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Army Basing Programme: Development for 917 homes agreed at Strategic Planning Committee

Major development to support the Army Basing Programme which will bring 4,000 military personnel and their families to Wiltshire, has been agreed today subject to conditions.

The Army Basing Programme will transform Salisbury Plain into the Army's largest training area in the UK with three high readiness Reaction Force Brigades based in Wiltshire by 2019.

Wiltshire Council has been working with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), the Army and partner organisations to ensure the right level of facilities and services including education, transport, leisure and healthcare provision are in place in time for the relocation of service personnel and their families.

Today three planning applications to build a total of 917 homes for service personnel in Larkhill, Ludgershall and Bulford were considered by the Strategic Planning Committee.

The committee gave permission to proceed subject to planning conditions and meeting Section 106 agreements on areas including highways infrastructure, education provision, healthcare, sports, leisure and community facilities, and sustainable transport.

The MOD is a major employer in Wiltshire and plans to invest nearly £1 billion in the Salisbury Plain area under its Army Basing Programme. The local economy will benefit from the jobs created during the construction programme and the additional spend of the 4,000 service personnel and their families.

Once the Section 106 is signed, permissions will be granted with specific conditions. The work on building the homes is anticipated to start in 2017 in readiness for the main arrival of service personnel by 2019.

For more detail please see the SPC agenda at <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=145&MId=10088>

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