

Army Basing Briefing for Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth and Warminster Area Boards - March 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.

March 2015 Update

- The planning applications covering the **priority works** within the Army camps at Bulford, Larkhill and Perham Down are being received as scheduled and are available for viewing on the Wiltshire Council Planning Portal.
- Planning applications for the **Service Family Accommodation (SFA)** at Bulford and Ludgershall are imminent, with one for Larkhill likely to be received in late April or early May. Plans of the SFA layouts were presented by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) to Wiltshire Councillors, town and parish councillors immediately before being exhibited at Durrington, Amesbury and Tidworth libraries (and also at Ludgershall). The plans were made available for public comment at these exhibitions and on a DIO Website, the closing date for which was 20 February 2015.
- The plans for the **redevelopment within the camps** are expected to be submitted in late spring to the end of 2015. The main build programme is expected to commence mid-2016. Priority works within Army camps at Perham Down, Larkhill and Bulford are expected to start late 2015. **Traffic Impact Assessments** and an overarching **Travel Plan** covering the totality of MOD's Salisbury Plain training estate will be submitted with each planning application for SFA and proposed development within Army camps. These will set out the projected changes in vehicular activity together with road improvements and other measures to mitigate their effects. Under the Travel Plan, the Army is encouraging service personnel to make greater use of sustainable travel arrangements. Key to this, is the DIO's intention to locate Army homes close to bases and develop pedestrian / cycle links between them.
- Wiltshire Council continues to work with the MOD on the provision of the necessary **community infrastructure** such as new schools, early years provision, road improvements, open space, health facilities, emergency services facility requirements and waste, as well as the extent of ecological mitigation measures to be implemented. These will be finalised as planning applications are considered. The MOD, like all other developers, is subject to normal planning considerations.

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

Location and Number of Net 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>
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,097</i>	<i>1,181</i>	<i>1,181</i>	<i>2,134</i>	<i>7,593</i>