

Army Rebasing Briefing for Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth and Warminster Area Boards

Background

In March 2013, the government announced its rebasing plans. The plans will see approximately 4000 extra troops moving to Wiltshire. As well as the troops relocating to Wiltshire, their families and dependents will also be moving to the county with them. These plans will inevitably mean the requirement for more services and provision of appropriate levels of infrastructure especially in relation to housing, education provision, leisure facilities, transport and health facilities.

November 2013 Update

- A monthly Newsletter was launched on 17th October 2013 to all Parish Clerks for dissemination to community through websites, notice boards etc.

- The additional 4,000 army personnel and their families are relocating mainly to Larkhill, Bulford, Tidworth and Perham Down.

- MOD development will comprise of:
 - New build for single living accommodation (SLA) within the camps
 - Refurbishment of existing SLA blocks within the camps
 - Additional mess facilities within the camps
 - Changes to the training area
 - A mix of new build and refurbishment of existing technical accommodation, including workshops, garages, armouries, stores and offices
 - Up to 1,400 new houses for Services Family Accommodation (SFA).

- SFA is likely to be provided near these bases, to meet MOD requirements and address Wiltshire Council's sustainability policy.

- Military Civilian Integration Partnership Board regularly meets at senior level to ensure there are good lines of communication and progress is monitored.

- Neighbouring local authorities (Hampshire County and Test Valley Borough councils) are involved in the plans.

- It is anticipated that MOD build is likely to commence in 2015 in readiness for the relocation of service personnel and their families the following year. This requires planning applications to be submitted from 2014 onwards.

- Prior to formal public consultation on MOD plans in the early New Year, informal community engagement will take place on 20 Nov 2013 at Wellington Academy, with static exhibitions of MOD plans in public spaces, where initial comments from the public will be sought. Further details on exhibitions will be given in due course. Input from the community will help shape MOD's Masterplan for the area.

- Wiltshire Council will be assessing additional civilian facilities and services (schools, medical, social, leisure, transport etc) that will be required as soon as the MOD determines, through the Masterplan, where it is to site SFA.