

Army Basing Newsletter - June 2018

This publication aims to regularly update you on the Army Basing Programme (ABP) announced in 2013 stating some 4,000 additional Service personnel plus their families would relocate to Salisbury Plain by 2020.

School Build Programme: St Michael's Primary School (pictured) at Larkhill progresses to plan and the building will be available for school staff in July to set up for the new term, though formal handover will not be until August. Some landscaping work may continue into the autumn. The contracts for Wellington Academy extension and the new primary school at Ludgershall are about to be let. Work is due to start in July on both schools to ensure the all additional school places required will be ready by summer, 2019.



Road Improvements: Essential road improvements, which will increase the road capacities, are being undertaken under the ABP at Tidworth, Bulford, Ludgershall and Larkhill. Presently three planning applications for junction improvements in Tidworth are being considered. They are: **18/03728/FUL** - Pennings Rd / Ordnance Rd; **18/03836/FUL** - Pennings Rd/Ludgershall Rd and **18/03716/FUL** - Park Rd / Pennings Rd / Station Rd / Lahore Rd. Determinations are due in early July 2018. The MOD Army Basing Team will produce travel notices as the work gets closer. Queries on local traffic management should be directed to DIO-ABPSPTARoadworks@mod.uk.

One Year Out: The first of the remaining units that are due to relocate from Germany will be on their way in a little over 12 months' time! Although some units have relocated to and from Wiltshire under the ABP, most have been within the UK, to date. The MOD and Wiltshire Council is looking to welcome the families to Wiltshire and a series of events are being planned so that the local communities are aware of the moves and to assist with the integration of a large number of additional people to the Salisbury Plain area. Further details will follow in subsequent issues of this newsletter.

Visit to Germany: It is really important that the families relocating to Wiltshire from both Germany and other parts of the UK (which include Windsor, Donnington, Aldershot, Blandford, Newcastle and Stafford) are given sufficient information to prepare for the moves. The change in lifestyle for those from Germany will be considerable. The MOD is funding a two-day visit to Germany in early September 2018 for staff from Wiltshire Council, the NHS and Wiltshire College. Wiltshire Council will be providing information on schools, employment, services it provides and what to do in the area. Visits to UK locations are also being considered.

Partner Briefing: A briefing on the ABP which sets out the units and number of personnel moving, dates, facilities being provided and more will be issued shortly to partners and people in Wiltshire affected by the ABP. It aims to provide an authoritative statement on the ABP, so that it is a source of up to date, reliable and accurate data on the programme.

Jobs and Employment for Military Families in the SW (JEMS): The ABP has identified a need to provide an education programme for military families new to the area. Wiltshire Council has engaged local employers to establish skills gaps and Wiltshire College which is now surveying military families to see if they would be interested in a training programme to prepare for jobs in the Salisbury Plain area in 2019. It is hoped that those moving to Wiltshire will avail themselves of this opportunity and it will assist local companies in obtaining a good source of new recruits.

MOD Build Programme: Work continues at camps across Salisbury Plain on a variety of assets including mess and single living accommodation (SLA), dining and sports facilities, regimental headquarters and technical buildings. The first ABP sports pitch (see image below) was recently completed at Perham Down and delivery of the 25th major asset (Junior Ranks' SLA, Tidworth) is close. Good progress continues across all three Service Family Accommodation sites. Over 20 timber frames are in place at Bulford (see first image below) with Ludgershall following closely at a similar rate. Larkhill continues to develop the temporary haul road at the Parsonage Farm access and the first foundations will be laid late this summer, 2018.

Future Activity

- Summer 2018: St Michael's Primary School build is due to complete enabling transfer from Figheldean
- By August 2019: Additional school capacity required by the Army Basing Programme will be completed
- Summer 2019: Majority of Service personnel are due to move to Salisbury Plain

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