

Army Basing Briefing for Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth and Warminster Area Boards - July 2015

Background

The government's Army basing announcement in March 2013 advised of approximately 4,300 extra Service personnel moving to Wiltshire, who will be accompanied by their families, bringing the total number of additional people to 7,600. These plans will require additional levels of infrastructure and services to be provided by Wiltshire Council.

May 2015 Update

Planning Applications

- Priority Works

All eleven of the anticipated "priority works" applications covering relatively small scale development within the camps have been submitted and with the exception of one have been determined under delegated powers.

- Camps

The application for the full scale of development at Perham Down was submitted to Wiltshire Council in mid-April 2015 with a target date for determination by 5th July 2015. The applications for other camps (Bulford, Tidworth and Larkhill) are expected during the summer with Upavon's application not due until the end of the year.

- Service Family Accommodation (SFA)

All three SFA applications have now been submitted. Details are as follows:

Settlement	PA Reference	Units	Notes
Ludgershall	15/02770/FUL	246	Consultation ended 5 June 2015
Bulford	15/04006/FUL	227	Consultation ended 18 June 2015
Larkhill	15/05540/FUL	444	Yet to be formally registered

There are no applications for Tidworth (though DIO will be purchasing 100 units at the Riverbourne Fields development over the next year or so).

No additional SFA is required at Upavon.

- Planning Committees

The Priority works are being determined under delegated powers, and it is likely that, subject to their applications containing no controversial development, the main camp redevelopments will also now be determined under delegated powers. However, due to their wider context all the SFA applications will be considered by the Strategic Planning Committee. The precise arrangements are still being established and dates will be published on Wiltshire Council's "Council and Democracy" web-site pages soon. The DIO is proposing a single section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), agreement to cover all three SFA applications.

Schools

Wiltshire Council is presently negotiating the financial contribution for new primary schools at Ludgershall (210 places) and Larkhill (420 places), an extension of Bulford Kiwi Primary (210) places plus a smaller school expansion at Ludgershall Castle Primary and a total of 450 secondary places to serve SFA at Larkhill, Bulford and Ludgershall. DIO has identified land at Larkhill, Ludgershall and Tidworth for new school buildings to transfer to Wiltshire Council. These sites are being studied by the council to confirm their suitability and to identify the best location within the plots suggested, for the school buildings, parking and playgrounds / sports pitches.

Community Infrastructure

Land offered - The DIO has offered 0.6 hectares of land adjacent to that for the primary school at Ludgershall. In addition 0.3 hectares of land adjacent to that for the primary school at Larkhill has been offered. DIO is looking to make a range of sports halls, pitches and community centres more readily available for wider civilian use across Salisbury Plain. Wiltshire Council is negotiating an agreement with DIO and the Army to achieve this, which will be incorporated into the Section 106, Agreement as part of the planning determination.

(Briefed previously - but repeated for reference if required)

Location and Number of Net Additional Personnel Arising from Army Basing

Location	SLA Pop	SFA Population			Total
		Military	Spouses	Children	
Larkhill	1,513	540	540	982	3,575
Bulford	494	241	241	427	1,403
Tidworth and Ludgershall	836	400	400	725	2,361
Upavon	254	0	0	0	254
Total	3,097	1,181	1,181	2,134	7,593

SFA to be provided:

Location	SFA units	Notes
Larkhill	444	
Bulford	227	<i>This includes 36 units that will replace existing SFA, so the net new requirement is 191 for the Army Basing Programme.</i>
Ludgershall	246	
Tidworth	0	<i>The MOD is acquiring 100 units from a commercial development in Tidworth - (Riverbourne Fields to meet the Army Basing Programme requirements).</i>
Upavon	0	
Total	917	<i>Taking into account the above two notes , the net Army Basing requirement is for 981 SFA homes.</i>