

**ARMY BASING PROGRAMME (ABP) UPDATE (As at 1 Mar 19; minor updates to 20 Mar 19).
AMESBURY AREA BOARD – 21 MAR 19.**

PROGRAMME UPDATE. Significant progress has been made on the delivery of barracks developments and Service Families Accommodation (SFA). The completion of this working and living accommodation is critical to enable the Service personnel and their families to move to the UK this summer. With less than six months to go until the units start relocating to Wiltshire detailed planning is being refined to ensure a smooth transition. To support those moving, the MOD funded a two day visit to Germany in Sep 18 for Wiltshire Council to brief families and provide information on education, healthcare, employment, service provision and the local area. In addition to the wide range of information provided through Wilts Ccl, British Forces Germany and the ABP, families have also received support from Army Families Federation, HIVE and through British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS). Directorate of Children and Young People (DCYP) funded a visit in Mar 19 for all Head Teachers from the local schools to meet with the families in BFG and answer any queries they may have on the schools their children will attend. Housing allocation panels have taken place and by the end of Mar 19 all families will have been offered accommodation.

INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY:

Housing:

- New builds (LOVELL): 917 total. Mix of Offr & Other Ranks. Includes some bungalows.
 - Ludgershall: 242. Corunna Estate.
 - Bulford: 225. Plumer Estate.
 - Larkhill: 450. Alanbrooke Estate.
- Progressing extremely well and will deliver sufficient to support re-basing in summer 2019.
- Some housing at Bulford and Ludgershall already available for occupation (but none have yet been occupied).
- Bulford and Ludgershall anticipated to be completed summer 2019.
- Larkhill anticipated to be completed spring 2020.
- Ludgershall: Planning applications for spoil and arisings at the Ludgershall SFA site and old vehicle test track (behind SFA) approved; in determination. May be opportunity to integrate the solutions; to be considered (by MOD) further.

Barracks:

- Significant new build and reconfiguration in barracks at Perham Down, Tidworth, Bulford, Larkhill. Managed and delivered by Aspire Defence Ltd.
- Progress – Delivery of the Infrastructure Programme remains on track to deliver infrastructure to enable the return of troops which begins in summer 2019. To date, 60 assets have been delivered (including 42 of the 88 Key Assets) and brought into service. Approx. 77 assets are currently in build. FY 18/19 is the peak construction year requiring approx. 1,200 skilled tradesmen delivering across 5 sites.
- Medical/Dental centres – Provision of increased capacity for Medical & Dental facilities is underway seeing completion of the extension and refurbishment of the medical centre in Bulford and further progress of the new Medical & Dental centre at Larkhill. The re-provision will conclude in 2020 with the extension and refurbishment of the Tidworth medical/dental centre.

Highways.

- Majority of preliminary works and site surveys complete.
- Ludgershall Wellington Academy Toucan Crossing: Started Jan 19. ETC – Apr 19
- Bulford Junctions 15 (Rose & Crown), 16 (Salisbury Rd-Double Hedges), 13D (Amesbury – Porton Rd roundabout (Toby Carvery). Technical approval granted. Review of scope with Wilts Ccl ongoing. Works planned for May 18 - Jul 19; Bulford preliminary works by Wessex Water completed; Virgin Media works started 21 Mar 19. MOD meeting with Wilts & Bulford Parish Council 4 Feb. Follow up meeting by Wilts Ccl Highways with Bulford Parish Council 11 Mar. Wilts Ccl providing further information to Bulford Parish Council. MOD continuing with approved plan; contract award 21 Mar 19
- Tidworth Junctions 22 (Ram), 36, 37, 21 (Esso Garage, Ordnance Rd, Meerut Rd), 20 (Station Rd). May 19 – May 20. J22 Technical Approval granted: Remainder pending from Wilts Ccl. Until received – cannot progress ITT leading to contract award and detailed scheduling. Works will be delivered in sequence – not concurrently. Indicative schedule to be reviewed once Technical Approval received.
- Derogation of timing of occupation conditions has been discussed with Wilts Ccl. Subject to further review/staffing.
- Cycleways at Larkhill and Bulford; subject of further discussion/planning.
- Highways - Highway improvements schemes for Larkhill (Ross Rd) and Tidworth (VCP 2) garrison entrances are underway and will be complete before the movement of troops begins. (ETC for both - May 19). This work provides safer, more controlled, access to and exit from garrisons which also satisfies local planning conditions. Larkhill Ross Rd junction & Tidworth VCP2 entrance – works commenced.
- Larkhill Packway Roundabout Remediation. Initial remediation complete. Ph2a (signs, painting, bollards, footpath) completed 22 Feb 19; Ph 2b (Resurfacing) – Apr 19.

Other

- Ashdown Estate Tidworth - A338 'strip'. Fencing and tree remediation complete. Seeding in May 19.
- Environmental: In excess of 2 hectares of new trees planted to form a new woodland at Double Hedges to off-set and increase the number of trees impacted by the programme of works. Completed Mar 19.

ARMY BASING TRANSITION – Op FARAN (updated 26 Feb 19)

Service Families Housing:

- D B&I Transition coordinated a series of housing allocation panels supported by; DIO Accn and Amey, at Speke Liverpool - 4 and 12 Feb. These were very successful and initial offers have now been made to families. We are now in a period of refinement and adjustment prior to confirmation of addresses and move dates; to be complete by the end of Mar.
- Whilst there will be some Business as usual activity and early movers ahead of the main Unit moves, the Principal movement window remains 1 Jun – 30 Sep 19.
- The delivery of SFA and Infra projects within SPTA and in support of Op FARAN are delivering to expectation and SFA allocations have been made utilising a combination of existing and new-build new build stock as planned and in order to meet the movement programme for Op FARAN

Movement:

- The major moves from GE to UK will occur during Jul and Aug 19 in conjunction with a number of UK to UK Unit moves. Some of the new stock will be used to facilitate early movers and/or business as usual activity; the majority will be held (ring-fenced) in support of Unit moves in summer 19.
- The early move of D Sqn QRH into Tidworth is scheduled for Mar 19 and, planning for their reception is now mature.

Schools/Pre School:

- Larkhill - St Michaels Primary School: Opened Sep 18.
- Ludgershall – Eagle Primary School: Contractor in receivership; construction paused pending re-let of contract to new contractor. Implications deemed manageable at this stage.
- Transition are not tracking any concerns regarding school provision. Any increase in service families' children into Wiltshire schools at this stage will be driven by BaU not the basing programme.
- Early Years: The new Early Years facility at Tidworth is now in construction which 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.

Communications:

- Regular engagement continues with multiple stakeholders, including the local community, to keep interested parties informed of what's happening when and the impact to the surrounding area.
- The ABP webpage is currently being 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://www.army.mod.uk/who-we-are/future-of-the-army/army-basing-programme/>
- <https://insidedio.blog.gov.uk/category/army-basing-plan/>
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