

Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

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| Update from | MOD: Defence Technical Training |
| Date of Area Board Meeting | Wednesday 26 September 2012 |

Defence Technical Training Headlines

- The views of the Area Board are sought on proposed arrangements for consulting with the public and local organisations on Defence Technical Training development at Lyneham.
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- Meetings with planning and highways officers are underway and technical surveys continue to be completed.
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- Some advance works (e.g. demolition) may take place prior to the submission of any planning application for the redevelopment.

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1. We would like the Area Board's view on the proposed approach to consultation leading up to the submission of a planning application in Spring/Summer 2013 for the development works at Lyneham.
2. The proposed approach to public consultation is as follows;
 - A project website will be prepared with a proposed publication date during October 2012. The website will provide background to the scheme, project updates, advertise consultation events and host consultation material, and provide a mechanism to provide feedback. At an early stage the website will host a questionnaire to capture initial comments and views from local residents and other interested parties.
 - Newsletters and leaflets will be distributed to provide updates on the project, promote the website and advertise key events to those living in the local area. These will be supplemented by articles in the local press.
 - It is intended to offer early one-to-one meetings with some of the residents (around 10 properties) who reside immediately adjacent to the airfield.
 - Public exhibitions will be held prior to the submission of the application when draft plans for development will be presented at a series of drop in sessions. At this stage it is envisaged these will be hosted during March 2013 in Lyneham. We welcome the Area Boards view as to whether these should be extended to a wider area.

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3. We will continue to provide regular briefings to the Area Board and Parish Council with inputs to the Lyneham Steering Group being on day to day site issues as required. These will continue through the duration of the project. We plan to attend one of the next Parish Council meetings providing an early opportunity to discuss the project proposals.
4. Meetings continue to be held with authorities to agree the scope of the technical assessments that will be prepared to support the planning application. Key findings will be shared with the Area Board as the assessment work is completed.
5. Technical surveys on site are already underway with some traffic counts (where necessary) being undertaken on local roads during October 2012. The locations for these counts will be agreed with Wiltshire Highways.
6. To streamline the construction period it is possible that some advance works will be undertaken at the site. This could include the demolition of some of the most derelict buildings or site infrastructure works. It is envisaged that these could commence later this year and continue into Spring 2013. We will provide further details on these works when available.
7. Prior approval notifications for any demolitions will be submitted to Wiltshire Council. We have agreed with the Council that a photographic survey will be undertaken of all buildings prior to demolition and each notification application will be accompanied by detailed method statements and ecology impact reports.

Other issues:

Day to day site issues should continue to be referred to the Lyneham Site Estate Team Leader in the first instance, preferably via the Area Board Lyneham Steering Group meetings.

Existing DIO Service Families Housing (non operational) issues should be referred to DIO Secretariat Tel: 0121-3113879.
