

## Army Basing Newsletter - April 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.*

**Army Families Federation (AFF):** The MOD Army Basing Team invited the AFF's Chief Executive, Sara Baade and its Overseas Director, Collette Musgrave, to view the facilities in Larkhill camp, Tidworth and Ludgershall (SFA) as well as the completed Kiwi School extension at Bulford and the site of the new St Michael's school under construction at



Larkhill on 13 March 2018. This infrastructure makes up part of the ABP £1Billion build programme in Wiltshire. They were accompanied by General Richard Wardlaw (Director of Basing and Infrastructure), ABP Programme Manager Warren Webster, Wiltshire Council's MCI Programme Manager Kevin Ladner, its School Build Programme Manager, Anthony Dixon, John Leary Lovell Projects Director and Allan Thomson (Aspire's Chief Executive). The party also drove through the recently completed Ashdown Housing Estate in Tidworth with a resident showing Sara Baade and General Wardlaw around her home.

**School's Build Programme:** St Michael's Primary School (pictured) at Larkhill progresses to plan and will be ready by the start of September 2018. The contract for the extension to Avon Valley College was let to Interserve on 23 February 2018. Work will commence on site in late April and will complete within 12 months. Planning permission for the new primary school at Ludgershall was granted on 16 March 2018 and that for extending Wellington Academy is due to be determined later this month. The tenders for these two schools are due to be returned in mid-April 18, so all places will be available in August 2019, in good time for the Army units arriving in the summer of 2019.



**Roadworks:** Good progress is being made on the necessary road improvements under the ABP. This will lead to some delays while road closures and restrictions are implemented. MOD's ABP Team has issued a number of Travel Notices to publicise Bulford road closures. The works on Double Hedges have now completed, and the second road closure (Bulford Rd) at the Canadian Estate is underway. Works will start in early April to provide a temporary construction access on the A345 by Parsonage Farm. These will create a secure, gated construction entrance and a temporary haulage road thereby for construction traffic accessing the SFA site. Further restrictions will be necessary at The Packway (Larkhill), in Tidworth, which are now in the detailed planning phases, and at Ludgershall. The position of a new pedestrian crossing on Tidworth Road, near Wellington Academy, has been agreed and will be implemented shortly. The Army Basing Team has asked for local communities' forbearing while this essential work is undertaken. Any roadwork queries should be directed to [DIO-ABPSPTARoadworks@mod.uk](mailto:DIO-ABPSPTARoadworks@mod.uk).

**BBC Wiltshire Coverage:** BBC (Radio) is presently running a monthly feature on the ABP and has already covered issues such as education and support to families. Wiltshire Council and the MOD continue to assist the BBC by submitting information on the programme as well as providing members and staff for interviews. These short broadcasts are worth listening to, as they provide an interesting cameo on the matters underlying the programme's progress. The last broadcast can be found at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p060yy30#play>

### 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>

