

Army Basing Briefing for Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth and Warminster Area Boards - January 2015

Background

The government's Army basing announcement in March 2013 advised of approximately 4,300 extra service personnel 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.

January 2015 Update

- The number of SFA (Service Family Accommodation) homes that the MOD plans to build as part of the Army Basing Programme has been reduced slightly. However, there is no change in the number of personnel relocating to Salisbury Plain under the programme. This reduction has been enabled by a new housing contract which allows for the faster turnaround of SFA between occupants thereby using existing housing stock more efficiently. The figures for the required housing are outlined below:
 - Larkhill - 444 (was 540)
 - Bulford 227 (was 277)
 - Ludgershall 246 (was 300)*In addition it plans to purchase 100 new homes in Tidworth*
- DIO and Wiltshire Council are currently discussing the provision of community infrastructure (schools, leisure, road improvements, community facilities to be provided as part of the SFA development, etc.) in support of the SFA. This will be set out in an agreed Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) to be submitted in support of the SFA planning applications. DIO are planning to meet town and parish councillors in advance of submitting the SFA planning applications in the New Year. The reduction in new SFA units is unlikely to reduce the scale of community infrastructure required as personnel numbers are unchanged.
- The Wiltshire Council Cabinet is to be issued with a briefing note informing it of the range of community infrastructure and likely funding source to be provided under the Army Basing programme. It also covers facilities required by other organisations such as the emergency services and NHS.
- The first planning application to build single living accommodation at Perham Down was received in November. Other applications for new office accommodation in Larkhill (specifically, Battery Offices & Regimental Headquarters offices) were submitted in early December. These will continue throughout 2015, with applications for SFA development expected in mid-2015.

(Briefed in September 2014 - but repeated for reference if required)

Location and Number of Additional Personnel Arising from Army Basing

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 and Ludgershall	836	400	400	725	2,361
Upavon	254	0	0	0	254
Total	3,097	1,181	1,181	2,134	7,593