

Army Basing Briefing for Amesbury, Pewsey, Salisbury, Tidworth and Warminster Area Boards – June 2014

Background

The government's Army basing announcement in March 2103 advised approximately 4,300 extra troops moving to Wiltshire, who will be accompanied by their families, bringing the total number of additional personnel to 7,600. These plans will require additional levels of infrastructure and services (education, leisure, transport, health and waste facilities).

June 2014 Update

- Following the public consultation period, between 19 February and 1 April 2014, DIO's Masterplan was updated to take account of the comments received from Wiltshire Council, local councils, statutory bodies, stakeholders and members of the public.
- The number of troops and their families due to relocate to Wiltshire is as follows:

Location	Troops	Spouses	Pre-school	Primary School	Secondary School	6th Form	Total Personnel	SLA	SFA	
Larkhill	2,053	540	<i>Breakdown not available</i>							540
Bulford	735	241								241
Tidworth	609	100								100
Perham Down	627	300								300
Upavon	254	0								0
Total	4,278	1,181	678	1,007	393	57	7,594	3,097	1,181	

- A Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) document outlines the consultation undertaken in preparing the Salisbury Plain Training Area Army Basing Masterplan and shows how the comments received have been considered. From 20 May to 17 June, both the Masterplan and the SCI, together with the supporting Environmental and Transport Assessments were available to view in local libraries in Salisbury, Amesbury, Durrington, Tidworth and Ludgershall as well as the Army Website. The public were invited to make further comments during this period. The DIO is now updating the SCI to include any additional comments.
- A public meeting was held on 28 May 2014 at Tidworth Garrison Theatre, at which DIO presented its latest iteration of the draft Masterplan and highlighted the changes that have been made to it following the public consultation. The meeting was well attended and representatives from Wiltshire Council, the DIO and the Army were available to answer questions.
- At the above-mentioned public meeting, concerns were raised on the transport implications of the proposed development at a number of locations. DIO has identified likely improvements to some eight road junctions, subject to detailed planning. A meeting with Wiltshire Council (members and officers), DIO and its transport consultants to clearly set out the particular concerns raised by local stakeholders was held on 12 June. The issues identified will be dealt with during individual planning applications, which will be supported

by full transport assessments. Wiltshire Council and DIO continue to work closely to investigate satisfactory solutions to all the concerns that have been raised.

- DIO will incorporate any further comments that were received by the 17 June 2014 into the final version of the SCI, which will be submitted with the Masterplan for consideration by Wiltshire Council's Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) in July 2014.
- The Masterplan does not replace the requirement for formal planning applications and DIO will address any issues of a detailed nature during the planning application stages. Planning applications are anticipated from September 2014 onwards, with the main construction programme commencing in 2016.
- Wiltshire Council continues to assess the level of services required including early years, school, health, leisure, highways, waste and transport facilities and services, using the latest data from army personnel (and their families) who are due to relocate to Wiltshire.
- In respect of schools, early indications suggest that Larkhill and Ludgershall will require new primary schools on land to be provided by the MOD, with existing Bulford primary schools being expanded. New secondary school places will be required at Durrington and / or Amesbury as well as Tidworth / Ludgershall. No additional classrooms will be required at Upavon. Nursery provision is also being investigated.