

Army Basing Briefing for Amesbury, Pewsey, Salisbury, Tidworth and Warminster Area Boards – September 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) to be provided by Wiltshire Council .

September 2014 Update

- DIO's Masterplan for development around Salisbury Plain was reviewed by Wiltshire Council's Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) on 30 July 2014. Although there were areas which required further work by DIO in respect of matters of principle relating to water abstraction, sewage discharge and the impact on habitats caused by increased recreational use of the Plain, the committee unanimously agreed the recommendations to recognise the work completed by the MOD and encouraged DIO to reach agreement with the Associate Director for Economic Development and Planning on the above matters of principle before finalising the Master Plan.
- The Master Plan will remain a critical background document, which will inform the assessment of future planning applications to deliver the Army Basing Programme. It will inform each application by defining the wider context and assessing the cumulative impacts, and so demonstrate in the broadest terms how and where development can, and cannot, take place. It follows that it will be a material consideration, providing contextual understanding and consistency for decision-making.
- Work is now in hand by DIO to finalise the Master Plan so that the Associate Director for Economic Development and Planning can sign it off. A number of planning applications can be expected to be received during the late Autumn 2014, which will also be referred to the SPC.

Location and Number of Additional Personnel (already briefed to Area Boards)

Location	SLA Pop	SFA Population			Total
		Military	Spouses	Children	
Larkhill	1,513	540	540	982	3,575
Bulford	494	241	241	427	1,403
Tidworth	836	400	400	725	2,361
Ludgershall	836	400	400	725	2,361
Upavon	254	0	0	0	254
Total	3,933	1,181	1,181	2,134	7,593

- 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.