

## **Army Basing Briefing for Amesbury, and Tidworth Area Boards - November 2014**

### **Background**

*The government's Army basing announcement in March 2103 advised of 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.*

### **November 2014 Update**

- The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO)'s Masterplan for development around Salisbury Plain has been finalised, which was noted by Wiltshire Council's Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) on 22 October 2014. Areas which required further work relating to water abstraction, sewage discharge and the impact on habitats caused by increased recreational use of the Plain, have been satisfactorily completed by DIO. Site specific and detailed issues will be fully addressed during consideration of the planning applications.
- The Master Plan will remain a critical background document, which 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.
- In addition, the DIO is compiling an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) which will set out the range of community infrastructure that will be provided by, or funded through financial contribution from, the MOD and the specific funding channels. It is hoped that this will be available for Wiltshire Council's review by mid-December 2014.
- DIO's consultants have provided an indicative schedule for all the planning applications relating to development within the military camps. Some 18 applications are anticipated, 14 of which will be for "advanced" works that will get underway during the first half of 2015, thereby enabling the main development in the camps to proceed by 2016. The first application is for the provision of four Junior Rates Single living Accommodation blocks at Perham Down. Development is scheduled to continue until 2019. Service Family Accommodation is due to be provided by mid-2018 to allow relocation of the final Army units currently based in Germany.
- In the meantime, Wiltshire Council continues to facilitate good liaison between Wiltshire schools and the Army. A workshop entitled "Aspiring to Achieve the Best Educational Outcomes for Service Children" was held in Tidworth Garrison Theatre on 4 November to share ideas and best practice for achieving the best education for Wiltshire service children. The Wiltshire Council-run event was attended by more than 20 local schools alongside representatives from Germany and Cyprus schools, the MOD, educational providers, Wiltshire Council officers and military staff. A head and deputy from Episkopi Primary School, Cyprus, rated outstanding by Ofsted, shared their expertise working with pupils from military backgrounds and what can be done to best support them while they are at school.
- Good working relationships between the various health care commissioners, the Army and Defence Primary Health Care services continue to be fostered. Information on military relocations and health facility demands are being exchanged and planning is in progress.
- Wiltshire Council continues to address the range of additional facilities and services required to meet the needs of the additional troops and their families.

*(Briefed in September - but repeated for reference if required)*

**Location and Number of Additional Personnel Arising from Army Basing**

<i>Location</i>	<i>SLA Pop</i>	<i>SFA Population</i>			<i>Total</i>
		<i>Military</i>	<i>Spouses</i>	<i>Children</i>	
<i>Larkhill</i>	<i>1,513</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>982</i>	<i>3,575</i>
<i>Bulford</i>	<i>494</i>	<i>241</i>	<i>241</i>	<i>427</i>	<i>1,403</i>
<i>Tidworth and Ludgershall</i>	<i>836</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>725</i>	<i>2,361</i>
<i>Upavon</i>	<i>254</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>254</i>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>3,097</i></b>	<b><i>1,181</i></b>	<b><i>1,181</i></b>	<b><i>2,134</i></b>	<b><i>7,593</i></b>