



Defence  
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# Planning Application Non Technical Summary



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# Defence College of Technical Training **Lyneham**



Defence technical training is changing across all three services (Navy, Army and Air Force).

These changes are being managed by the Defence Technical Training Change Programme (DTTCP) to achieve the following goals:

- Rationalisation of the training estate in line with defence objectives
- Reducing the military manpower involved in the efficient delivery of training
- Reducing the time spent in training
- Maintaining training to the standards required by the front line commands.

The development proposed at Lyneham forms a critical element of this wider Programme.

## Integrating Technical Training Activities

Under the proposals a number of technical training activities will be brought together at MOD Lyneham. Technical training is currently provided separately by each of the three services across a number of sites including: Arborfield Garrison, Blandford Garrison, Bordon Garrison, RAF Cosford, HMS SULTAN, Gosport and RAF St Athan.

A number of improvements can be made to the quality and efficiency of delivering the training by co-locating these activities. In some cases common elements of training are currently carried out at separate locations.

## Selection of Lyneham for the Defence College of Technical Training

A comprehensive evaluation of a large number of single-site and multi-site options was undertaken by the MOD. This process formed the basis of the Secretary of State for Defence's statement in 2012:

***'RAF Lyneham is the preferred location for future defence technical training. This confirms that the department will withdraw from Arborfield, in Berkshire and Bordon in Hampshire, releasing the sites for sale by 2014-15 at the latest.'***



## Development Proposals

The proposed development will create a new Defence College of Technical Training (DCTT) at MOD Lyneham. The existing estate will undergo a major refurbishment programme creating a new living and learning environment which is fit to support the technical training needs of all three services in the future. DCTT will deliver training in the following areas:

- **Electronic and Mechanical Engineering**  
Providing trade training for vehicle mechanics and marine engineers, recovery mechanics, armourers, metalsmiths and technical support specialists.
- **Aeronautical Engineering**  
Providing training for aircraft communications and navigation system (avionics) and aircraft technicians.
- **Communications and Information Systems**  
Providing training for communications and information technology specialists in all three services.

Much of the redevelopment will consist of upgrading and refurbishment of existing buildings. Where new build development is required, this will be concentrated within existing built-up areas of the site. The existing airfield area will be retained and used for outdoor training.

The redevelopment will take place in a series of phases or 'tranches' of discrete, affordable projects. 'End state' will be reached once all of the units have moved in.

This major investment by the MOD will bring significant economic benefits to Wiltshire and the local area.



## Key Facts

### Site Area

466 hectares  
(equivalent of 1,150 football pitches)

### Tranche 1

140,000m<sup>2</sup>  
(65% refurb / 35% new build)

### End state

Additional 170,000m<sup>2</sup>  
(10% refurb / 90% new build)

### Personnel numbers

2,000 Tranche 1 and 5,500 End State

New purpose-built teaching accommodation  
with laboratories and classrooms

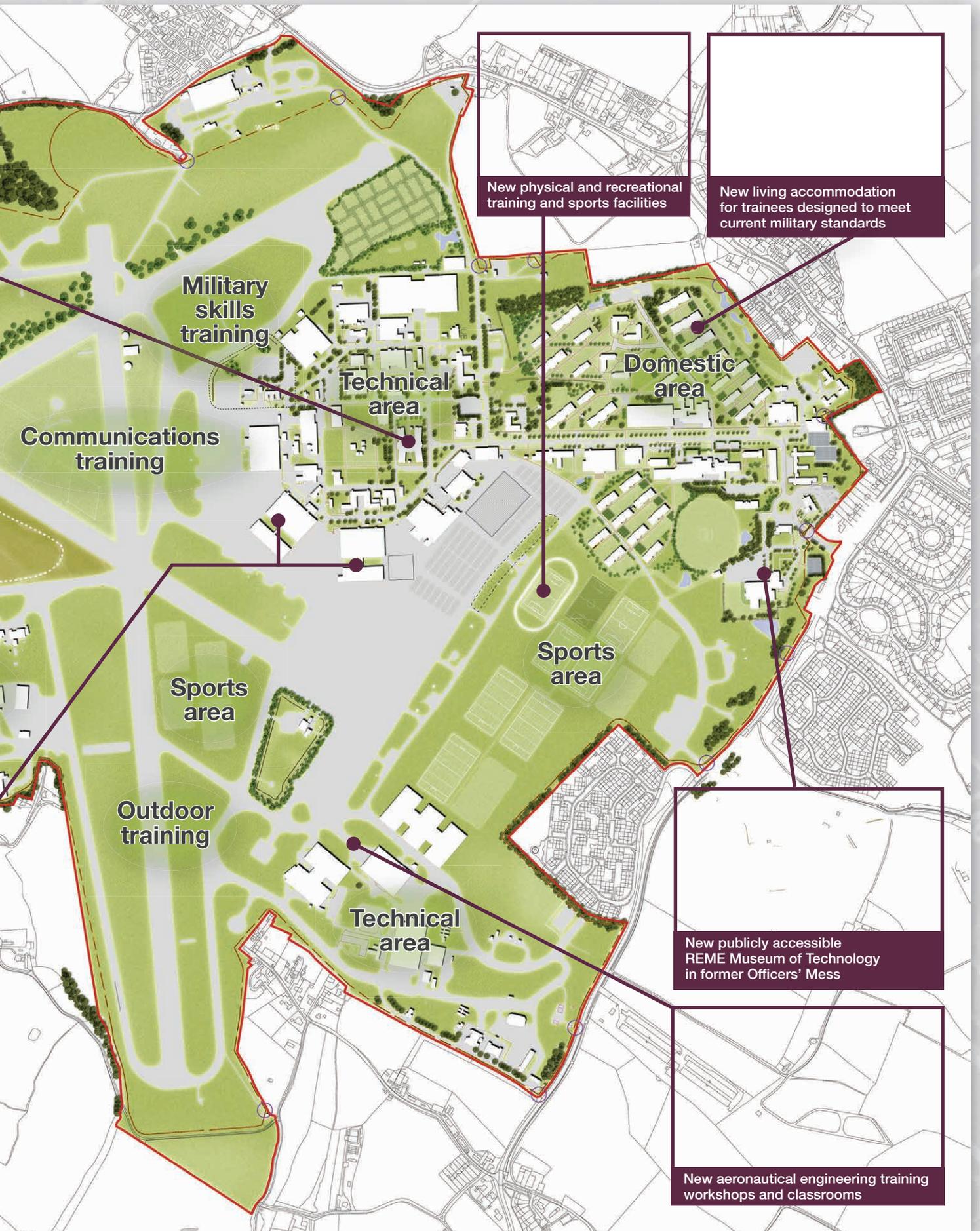
Outdoor training

New planting

Technical  
area

Recovery mechanic training area  
with different training terrain

Refurbished hangars for use as specialist training spaces



# Planning Application Documentation

Defence Infrastructure Organisation is submitting a planning application on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence to Wiltshire Council. The application describes the proposals in detail and explains how the new DCTT will create long term and sustainable use of this strategically important MOD site. A comprehensive set of technical assessments have been completed to inform the designs. These explain how the DCTT development responds to the site and its context, as well as describing how the effects of the development can be readily managed or mitigated.

	<b>Document Title</b>	<b>Outline of Scope / Contents</b>
A	<b>Application Forms and Non Technical Summary</b>	This summary document provides an overview of the proposals and the content of the planning application.
B	<b>Planning Statement</b>	Explains the rationale for the development and includes the formal description of development and plans list, as well as presenting the case that the development complies with the relevant planning policies. It includes a copy of the EIA screening opinion.
C	<b>Design and Access Statement</b>	Explains the design process and how this has informed the detailed designs. It presents the master plan and a description of the design proposals for Tranche 1 and End State.
D	<b>Landscape Design Statement</b>	Presents details of the site-wide landscape strategy and design palette as well as explaining how the landscape design will enhance the character of the site.
E	<b>Transport Assessment and Travel Plan</b>	Describes the proposal to retain and enhance access arrangements. It explains how the traffic can be readily managed on the local and strategic highways network and explains how the proposed green travel measures will further reduce effects on local roads.
F	<b>Statement of Community Consultation</b>	Describes the pre-application consultation activities undertaken, the issues raised and how these have been responded to in the development proposals. The report includes copies of the public consultation exhibition material and results of the feedback received.
G	<b>Archaeology and Heritage</b>	Describes the existing features of heritage interest on the site and summarises details of the available records. It outlines how the designs have responded to these heritage assets and describes how any effects can be readily mitigated to protect their historical significance.
H	<b>Sustainability Statement</b>	Summarises the sustainability features incorporated into building designs and the master plan. Includes a summary of the Defence Related Environmental Assessment Methodology (DREAM assessments), sustainable drainage system (SuDS) proposals and the results of energy assessments completed for the site.
I	<b>Noise Assessment</b>	Describes the existing and historical noise levels associated with the site when it was an operational airfield. It explains the noise associated with the proposed development and describes how this complies with the relevant legislation, as well as outlining the proposed mitigation measures to protect local amenity.
J	<b>Flood Risk Assessment</b>	Presents the results of an assessment of the risk from flooding from fluvial sources (processes associated with rivers and streams) and considers how any surface water run-off and risk to third party land and property will be managed. The site wide drainage strategy is appended to this document.
K	<b>Utility Strategy and Foul Drainage Assessment</b>	Explains how the site is currently served by electricity, gas, fuels, fresh and foul water and telecoms. It describes the strategy for intergrating these utilities with the new development.
L	<b>Ecology Assessment and Biodiversity Strategy</b>	Presents the results of the extensive ecological survey work undertaken on the site and explains the approach to managing the impact of the development on protected species and important areas of habitat across the site as part of Tranche 1 works and End State.
M	<b>Land Quality Statement</b>	Summarises the results of the Phase 1 and 2 ground investigations and confirms that the site is suitable for redevelopment with no consequential risks from contaminated land.
N	<b>Plans</b>	Includes plans, elevations and sections for each of the new buildings.

# Planning Application and Delivery Timetable



**Planning application submitted**  
May 2013



**Start Tranche 1 construction**  
Early 2014



**End of construction on Tranche 1**  
Late 2015



**Training starts**  
Early 2016



**Construction of further Tranches**  
2016 – 2019



**Development complete**  
2019



# Defence Infrastructure Organisation

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) was formed on 1 April 2011. It replaces the former Defence Estates and brings together property and infrastructure functions from across the Ministry of Defence. DIO manages the MOD's property infrastructure and ensures strategic management of the defence estate as a whole, optimising investment and providing the best support possible to the military.

We are responsible for:

- Providing infrastructure support to establish stability in Afghanistan and other operations.
- Providing effective, coherent and affordable infrastructure solutions to meet defence needs.
- Managing and delivering the defence infrastructure efficiently and effectively.
- Providing sustainable, safe and legally compliant infrastructure to defence.



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