

Army Basing Newsletter - October 2017

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.

St Michael's school build: Good progress continues for the new school which will cater for 420 pupils plus 60 nursery places. The work will complete in the summer of 2018.

Other schools: Planning permission to extend the Avon Valley College was granted subject to conditions at the Strategic Planning Committee on 11 October 2017 ([17/05062/DP3](#)). The additional places required as a result of the ABP will be available in December 2018. Design of Wellington Academy extension and the new primary in Ludgershall are progressing with the MOD gifting land for these projects under the s106 for the Service Family Accommodation (SFA) planning applications. They are due to complete in July 2019 and planning permission is due to be submitted in December 2017.

SFA: The SFA preliminary works are progressing at all three sites (Larkhill, Bulford and Ludgershall) by Lovell, the MOD's preferred bidder. Full contract award by the MOD is due shortly.

Community facilities: The Sports & Community Access Scheme is now live and facilities can be booked by community groups through Aspire's new website pages at: <https://aspiredefence.co.uk/adsl/sports-and-community-access-scheme/>.

Larkhill Roadworks: We are pleased to announce completion of the new roundabout on The Packway, which reopened a few days earlier than the scheduled date. There will still be two-way controlled access while the new level is tied into the existing road network and to enable the cycle path from the Service Family Accommodation (SFA) to the Larkhill Ross Road entrances to be constructed. Fargo Road is now fully accessible, but it should be noted this is a private road for MOD personnel or those with a genuine need to access the residences there. Progress on the following works is as follows:

- Ratfyn sewer - this major project is proceeding to plan with the only remaining works to affect public roads being at Larkhill Road (between the A344 roundabout and Bulford Hill). This will continue until early 2018. There will also be some traffic controls on Fargo Road and Tombs Road to link the new system.
- Other utility installations to the SFA site have been completed and will be connected when the SFA and school have been constructed.

Further information will be published via MOD Travel Notices (the latest being edition 9 published on 13 October). Details are available from: DIO-ABPSPTARoadworks@mod.uk.

Cycle Path Perham Down to Tidworth: Work commenced on the 25th September 2017 to create a new cycle / footpath linking Perham Down to Tidworth. Widening takes place from Lambdown Terrace following the existing path as far as the wooded area, at which point it diverts towards Kennet Road before joining into Richmond Crescent. It is due to be completed by Christmas and funded from a Community Area Grant and s106 funds.

5 RIFLES Learning from Experience: Wiltshire Council has consulted its partners on the way it managed its responsibilities on the 5 RIFLES move from Germany to Bulford last year. The valued feedback will help us plan for future moves.

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.

For more information visit: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/mci-new.htm>

