

DIO Chief Executive visit to Larkhill SFA

The ABP SPTA SFA team welcomed visits from DIO Chief Executive Graham Dalton and DIO Head of Communications, Emma Reynolds on Fri 5 Apr 19. The visit allowed a number of members from the integrated project/programme team — including ABP Programme Director Mark Duddy, ABP SPTA SFA Project Director Neill Page, AH Infra Delivery Col Andrew Devey, Lovell Major Projects Director John Leary and WYG Project Director James Simmonds — to showcase the impressive progress made by the team in delivery of a crucial, complex project with a demanding schedule.



DIO CE and Hd Comms were given a tour of the site and were briefed on the various Army Basing work on the SPTA. The Larkhill SFA site was a major part of the visit that presented not just the scale of the SFA build itself, but the connecting planning obligations, highways and utilities work that all play a crucial part in project and programme success; in enabling both Germany to UK and UK-UK moves. The collaborative working arrangements between DIO and the Army have been a key driver in preparing for these moves.

In addition, positive engagement and working between DIO Accommodation and the ABP SFA team, in conjunction with DIO, WYG and main contractor, Lovell, have ensured successful handovers continue smoothly at a significant pace.

Visits of this nature, from the Senior DIO community, enable all involved to take pride in their contribution to successful delivery and highlight the success made by individual commitments working together towards an objective.

Minister Defence People and Veterans visits the ABP

The Rt. Hon Tobias Ellwood MP, Minister for Defence People and Veterans, saw first-hand the significant defence infrastructure improvements being delivered across Salisbury Plain Training Area



The visit included an update and tour of the new Service Families Accommodation being built next to Larkhill Garrison.

Mr Ellwood, whose ministerial portfolio includes responsibility for the Armed Forces People Programme, DIO Better Defence Estate and Welfare & Service Families, said:

“I’m thrilled with the progress made under the Army Basing Programme since my last visit in August 2017. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with the team and it has been pleasing to see first class working and living accommodation being provided for our Service personnel and their families. Many challenges have been overcome to reach this critical year for the programme with much support provided by other agencies. I hope all those moving this summer enjoy their new life in Wiltshire.”

SITE UPDATES

Bulford

Plumer Estate - April 19



As of week ending 19 April 2019, 138 properties have been Accepted by DIO Accommodations and six families have moved into the Plumer Estate. The site is now segregated between the newly occupied zone and the active building site.

Work continues in the active building zone with all superstructures now complete and to date over 170 properties have been second fixed. Lovell are on target to deliver all of the Plumer Estate by our target date.

Ludgershall

Corunna Estate - April 19



As of week ending 19 April 2019, 98 properties have been Accepted by DIO Accommodations and one family has moved into the Corunna Estate.

The site is now segregated between the newly occupied zone and active building site and we look forward to welcoming more occupants to the Corunna Estate in the coming weeks.

Work continues throughout the active site with all brickwork and roofing works now complete and final fit outs continue at approximately eight homes per week. This site too will be completed well in advance of the contracted date.

Larkhill

Alanbrooke Estate - April 19



As of week ending 12 April 2019, over 200 timber frames stand on the Larkhill site, with more than 180 roofed and in excess of 155 brick wrapped.

Internal works commenced in March, with over 60 homes now plastered and to date over 40 properties have been second fixed.

Despite the poor weather and extreme winds experienced in the past month, which has caused significant disruption to any working at height, progress remains steady and on target for timely delivery of the Service Family Homes at Larkhill.

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