. This is because there are issues outstanding as referred to in the bullet points. Until these are satisfactorily resolved the Committee is limited to endorsing the work done to date.

Even at this stage of evolution the Master Plan will remain a critical background document which will inform the assessment of future planning applications to deliver the ABP. The Master Plan will inform each application by defining the wider context and assessing the cumulative impacts, and so demonstrate in the broadest terms how and where development can, and cannot, take place. It follows that it will be a material consideration, providing contextual understanding and consistency for decision-making.

As each of the outstanding issues is addressed the Master Plan will move forward to becoming a finalised document. Its significance as a material consideration will then also increase.

The outstanding matters of principle and detail set out in the original recommendation remain unaltered.

Revised recommendation -

**That the Strategic Planning Committee notes the evolving Army Basing Programme Master Plan as foreshadowed by the emerging Wiltshire Core Strategy.**

**That the Strategic Planning Committee recognises the work done to date and encourages the DIO to reach agreement with the Associate Director for Economic Development and Planning on the following matters of principle before finalising the Master Plan:**

- **The outstanding issue relating to the impact of additional water abstraction arising from ABP being addressed to the satisfaction of the Council, in consultation with the Environment Agency and Natural England;**

- The outstanding issue relating to the impact of foul water discharge from ABP on phosphate levels in the River Avon being addressed to the satisfaction of the Council in consultation with the Environment Agency and Natural England;
- The outstanding issue relating to the potential impact of increased recreational pressure on Salisbury Plain from ABP on protected species being addressed to the satisfaction of the Council;

**That the Strategic Planning Committee encourages the DIO to resolve the following matters prior to the submission of planning applications:**

- The outstanding issue relating to the potential need to provide additional STW capacity from ABP at Larkhill being addressed to the satisfaction of the Council in consultation with English Heritage;
  - The outstanding issue relating to the potential impact of the Larkhill SFA on the setting of Stonehenge and the WHS being addressed to the satisfaction of the Council in consultation with English Heritage;
  - The outstanding issue relating to unknown underground archaeology being addressed to the satisfaction of the Council;
  - The outstanding issues relating to the design of the mechanisms required to ensure delivery of essential infrastructure made necessary by ABP being addressed to the satisfaction of the Council.
  - The Highways Agency raising no material objections;
  - Veolia raising no material objection to water supply and foul water processing capacities at Tidworth and Ludgershall.
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