

Army Rebasing Briefing for Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth and Warminster Area Boards – Jan 2014

Background

In March 2013, the government announced its rebasing plans. The plans will see approximately 4,000 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.

December 2013 Update

- Three monthly Newsletters have been issued to all Parish Clerks for dissemination to community through websites, notice boards etc.
- The majority of MOD development will be in Tidworth, Larkhill, Upavon, Bulford and Perham Down. *NB: Upavon development will be within its perimeter fence.*
- MOD development will comprise:
 - 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).
- Public exhibitions were held at Durrington and Amesbury libraries and Tidworth Leisure Centre / Garrison Theatre between November 28 and December 6, with the opportunity for the public to make comment on the development requirements. For community groups most affected, a well-attended Stakeholder Briefing was held at Wellington Academy on November 27.
- It is planned to site SFA near these bases, to meet MOD requirements and address Wiltshire Council's sustainability policy. A number of factors will need to be considered when determining final sites including heritage, landscape impact transport, local infrastructure, ecology, school capacity
- Further consultation will start in January 2014, and the formal six week period will run from mid-February, with MOD submitting planning applications from throughout 2014 and onwards.
- Neighbouring local authorities (Hampshire County and Test Valley Borough councils) continue to be involved with 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. This requires planning applications to be submitted from 2014 onwards.
- Further details on exhibitions etc. for the phase of public consultation 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.