

SITE UPDATES - As at 04 Jul 19

Bulford - Plumer Estate



221 properties have now been accepted by DIO Accommodation with 43 families now residing in beautiful new homes on the Plumer Estate. The construction site which is rapidly dwindling, remains segregated from the newly occupied zone. Work continues at a rapid pace to deliver the remaining 21 properties with all superstructures now complete and all 225 properties having been second fixed.

Ludgershall - Corunna Estate



170 properties have now been accepted by DIO Accommodation with 27 families now residing on the Corunna Estate. As the Bulford site, the construction site is segregated from the occupied homes. We are gearing up for the large influx of families from Germany over the summer period as we move into the bulk moves under OP FARAN. Construction work continues at the active building site with all brickwork and roofing works now complete and final fit outs continuing at approximately eight homes completed per week.

Larkhill - Alanbrooke Estate



Over 379 timber frames now stand on the Larkhill site, with 283 brick wrapped and all 450 plots have the foundations in and are up to ground floor slab, ready for the remaining timber frames to be erected. Internal works continue, with over 182 homes now plastered and to date over 151 properties have undergone second fix. 153 garages have been completed. All SFA sites are proceeding to schedule. The first handovers are planned for July

VISITS

During June a number of visits took place to the SFA sites. On 12 Jun 19, local Parish Councillors were given the opportunity to visit all three housing sites and off-site highways locations. On 13 Jun 19, the SFA Delivery Lead hosted the GOC Regional Command and Wiltshire Lord Lieutenant at the Larkhill SFA site as part of a wider visit to the ABP SPTA construction arena. Both visits went extremely well and highlight the quality of the homes being delivered.



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“Through The Keyhole”



Every brick, block and piece of structural timber contributes to providing a soldier and their family with a home, somewhere to reflect on and discuss good, bad and indifferent days, past and present experiences and somewhere to build new memories. In this article, we steer clear of discussion around targets and performance to instead, focus in on soldier’s homes as we take the opportunity to have a look inside one of the newly handed over quarters by going through the keyhole with one of our DIO Project Managers, Shaun Tilling.

The home is on Corunna Estate, named after the old MOD vehicle storage depot on the outskirts of the Wiltshire town of Ludgershall. The Corunna estate is served by a secondary school, Wellington Academy and a new primary, Eagle School, is being constructed on the estate by Wiltshire Council, with funding provided by the Army Basing Programme.

As we approach our chosen home we get a feel for the open space and the importance placed on providing a safe environment for our soldier’s families with the presence of traffic calming measures on the mono-blocked approach road.

This home is one of the larger 4 bedroom, Type 3 detached properties with a single garage that is fully serviced, with power and lighting and ample

driveway space for additional parking. To the gable of our home, gas and electrical power cabinets are complimented with comms offering our family freeview, telephone and cable capability (contracts/additional devices required).



The external appearance of homes across the site varies from roughcast with a painted finish in pastel colours to combinations of full brick, and brick with attractive inset flint panels (in homage to the traditional finishes of older homes in the local area). This home is brick and flint panelled and is built to modern insulation standards which will keep the incoming family warm in the winter and cooler in the summer whilst keeping energy costs to an affordable minimum.

The single garage is set back from the house and sits alongside close-boarded fencing with gated access to the rear garden. The rear garden can also be accessed from the dining room with doors which open out onto a large patio and grassed garden. Close-boarded fencing and brick walling surrounding the garden provides security and privacy for those well-earned periods of “kick back” time and chilling over long summer evenings! The front of this house is accessed from a covered door which takes us into a welcoming hallway, accessing the ground floor rooms with a stairway to the upper landing.

A study can be found on the immediate right with a ground floor bathroom fitted with a mirror, pedestal wash basin and dual-flush toilet. Flooring throughout is a combination of carpet and hardwearing wood effect vinyl (toilets, en-suite, bathroom and kitchen areas). Ahead is the entranceway to a well-appointed kitchen offering a combination of robust modern storage cupboards, integrated gas hob, electric fan oven and stainless steel extractor hood. Views out to the back garden are particularly pleasing! A utility room is provided, with room for appliances, with access out to the garden.

additional furniture and personal effects to create that personal space for each member of the family.

The master bedroom has an en-suite with a large shower cubicle and power shower, perfect for re-invigorating tired bodies and minds. A heated towel



The remainder of the ground floor includes a large living room with doors that fold out into a dining room providing the option for open plan living. The back garden is accessed via the large patio doors which occupy a central position in the dining room, allowing

light and heat to stream into the house on those bright and sunny days.



light (en-suite and bathroom) to provide warm towels when needed compliments a modern wash basin and dual-flush toilet. The family bathroom off the landing adds a screened bath with mixer showerhead and first aid box to the ensemble.



Bathroom



Ensuite

A final few words to end...

Hardwired smoke and heat detectors are fitted throughout the house in accordance with current fire safety legislation so you don't have to worry about the battery running out. All our homes are fitted with ample sockets, incorporating USB ports for charging electronic devices.

“These are not just SFA, they are modern HOMES, fit for our Service families, built with a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication by the ABP and DIO Accommodation team and its delivery partners.”

The upper landing has an airing cupboard and access to the loft space. It provides entrance ways into each of the four bedrooms. All bedrooms in our homes have fitted wardrobes with ample space for

