

**Army Basing Briefing for the Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth
and Warminster Area Boards - Sep 2015**

Background

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

Sep 2015 Update

Planning Applications and Associated Matters

- Priority Works

All nine of the anticipated priority works applications covering relatively small scale development within the camps have been submitted and determined under delegated powers.

- Camps

The application for the main development works at Perham Down has been determined. Demolition of the existing buildings is underway to prepare for new housing. Applications for Bulford and Larkhill have also been received with the main application for Tidworth expected shortly and that for Upavon due at 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	Consultation ended 23 July, 2015

All three applications are now likely to be considered together by Wiltshire Council at a special Strategic Planning Committee meeting. The meeting will be scheduled specifically to determine these applications, the date and venue for which has yet to be confirmed.

No additional SFA is required at Tidworth or Upavon. However, the MOD's plans to purchase 100 new homes at the Riverbourne Fields site in Tidworth as part of Army Basing is progressing well, with the homes due to be delivered over the next three years.

- Section 106 Agreement

Discussions on an agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) between MOD and Wiltshire Council are proceeding well. The agreement will relate to all three SFA applications together with associated matters encompassing the Salisbury Plain Masterplan. A final draft is being worked up presently. The MOD will be seeking endorsement on the proposed contributions to provide new infrastructure from its financial approving authorities.

Community Infrastructure

DIO is offering land for the future provision of community facilities - 0.3 hectares at Larkhill and 0.6 hectares at Ludgershall as part of the SFA applications. It is also 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.

DIO has also offered an existing office building of some 400 square metres to serve as a new Ludgershall community facility. Ludgershall Town Council is investigating the feasibility of this offer and how the building would be used. The facility will require some adaptation to make it more suitable for community use. Grants such as the Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme may be available to part-fund this, with Wiltshire Council funding the balance.

Although not part of the Army Basing Programme, the MOD has commenced work on the construction of a cycle / pedestrian path beside Somme Road from Perham Down camp to the Tidworth Road (near the Wellington Academy). The work, which is being undertaken by the 26 Engineers Unit, with Wiltshire Council contributing funds to surface the path, started on 26 August and is due to complete in early 2016. The path will remain in MOD ownership, but will be available for public use. It is a pilot project for a longer term aim to extend MOD cycle paths across the Salisbury Plain Training Area.

Other Infrastructure

As part of the Section 106 Agreement, DIO is expected to provide or fund a range of infrastructure to support the development which includes:

- Early years places
- Primary school places
- Secondary school places
- Open space provision
- Waste collection containers
- Primary health care facilities
- Road and junction improvements
- Cycle paths
- Ecological mitigation, where necessary, through its development

Details of this are contained within its Infrastructure Delivery Plan, which was submitted with the SFA planning applications. However, this is still subject to final negotiation with the s106 Agreement.

Review of the Army Basing Programme

The first phase of Wiltshire Council's management of the Army Basing Programme is nearing conclusion and it will now focus on the management of the build programmes followed by detailed planning for the arrival of the troops and their families from Germany. Wiltshire Council is currently seeking support from the Local Government Association to undertake a peer review of the council's management of the programme to date. This will assess how Wiltshire Council has managed the programme so far, its readiness to proceed with later phases and will draw out lessons learned that can be applied to other projects. Wiltshire Council's Overview and Scrutiny Group will have a role to play in this review, which is planned for early 2016.

(Briefed previously - but repeated for reference if required)

Location and Number of Net Additional Personnel Arising from Army Basing

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

SFA to be provided:

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