

Army Basing - Salisbury Plain

Consulting for a Masterplan

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Introduction

Government announcements

The Army Basing Plan announced on 5th March 2013 confirmed Salisbury Plain as a major focus of the Reaction Force element of Army 2020. For further details on the wider programme see the Tri-Fold leaflet available at the exhibition, whilst stocks last, or online at www.gov.uk/government/consultations/salisbury-plain-training-area-master-plan-army-basing-programme. The Government has committed £800 million to be invested in the Salisbury Plain area.



The planned changes

In total there will be approximately 7,700 people moving to the Salisbury Plain area comprising 4,300 additional service personnel with their families. To provide the necessary infrastructure the key elements of the Masterplan for the Army Basing Project are:

- Extensive new construction and refurbishment of existing buildings within the existing base perimeter for:
 - Single living accommodation (SLA), with dining, catering, recreational, and welfare facilities; and
 - Technical accommodation, including workshops, garages, armouries, stores and offices.
- Outside the existing base perimeter there will be changes to the training area; and up to 1,400 new houses for service family accommodation (SFA).

The Masterplan

We are preparing a Masterplan to illustrate necessary changes to existing infrastructure to serve the needs of this larger community of Army personnel and service families. A public consultation on the emerging proposals is currently underway. Following completion of the consultation a full Masterplan will be produced. The final Masterplan together with the supporting Environmental Report will set the planning framework for the development of each site and be submitted to Wiltshire Council for endorsement. The time frame for this work is shown in the panel on the next banner.

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2 Engagement

Community Engagement

This exhibition is a major element of our ongoing plans to inform local people and other interested parties of potential changes as a result of the Army Basing Programme. This exhibition aims to:

- explain the emerging proposals as part of the public consultation process; and
- obtain your thoughts and ideas on what should or should not be provided in the area.

All of your comments and those of the other stakeholders will be collated within a Statement of Community Involvement, which will be updated as the Masterplan develops.

Please complete a questionnaire and leave it in the return box, or alternatively email your comments directly to DIO-ArmyBasing@mod.uk.

Wiltshire Council

A MOD/Wilts Council Steering Group has been working together for some months to set in place the framework for the production of a Masterplan that will address the requirements for housing, education, employment, health, transport and leisure and retail consequent to the proposed Army Basing. Part of that process is:

- to assess the proposals for the bases;
- to outline the proposals for the training areas;
- to agree the best location for the SFA, which will be located on MOD land outside the boundary fences of the bases; and
- assess the implications for the wider community and consequent changes to the existing infrastructure and facilities.

Stakeholders

In addition to the local community and Council there are a large number of other civilian and military stakeholders that will be consulted as part of the planning and design process. These include:

- Statutory Consultees (i.e. English Heritage, Natural England, Environment Agency, Highways Agency and other relevant organisations);
- Parish Councils;
- Local businesses;
- Schools;
- Health and community services; and
- Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service and South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SWASFT).



The Timeline

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3 SFA Site Selection Methodology

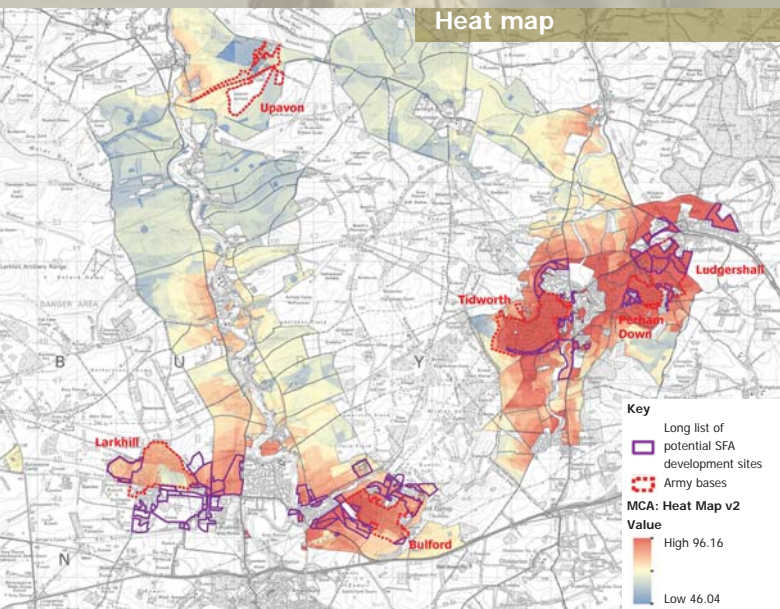
A long list of sites (over 80) were presented at the November/December consultation events. This has now been reduced to a smaller group of sites using the following three stage methodology:

The **first stage** is a high level sift including areas only within 10 mile radius of the duty stations, excluding land covered by international and national level designations, excluding land with a high probability of flooding and excluding key MOD areas/facilities.

The **second stage** is a Multi Criteria Analysis (MCA) of the remaining sites and generates a 'heat map' which shows high performing sites in red, through to low scoring sites in blue.

The factors listed below and have been used to generate the heat map:

- **Environment:** Landscape Impact, Biodiversity, Agricultural Land, Forestry, Historic Environment / Archaeology, Flood Risk / Surface Drainage, Topography/Slope, Groundwater vulnerability, Amenity Value, Pipelines and Mineral Reserves.
- **Accessibility:** Existing Settlements, Employment Centres (other), Retail Centres, Bus Services, Secondary Schools, Primary Schools, Health Facilities, Outdoor Recreation/Accessible Greenspace and Recreation/Leisure Facilities.
- **Impact:** Proximity to MOD duty stations and Coalescence (knitting together) of Settlements.



Stage 3 now examines site specific constraints and includes a review of consultee responses we have received to date. From this process, together with the Army's preference, recommended options for military housing have been identified. The following banners for Larkhill, Bulford, Tidworth and Perham Down identify the preferred and potential sites.

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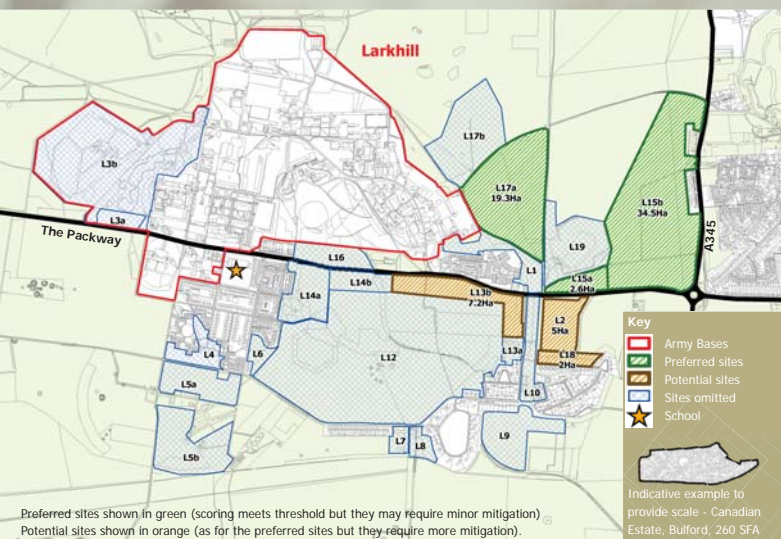
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Larkhill



Key themes and at times conflicting messages that we have received from you following the consultation that relate to Larkhill are:

- You do not want development alongside the A345 and want to see a separation between Durrington and any development north of The Packway to protect the village identity.
- You recognise the importance of the World Heritage Site and want the military flight heritage protected, but suggest some SFA south of The Packway close to existing services is preferable.
- You believe the green areas south of The Packway and near the Church of St. Alban should be retained.
- You report there are major issues with traffic in this area.
- You want any SFA to be as close to the base as possible, or on brownfield land within the wire.

Identifying preferred options for Army housing:

- The high level site sift, described on the previous boards, omitted sites L2, L3a, L3b, L4, L5a, L5b, L6, L7, L8, L9, L10, L12, L13a, L13b, L14a, L14b and L16, L17b. These were primarily due to the World Heritage Site.
- Looking at specific constraints sites L1 and L19 have been omitted.
- The responses you have made and the preference the Army has for the sites have been incorporated into the final sites preferred and illustrated for this more defined round of consultation.

The Army's preferred option is for 540 SFA as close as possible to the Larkhill base. However, the final number of SFA to be built at Larkhill will be determined following further site investigations and infrastructure capacity assessments. The preferred sites shown on this board L15a, L15b and L17a include far more land than is required for this total of SFA and include the Army preference for some sites for Officers housing south of The Packway.

4 What do you think about the preferred sites for Larkhill?

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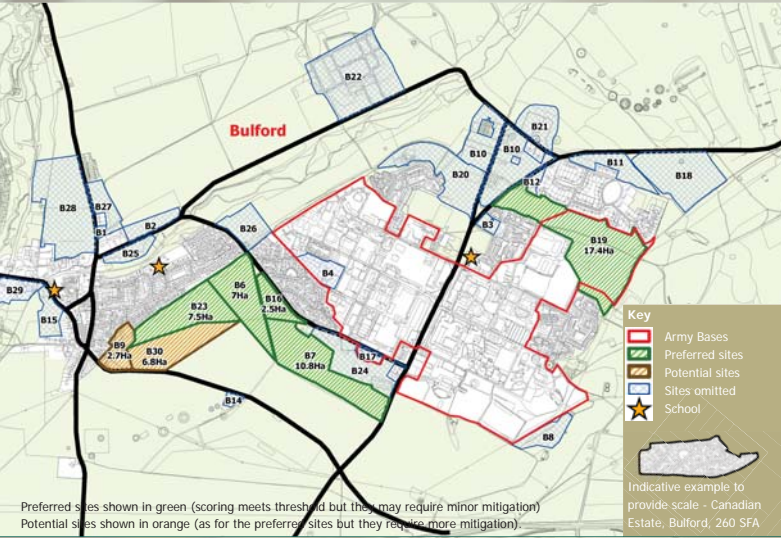
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Bulford



Key themes and messages that we have received from you following the initial consultation events that relate to Bulford are:

- The required houses should be built in close proximity to the base allowing for green travel methods such as cycling and walking to work, taking strain off roads that are already busy. This matches the Army's preference;
- The sites close to the village centre to the west and north of Bulford would unduly affect the character and setting of the village;
- The brownfield land within and around the base should be the focus of any redevelopment;
- Developing on land adjacent the Canadian Estate is seen generally as a preferred option; and
- The development should not affect wildlife and heritage assets around Bulford.

Identifying preferred options for Army housing:

1. The high level site sift, described on the previous boards, omitted sites B8, B18, B21, B22 and B29.
2. Looking at specific constraints sites B1, B2, B3, B4, B10, B11, B12, B14, B15, B17, B20, B24, B25, B26, B27 and B28 have been omitted. These reflect specific ecology, agricultural and cultural heritage issues. They also include the responses you have made and the preference the Army has for the sites.

The Army's preferred option is for 277 houses close to the base made up of 241 SFA for the Army Basing Plan and 36 houses replacing old SFA from within Ward Barracks. However, the final number of SFA to be built at Bulford will be determined following further site investigations and infrastructure capacity assessments. The preferred sites shown on this board B6, B7, B16, B19 and B23 include far more land than is required for this total of SFA.

5 What do you think about the preferred sites for Bulford?

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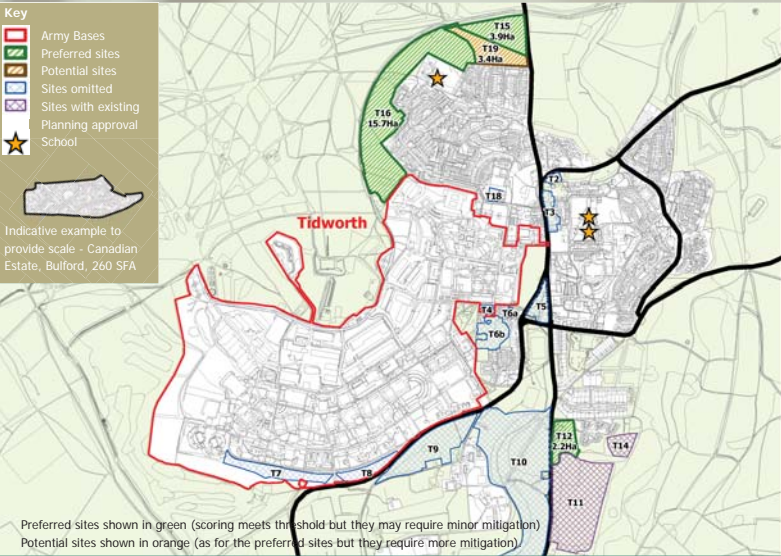
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Tidworth



Key themes and messages that we have received from you following the consultation that relate to Tidworth are:

- The land to the north of Zouch Primary School could be used as public open space to benefit the community;
- The SFA should be in a sustainable location next to the base and the foot and cycle networks should be improved. This matches the Army's preference for sustainable locations;
- You are concerned about the Army buying up private housing in the north-east quadrant;
- You would like further land around Tidworth be released to allow for future private housing; and
- The small sites to the south of Tidworth, near to the land called Area 19 which already has planning permission for over 300 SFA, are good sites for some more SFA.

Identifying preferred options for Army housing:

1. The high level site sift, described on the previous boards, did not omit any sites.
2. Looking at specific constraints sites T2, T3, T4, T5, T6a, T6b, T7, T8, T9, T10 and T18 have been omitted. These reflect specific flood risk, access and cultural heritage issues. They also include the responses you have made and the preference the Army has for the sites.
3. Sites T11 and T14 (Area 19 and Deans Close) already have an outline planning consent for 360 SFA which does not form part of the Army Basing Plan requirement.

The Army's preferred option is for 200 in Tidworth. However, the final number of SFA to be built at Tidworth will be determined following further site investigations and infrastructure capacity assessments. The preferred sites shown T12, T15 and T16 include far more land than is required for this total of SFA.

6 What do you think about the preferred sites for Tidworth?

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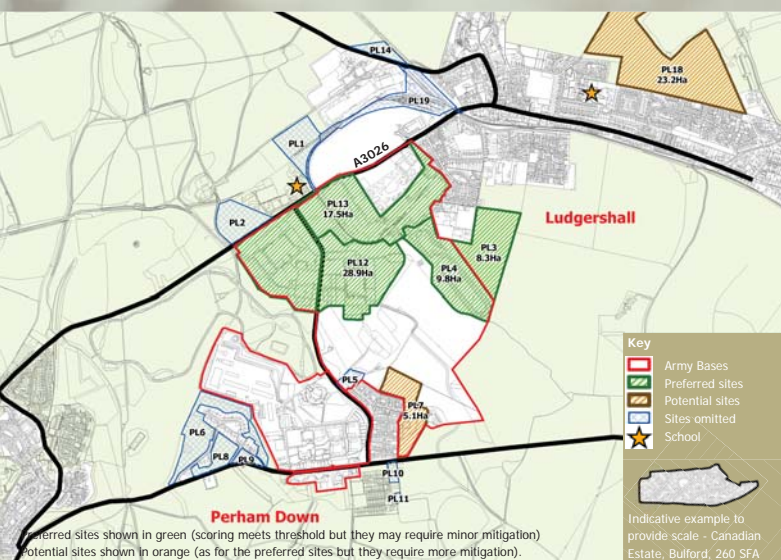


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7 Perham Down



Key themes and messages that we have received from you following the consultation that relate to Perham Down are:

- The Wiltshire Core Strategy already includes a significant number of new private homes in Ludgershall. The SFA will be in addition to this.
- You would like to see some mixed use or business use on the sites to the south of the A3026
- You would not like to see the site to the north of Wood Park developed as this is far from the Perham Down base and will cause more traffic to be generated.
- You would like a footpath/cyclepath link along Somme Road linking any proposed SFA to Perham Down and Wellington Academy for sustainable transport.
- You would like to see the sites in Ludgershall which are closer to Perham Down developed for SFA.

Identifying preferred options for Army housing:

1. The high level site sift, described on the previous boards, did not omit any sites; the proximity to services in Ludgershall results in the candidate sites scoring well.
2. Looking at specific constraints sites PL1, PL2, P5, PL6, PL8, PL9, PL10, PL11, PL14 and PL19 have been omitted. These reflect specific access, ecology and cultural heritage issues. They also include the responses you have made and the preference the Army have for the sites, although requirements are under review.

The Army's preferred option is for 200 in Perham Down/Ludgershall. However, the final number of SFA to be built will be determined following further site investigations and infrastructure capacity assessments. The preferred sites shown PL3, PL4, PL12 and PL13 include far more land than is required for this total of SFA.

7 What do you think about the preferred sites for Perham Down?

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8 Proposed Development inside the Camps

Current Proposals

The requirements for Army Basing within Larkhill, Tidworth, Bulford, Perham Down and Upavon Camps 'behind the wire', include new construction and refurbishment of existing facilities for:

- SLA;
- Messes for both Officers and Senior Ranks;
- Catering and Dining facilities;
- Regimental and Company HQs and Offices;
- Stores;
- Garages and Workshops;
- Education and Training buildings and facilities;
- Physical training and recreational sports facilities; and
- Medical and Dental facilities.

The full details of the type and location of these facilities are being discussed by DIO and the Army to reach a balanced solution of new construction and refurbishment that provides the best value.

The location of the facilities will follow the zoning shown on the drawings on this panel for:

- Living (SFA/SLA) and Welfare Zones;
- Administration/Training Zones; and
- Physical Training Zones
- Technical Zones.



The table below shows the current estimates for the type and potential number of new buildings and as noted above.

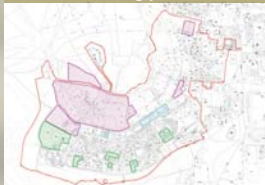
Other required new buildings include a Medical & Dental Centre and a Reservist's Hotel at Larkhill and a Junior Ranks Commercial & Retail building at Upavon.

	SLA	Mess/ Dining	HQ	Large Garages	Workshop/ Tech Offices	Stores	Armoury	Training, Education Block	Phys Training Building
Larkhill	30	4		6	6	4	1	2	
Bulford	5	1	1	4	1	4	1	1	
Perham Down	7	1		3	1	1			1
Tidworth	7	3	2	4	3	5	2	3	1
Upavon	5		1					1	1

Larkhill zoning plan



Tidworth zoning plan



Bulford zoning plan



Perham Down zoning plan



Upavon zoning plan



- 8 How does the activity in the bases affect you?
What changes should be considered?

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9 Emerging Training Requirements

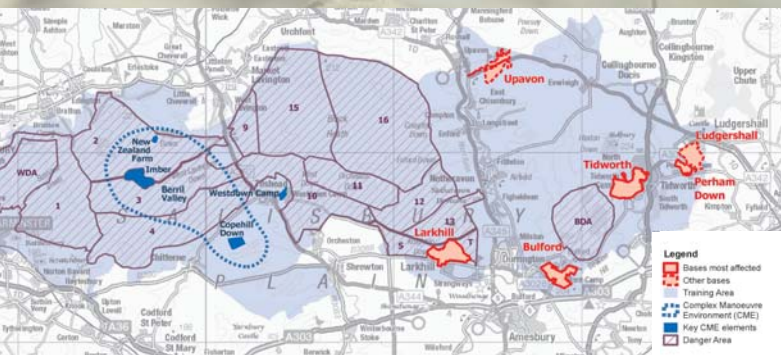
Key issues relating to the emerging training requirements for the Army Basing Programme in the Salisbury Plain Training Area include:

- Training is expected to return to historic levels – these will remain within existing and agreed capacity limits;
- It is anticipated there will be minimal changes in military vehicle use;
- The Range provision around Centre and at Bulford will be upgraded; and
- The UK Centre of Specialisation for Unmanned

Aerial Systems (UAS) is at Larkhill – increased UAS activity over SPTA is likely.

Training features unrelated to Army Basing include:

- Defence Transformation will require development of existing training features on SPTA including:
 - Development of a Complex Manoeuvre Environment across SPTA West; and
 - Investigating the possible refurbishment of existing Camp accommodation.



Turning vision into reality

Working with the Army, Wiltshire Council and the local community the MOD aims to continue to build upon a sustainable community that provides a range of housing choice and tenure, an attractive place to live, a safe and caring community, good access to community facilities, education in appropriately located schools, an attractive environment with a strong sense of place, good links to a sustainable public transport network and good links to surrounding areas and a comprehensive pedestrian and cycle network connecting communities together. We will be considering all your comments when we undertake the next phase of work and will review this with Wiltshire Council and other relevant stakeholders.

Thank you for visiting this exhibition. We hope you found the information informative. We need your views on how the area should adapt to accommodate the new Army personnel, service family accommodation and changes to the training areas.

Please let us know your thoughts, if you have any queries or want more information. Don't forget to complete the questionnaire and leave it in the return box or return it by post using the Freepost address.

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