

## Army Rebasing Newsletter - October 2014

*This monthly publication aims to update you on the British Army Basing Plan which will see some 4,300 additional service personnel plus their families relocate to Salisbury Plain over the next five years.*

### Education provision

With 4,300 troops being relocated to the areas around Salisbury Plain through the Army Basing Programme, some 2,000 additional children will need schools provision. The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) is planning to provide MOD-owned land alongside its housing (Service Family Accommodation) developments at Larkhill and Ludgershall, to accommodate two primary schools. Both of the existing Bulford primary schools are likely to be expanded. A new school (Wellington Primary) on the new Riverbourne Fields development was opened in September 2014 and will provide places for the families of the troops relocating to Tidworth.

Both the Avon Valley College (AVC) and Stonehenge Comprehensive Schools would benefit from building improvement, and Wiltshire Council has bid for funding from the Department for Education's Priority Schools Building Programme. If successful, this will enable major rebuilding work of the schools, which would be undertaken in concert with plans to provide additional secondary school places for the additional children from service families. Lord Nash (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools) will have the final word on whether the bids have been successful, but a decision is not expected until early 2015. Further secondary school places will also be required for children in Tidworth and Ludgershall, centred on the Wellington Academy.

Wiltshire Council is continuing to work closely with the MOD to ensure the provision of appropriate educational facilities. By way of example, a conference ("Service Children in Focus") designed to share good practice when supporting service children has been arranged on 4<sup>th</sup> November. This will involve local schools, schools from Germany, senior Army personnel and officers from Wiltshire Council.

### Infrastructure Delivery Plan

An Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) will be produced and delivered by DIO as a partner document to the Salisbury Plain Masterplan, which will detail what community infrastructure is needed, where and the detailed mechanism for its funding. DIO aims to have its draft IDP completed in November 2014. This document should assure Wiltshire Council that all of the essential infrastructure to meet the demands of the Army Basing Programme is on-track. In producing the IDP, key stakeholders will be engaged working closely with Wiltshire Council and DIO as part of the planning application process.

### Future Activity

Late 2014: Submission of first planning application anticipated

Early 2016: Main MOD phased build programme commences (enabling works anticipated from Spring 2015)

Mid 2016: First unit relocates to Salisbury Plain (Bulford) from Germany

2018 - 2019: Majority of Service personnel expected to move to Salisbury Plain

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[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/militarycivilianintegrationpartnership.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/militarycivilianintegrationpartnership.htm)

