

## **Army Basing Briefing for Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth and Warminster Area Boards - May 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 people to 7,600. These plans will require additional levels of infrastructure and services to be provided by Wiltshire Council.*

### **May 2015 Update**

#### Planning Applications

- Priority Works

Eight "advanced works" applications covering relatively small scale development within the camps had been submitted. Six of these had been determined.

- Camps

The application for the full scale of development at Perham Down was submitted to Wiltshire Council in mid-April 2015. The applications for other camps are expected as follows:

end May 2015 - Bulford

End June 2015 - Larkhill

End July 2015 - Tidworth

December 2015 - Upavon (the Defence Infrastructure Organisation - DIO - is planning for pre consultation with Wiltshire July/Aug 2015, and an Application just before Christmas 2015).

- Service Family Accommodation (SFA)

The application for the SFA at Ludgershall was submitted to Wiltshire Council at the end of March 2015. (Application: 15/02770/FUL). The applications for the remaining SFA are expected as follows:

- Late April 2015 - Bulford

- Early - mid May 2015 - Larkhill

- There are no applications for Tidworth (though DIO will be purchasing 100 units at the Riverbourne Fields development over the next year or so).

- No additional SFA is required at Upavon.

- Planning Committees

With the exception of the Priority works which are being determined under delegated powers, the remaining applications will be considered by the Strategic Planning Committee. The precise arrangements for which are still being established. However, the DIO is proposing a single section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), agreement to cover all three SFA applications.

#### Schools

Wiltshire Council is presently negotiating the financial contribution for new primary schools at Ludgershall (210 places) and Larkhill (420 places), an extension of Bulford Kiwi Primary (210) places and a total of 450 secondary places to serve SFA at Larkhill, Bulford and Ludgershall. DIO has identified land at Larkhill, Ludgershall and Tidworth for new school buildings to transfer to Wiltshire Council. These sites are being studied by the council to confirm their suitability and to identify the best location within the plots suggested, for the school buildings, parking and playgrounds / sports pitches.

## Community Infrastructure

*Land offered* - The DIO have offered 0.6 hectares of land adjacent to that for the primary school at Ludgershall. In addition 0.3 hectares of land adjacent to that for the primary school at Larkhill has been offered. DIO is looking to make a range of sports halls, pitches and community centres more readily available for wider civilian use across Salisbury Plain. Wiltshire Council is negotiating an agreement with DIO and the Army to achieve this, which will be incorporated into the Section 106, agreement as part of the planning determination.

*The following item is for the Warminster and Pewsey Boards only (in view of deadline)*

## Volunteering Opportunity

The Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committee (VAPC) of the Ministry of Defence have a public appointment vacancy for a new VAPC Chairperson in the South West of England whose main functions are to:

- act as advocates for implementing the Armed Forces Covenant and associated measures at a local level
- raise awareness, within their areas, of the Armed Forces Covenant and associated measures, the War Pension Scheme, Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and the Veterans Welfare Service.
- assist serving personnel, veterans and their families in accessing local support services, provide assistance and guidance on the War Pension Scheme and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme and to provide an independent element to the Veterans UK complaints process relating to those schemes.
- act as a conduit for local consultation by Ministers, the Ministry of Defence and the SPVA on issues affecting recipients of pension from the War Pensions Scheme and Armed Forces

Although unpaid, travel expenses and loss of earnings allowances are payable. The committees meet between 2 and 4 times per year.

Candidates will need to demonstrate

- effective leadership and management of meetings and promoting a team approach
- good all round communication skills
- ability to consider complex issues
- an understanding of the Government's commitment to veterans as set out in the Armed Forces Covenant.
- ability to look ahead and work with others to develop practical plans.

**Importantly – the successful applicant will have a real commitment to supporting Veterans and their Families**

The closing date for applications is 15/05/2015. For further information is available from DBS Civilian Personnel at [DBSCivPers-ResNONSTDAPPTS@mod.uk](mailto:DBSCivPers-ResNONSTDAPPTS@mod.uk) quoting reference 10040c or contact Wiltshire Council MCI Programme Manager.

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

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

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