

## **ARMY BASING PROGRAMME (ABP) UPDATE: WILTS CCL ARMY BASING SG – 9 Sep 19**

**PROGRAMME UPDATE.** Progress on delivery of barracks developments and Service Families Accommodation (SFA) continues apace and the majority of essential barracks assets and nearly 60% of the houses are now complete – with 70% of the latter being occupied. The Critical Movement Window (CMW) is between 1 Jun and 30 Sep 19 – but the peak for movements has passed.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY:**

#### **Housing:**

- New builds: 917 total. Mix of Offr & Other Ranks. 3 & 4 bedroom houses; includes some bungalows.
- **Bulford (Plumer Estate):** 225. All houses completed/handed over; ~75% occupied. Wider site work continues (open spaces, archaeology features, boundaries; site compound strip). Estimated to be complete end Sep 19.
- **Ludgershall (Corunna Estate):** 242. All houses completed/handed over; ~75% occupied. Wider site work continues (open spaces, , boundaries; site compound strip). Subsequent works will continue beyond completion of SFA build to address landscaping/arising and spoil including old vehicle test track (behind SFA). Estimated to be complete Feb 20.
- **Larkhill: (Alanbrooke Estate):** 450. Anticipated to be completed spring 2020. As at 9 Sep – 80 houses ‘accepted’ with modest number of occupations. Remainder of houses remain in tranced phases of delivery spanning from external envelop completed through to completion and handover.

#### **Barracks:**

- Delivery of the infrastructure remains largely on track and all summer 2019 moves can be supported. Work is complete on all the essential bed spaces to meet this summer’s ‘Eat & Sleep’ milestone and dining facilities are fully provided for all the troops on the garrisons, which aligns with the programme’s critical path. The majority of the unit in loads are complete.
- 88 Key assets: 81 completed be end Aug. A further 5 are due to be commissioned in September.
- Medical/Dental centres – Provision of increased capacity for Medical & Dental facilities remains on track against respective construction programmes.
  - Larkhill temporary facilities: Complete and open.
  - Larkhill new build combined facility: Early 20.
  - Bulford Intermediate Health Care facility: Mid 20.
  - Extension and refurbishment of the Tidworth medical/dental centre: Late 20

## Highways. (Headlines only).

- **LUDGERSHALL (LUD):** Ludgershall Wellington Academy Toucan Crossing: Lights now 'live'. Cycleway 'connection' to Corunna Estate to be completed in line with site completion.
- **BULFORD (BUL):** Bulford Junctions (J) 15 (Rose & Crown), 16 (Salisbury Rd-Double Hedges), 13D (Amesbury – Porton Rd roundabout (Toby Carvery)).
  - **J16:** Complete and in operation. Road Safety Audit (RSA) in mid Sep.
  - **J15:** Complete and in operation. Utility provider works ongoing. RSA in mid Sep.
- **TIDWORTH (TID):** Tidworth Junctions (J) 22 (Ram), 36, 37, 21 (Esso Garage, Ordnance Rd, Meerut Rd), 20 (Station Rd). Issues with delivery of Js 21/36/37 will require intended plan to be revisited and potential re-sequenced/off-line works being delivered concurrently.
  - **J22:** Revised ESW<sup>1</sup> early Oct. ETC<sup>2</sup> early Feb 20.
  - **Js 21/36/37:** Preliminary tree felling complete. Tech Approval granted mid Jun. In conjunction with Environment Agency and water provider reviewing source protection and flood mitigation requirements. May be an adjustment to approved solution. Schedule subject to revision. Works package may be split. Indicative dates: Enabling works Oct-Nov 19; off-line works Apr–Jun 20; major on-line works Aug-Nov 20.
  - **J20:** Some technical redesign ongoing Awaiting Tech Approval from Wilts Ccl. ESW early 2020 giving an ETC of Jul 20.
- **SHIPTON BELLINGER (Hants) (S-B):** Highways England to deliver. Prelims conducted June 2019. Main works delayed (uncharted services). Current ESW w/c 7 Oct 19 for 7 weeks; ETC ~ end Nov 19.
- **LARKHILL (LHL):** Larkhill Packway Roundabout Remediation. Completed 26 Apr. Ph 3 Road Safety Audit conducted. Recommendations subject to Wilts Ccl acceptance. Potential for further works.
- **PLANNING:**
  - Derogation of timing of occupation conditions addressed by submission of S73 revised applications. Consultation finished 18 Jul 19. Determination by NLT Sep 19.
  - Cycleways/Footpaths at Larkhill and Bulford: Planning applications submitted 30 Aug 19. Bulford Plumer Estate traffic survey: Intended to take place in Sep – subject to Wilts Ccl agreement to proposed survey methodology.
- **BARRACKS & OTHER ENTRANCES:**
  - LHL: Ross Rd: Road open; minor snagging.
  - TID Main Entrance: Minor snagging – requires traffic management to be re-established. Lighting energised 6 Sep 19.
  - TID EYS Entrance: Road markings to be completed closer to opening date of facility.

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<sup>1</sup> Estimated Start Works

<sup>2</sup> Estimated Time of Completion

## **ARMY BASING TRANSITION – Op FARAN: 2019 Movement Programme Activity.**

- The Transition element of Op FARAN is now clear of the peak period of the Critical Movement Window with all Unit moves now complete (less the extraction of 69 Sqn RLC - the last formed Unit to leave Germany).
- Movement statistics as at 9 Sep 19:
  - Vehicles and Major Equipment: 100% (1044 Vehicle Platforms)
  - Freight and Unaccompanied baggage: 100% (over 650 x ISO/40' Trucks circa 1000 tons)
  - Single Soldiers: 90% (3300 personnel)
  - SFA Removals: 88% (1300 Families)
- Approximately 160 mil/civ personnel will endure in Germany beyond Op FARAN to deliver the final draw-down of BFG and establish the Future Defence Presence.
- Planning for 2020 moves commenced.

## **SCHOOLS/PRE SCHOOL:**

- Larkhill - St Michaels Primary School: Opened Sep 18.
- Ludgershall – Eagle Primary School: Delayed opening mitigated (Wellington Academy). Adjusted ETC Mar 20?
- Wellington Academy: Expansion works ETC Sep 19?
- Avon Valley College: Expansion works ETC Feb 20?
- No current concerns regarding school provision. Any further increase in service families' children into Wiltshire schools will be driven by routine business as usual demand and not the ABP.
- Early Years: The new Early Years facility at Tidworth is in construction; will provide a purpose-built environment for pre-school children. Redesign and refurbishment of the existing early years at Bulford will provide the uplift to numbers required for the increase in military families moving to SPTA. ETC Dec 19.
- D B&I Transition Education and Welfare WG opened to a wider representation of the Wiltshire Education community.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Regular engagement continues with multiple stakeholders.
- OP FARAN Communications: Bi-weekly comms meetings continue fortnightly.
- The ABP webpage has been refreshed and will host all external communication products that the ABP issues:
  - <https://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/future-of-the-army/army-basing-programme/>
  - <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/army-basing-programme>
  - <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/army-basing-news>
  - <https://insidedio.blog.gov.uk/category/army-basing-plan/>
  - <https://aspiredefence.co.uk/project-allenby-connaught/army-basing-programme/>
  - <https://corporate.lovell.co.uk/news/lovell-breaks-ground-on-mod-army-basing-programme-abp-on-salisbury-plain/>
  - <https://www.wyg.com/projects/regular-army-basing-plan>

- <https://aff.org.uk/resources/army-basing-programme-winter-2018-edition/>
- <https://aff.org.uk/resources/army-basing-programme-newsletter-spring-2019-issue/>
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