



ARMY BASING PROGRAMME

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PROGRAMME UPDATE

UK – The Army Basing Programme (ABP) is progressing at quite a pace to ensure working and living accommodation is available to enable the return of the remaining Service personnel and their families from British Forces (BFG) and the UK to UK unit moves planned in 2019. This edition updates on:

1. The works underway ‘behind the wire’ through the Project Allenby Connaught contract with Aspire.
2. Delivery of the 917 Service Families Accommodation (SFA) required across Salisbury Plain Training Area (SPTA) by Lovell.
3. An update on the visitors recently hosted by the ABP to view the progress across both of these areas of delivery, gaining positive publicity in the local media.
4. Construction activity in the North of England with a number of projects ongoing and one recently completing.

In addition to infrastructure delivery, focus is also on planning for the unit moves out of Germany. Subject Matter Experts (SME) from Basing and Infrastructure will visit BFG in Jul 18 to brief units on these plans. This will be followed by a visit from SMEs from Wiltshire Council in Sept 18 to brief Service personnel and their families on key topics including education, healthcare and housing.

BFG - Preparation for the rebasing of 35 Engineer Regiment equipment at the end of Apr 18 is reaching completion, in readiness for their disbandment this summer. HQ BFG will release a Rebasing Guide booklet to 35 Engr Regt Service personnel and their dependants to help them prepare for their relocations over the next 12 months. HQ BFG recently completed a stakeholder review for the 2019 rebasing moves. The outputs of these reviews will be an internal (to BFG) Rehearsal of Concept (RoC) drill in Jun 18 to confirm the execution plan for 2019. This will be used to support the ABP RoC drill in Jul 18, at which unit movement timelines and synchronisation will be confirmed.

Hannover Airport was successfully drawn down and handed over to the German Authorities on the 21 Mar 18. This historic closure and hand back signals the end of permanently based RAF support to BFG in Lower Saxony.

HQ BFG continues to plan the drawdown of all other remaining sites, with significant preparatory work being conducted at the Unit and Station level to ensure an efficient drawdown period in 2019.

IMPACTS OF DEO ON ABP

The impact of the Better Defence Estates Strategy and Army 2020 Refine announcements (delivered as the Defence Estates Optimisation (DEO) Programme) on the ABP has now been determined.

Finalisation of the ABP/DEO overlap analysis is now complete. Director Basing and Infrastructure wrote to the chain of command on 16 Mar 18 to outline the approach being taken and to reset the Endorsed Programme Baseline. These changes are now being incorporated into the Programme.

We expect further detail on DEO Generated Force delivery to be available by Jun 18. This will be issued through the Chain of Command and through various core communication channels.

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SALISBURY PLAIN TRAINING AREA

Behind the Wire – Considerable progress has been made during 2017/18 behind the wire to provide the ‘Live, Work, Train’ facilities for Service personnel with 19 of the 88 key assets delivered in ABP’s most challenging year to date. This includes numerous SLA blocks across the SPTA ABP sites, Regimental Headquarters, Offices, Training facilities, and Stores.

There is still lots to do with construction ongoing across Larkhill, Bulford, Tidworth, Perham Down and Aldershot. 2018/19 will see over £350M of infrastructure built behind the wire at PAC sites.



Technical Building, Purvis Lines, Larkhill



Concrete Pour, Bulford

All critical key assets will be delivered in time for the Service personnel returning in summer 2019.

SFA – In Nov 17 ABP signed a £250M contract with Lovell to deliver the 917 houses required at Larkhill, Ludgershall and Bulford.

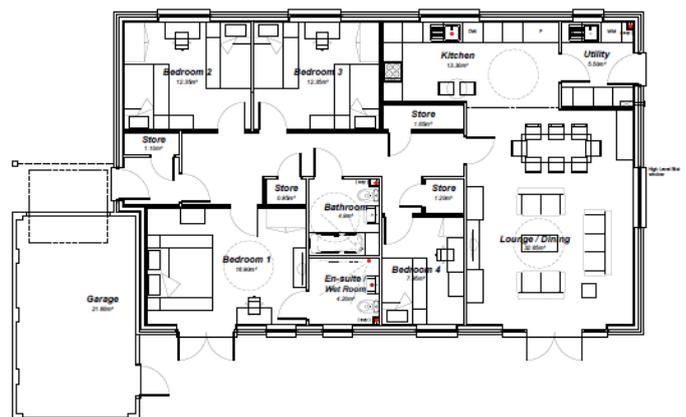
Works are underway with establishing roads and sewers construction across all three sites. Works over the coming months will include roadworks, land remediation and the commencement of superstructures.



Larkhill SFA Site

The houses will include a mixture of three and four bedroom family homes, this will consist of three Officer types and two ‘Other Ranks’ types. There are six house layouts incorporated in a range of Detached, Semi Detached, Terraced and Bungalows. All with either an integral garage or an allocated garage within an adjacent block.

Bungalow



Roadworks – The delivery of the SFA will mean some diversions will be in place and some road closures while essential works take place. The Bulford road is currently closed to undertake works for a new entrance into the site and to connect utilities.

Further roadworks are scheduled with works to create a construction access and haul road to the Larkhill SFA site at Parsonage Farm commencing on 3 Apr 18 with Section 278 works to junctions on Tidworth Road starting in the Spring.

Spring will also see the temporary surface of the carriageway on The Packway at Larkhill being lifted and re-laid. These works will be co-ordinated with the extension of the new footpath / cycle-way, reducing any disruption resulting from these activities.

VISITS TO ABP

Wiltshire Council Leader – On 18 Jan 18 Baroness Scott of Bybrook, OBE, Leader of Wiltshire Council was joined by local community representatives to view the progress on construction of facilities both inside and outside “the wire” to accommodate the arrival of Service personnel from Germany and other UK-based units to Wiltshire in 2019.



All attendees at Aspire Business Centre.

During the tour Baroness Scott and Tidworth Area Board members were shown the construction of new facilities for the Army at Perham Down. There was also an opportunity to view the 322 homes on the Ashdown Estate near Tidworth House. We look forward to welcoming Baroness Scott in the future to view further progress across ABP SPTA.

Ashdown Estate - Minister for Defence Procurement Guto Bebb attended an event on 26 Feb 18 to officially mark the completion of the brand new Army housing estate in Tidworth, Wiltshire.



Min DP handing over the keys to a property

The Minister met with Service personnel and families living on the new estate to hear their experiences of living in these first class homes.

Award-winning housebuilder Hill completed construction on 322 new three and four bedroom homes within time and to cost. The project started in Nov 16 and completed in Feb 18.



Min DP with Maj Gen Richard Wardlaw, Director Basing and Infrastructure, Mark Duddy, ABP Programme Director and Col Andrew Devey, AH Infrastructure Delivery

Army Families Federation

The ABP hosted a visit from Sara Baade, Chief Executive of the Army Families Federation (AFF), and Collette Musgrave, Overseas Director on 13 Mar 18.

The visit began with a briefing at the Lovell site office where presentations from the ABP were supported by the Aspire Chief Executive and Lovell Major Projects Director.

The afternoon consisted of a tour of various works completed or underway across SPTA. This included a tour of the newly completed Ashdown Estate with the opportunity for the AFF CE to speak to a resident. This was closely followed by a tour of the extension at Kiwi school with an update from the Head Teacher.



Sara Baade, AFF CE with resident of Ashdown Estate

The visit ended at Larkhill with a view of the construction site of St Michael’s School then a tour of works underway at the Garrison.

PROJECTS UP NORTH

Kinloss - Despite recent inclement weather, work completed on the armoury at Kinloss Barracks in Feb 18 to enable the building to be handed over to 39 Engineer Regiment. Construction commenced in May 17 and completion now enables the existing 1930s building, which was converted to an armoury for the RAF in the 1980s, to be taken out of use.

Imphal Barracks, York - The refurbishment works within Building 107, are progressing well with 10 phases of the refurbishment works complete and handed back to GOC 1 UK Div. Seven remaining phases are outstanding but on target to be completed as per programme in Autumn 2018.

End user reaction to the completed works is extremely complementary in terms of quality of product and the speed and efficiency of the works. Business as usual activities have not been disrupted as the building has remained fully occupied throughout the construction phase.

The new build SLA is progressing well with works moving into the final phase prior to an early Spring 2018 handover to HQ 1 Armoured Division.



SLA Block at Imphal Barracks, York

Bourlon Barracks, Catterick – Works are progressing on all of the buildings within the project scope. There are many challenges on this project but with collaborative and agile working between the ABP, GallifordTry and WYG we are making small

gains to close out issues and move forward with the project.

Building 11 - the Sandhurst Block is a Grade 2 listed building and from an engineering and construction perspective is particularly challenging, both internal and external, due to the constraints relating to the listed status. Despite the challenges and issues faced, by a building left derelict for around 10 years, works are progressing and we are still on programme for an Autumn 2018 completion date.



Sandhurst Block at Bourlon Barracks, Catterick



Construction works underway within the Sandhurst Block at Bourlon Barracks, Catterick

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