

Army Basing - Salisbury Plain Planning Applications

1 Introduction

Government announcements

The Army Basing Plan announced on 5th March 2013 confirmed Salisbury Plain as a major focus of the Reaction Force element of Army 2020. For further details on the wider programme visit: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/salisbury-plain-training-area-master-plan-army-basing-programme. The Government has committed up to £800 million to be invested in the Salisbury Plain area.



The planned changes

In total there will be approximately 7,700 people moving to the Salisbury Plain area comprising 4,300 additional service personnel plus their families. To provide the necessary infrastructure the key elements of the Masterplan for the Army Basing Programme are:

- Extensive new construction and refurbishment of existing buildings within the existing base perimeter for:
 - Single living accommodation (SLA), with dining, catering, recreational and welfare facilities; and
 - Technical accommodation, including workshops, garages, armouries, stores and offices.
- Outside the existing base perimeter there will be changes to the training area; and
- 1,017 new houses for Service Family Accommodation (SFA); 444 in Larkhill; 246 in Ludgershall; 227 in Bulford; and 100 purchased in Tidworth.

The Salisbury Plain Masterplan

In 2014 a Salisbury Plain Masterplan was prepared to illustrate the necessary changes to existing infrastructure to serve the needs of this larger community of Army personnel and service families. The Masterplan, together with the supporting Environmental Report, sets the planning framework for the development of each site identified.

Planning applications

Over the past few months, proposals for a number of sites identified in the Masterplan - Bulford, Ludgershall and Larkhill - have been developed. This exhibition provides information on the emerging proposals and gives you the opportunity to review them and make comments prior to the submission of the applications.

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2 Proposals

Community Engagement

This exhibition is a major element of our on-going plans to inform local people and other interested parties of the SFA changes as a result of the Army Basing Programme. This exhibition aims to:

- explain the emerging proposals as part of the public consultation process; and
- obtain your thoughts and ideas on what should or should not be provided in the area.

All of your comments and those of the other stakeholders will be collated within a Statement of Community Involvement for each scheme.

In addition to the local community and Wiltshire Council there are a large number of civilian and military stakeholders that will be consulted as part of the planning and design process.

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Planning and Design Process

Following the completion of the Salisbury Plain Masterplan and the agreement on the sites for SFA development last year, the design and planning team have been carrying out detailed assessments of each site and have prepared outline designs for review at this exhibition. The proposals are more advanced for sites in Bulford and Ludgershall as further assessment work needs to be completed for Larkhill before a layout can be presented.

The design work has assessed the impact of the development on the landscape, cultural heritage, ecology and transport network; and proposals have been prepared that seek to mitigate any adverse impacts. The constraint, framework and illustrative plans on the following exhibition panels explain each scheme and the constraints that have been addressed. Outline engineering proposals are being prepared for the design of the roads, drainage and service connections.

To enable a prompt start on development, the planning application for each site will provide full details for approximately the first 100 homes. This will include the detailed design of houses, roads, landscape and play areas. Proposals for the remainder of each site will be presented in outline.

An Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) has been prepared to identify the cost and scale of the supporting infrastructure for the SFA development and is explained in more detail towards the end of the exhibition.



The key elements of the proposals include:

- Sites for primary school and community use allocated for the Ludgershall and Larkhill sites;
- Public open space for play, amenity and landscaped areas to achieve Wiltshire Council standards;
- Allocation for sports pitches to be agreed with Wiltshire Council;
- 20 mph maximum design speed for all residential roads and shared surfaces;
- Cycle and pedestrian routes identified to connect to schools and local facilities; and
- Separate areas for Officers and Other Ranks.

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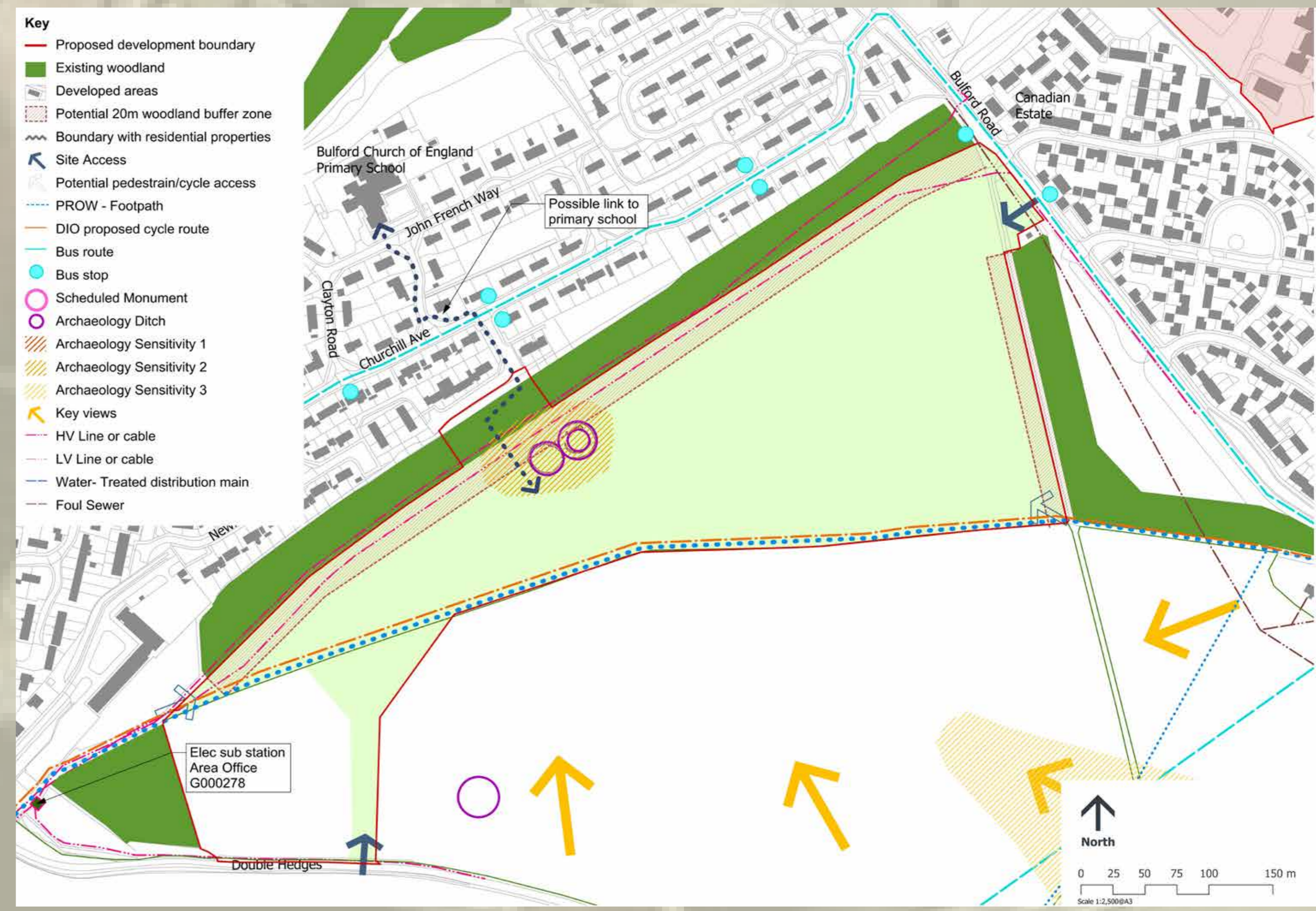
3 Bulford



Illustrative Layout



Framework Plan



Constraints and Opportunities Plan

- The west site is designed for the total Bulford allocation until the constraints on Bulford East are resolved;
- The proposals will provide for 227 SFA (40 officers and 187 other ranks);
- The site will be accessed from Bulford Road and Double Hedges;
- The footpath along the southern boundary will be upgraded to a cycleway and footpath;
- A pedestrian connection from the site to St. Leonard's Church of England Primary School may be provided; and
- Public open space will be provided on site.



Bulford East

The plan of the Bulford East site shows the constraints and woodland areas that will impact on the development of the site. A more detailed assessment is being prepared to identify the viability of this site for SFA.

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4 Ludgershall



Illustrative Layout



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- The development will provide: 246 SFA (75 officers and 171 other ranks); a 1.8 hectare site for a primary school and a 0.60 hectare site for community uses;
- All the surplus MOD buildings that form Corunna Barracks will be demolished;
- The proposals include a landscape boundary treatment to adjacent MOD land;
- The site will be accessed from Tidworth Road (A3026);

- The potential provision of a pedestrian and cycle link to Perham Down is being assessed; and
- The existing trees at the centre of the site will be retained and incorporated into an area of open space.

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6 Planning Process

Planning Applications

Individual planning applications will be made for the SFA sites in Ludgershall, Bulford and Larkhill. Each application will comprise full details for approximately the first 100 homes (including related roads and landscaping) along with outline proposals for the remainder of the site. Reserved matters applications will then be submitted at a later stage for the detailed design of the remaining houses and roads.

The applications for Bulford, Ludgershall and Larkhill are due to be submitted in the spring.

Wiltshire Council has confirmed that an Environmental Impact Assessment will not be required to accompany each application. Transport, landscape and cultural heritage assessments will be included as part of the supporting documentation for each application.

Infrastructure Delivery Plan Commitments

An Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) is being prepared to identify the cost and scale of the supporting infrastructure for the SFA development. In summary this includes:

- **Schools:**
 - Secondary: The proposals will make provision for the additional secondary school students.
 - Primary: The proposals will make provision for the additional primary school students. The sites for new primary schools have been incorporated into the layouts for the Larkhill and Ludgershall sites. The Local Education Authority has indicated that sufficient space exists to accommodate the students in the Bulford area and that the existing Larkhill Primary School will remain open after the new school has been developed.
 - Early Years / Child Care: The MOD is making provision for Early Years and Child Care in its development.
 - Youth Centres: The MOD is making provision for Youth Centres needed to support the new and existing service families population.
- **Healthcare:** The MOD is making provision for both the medical and dental needs of the service population.

- **Community Buildings:** Sites for new community buildings have been included on the Ludgershall and Larkhill sites.
- **Open Space, Sports and Leisure:** The amount of open space being provided as part of the SFA developments exceeds the requirements of the Planning Authority. New sports and leisure facilities are being developed as part of the proposals for the wider SPTA. MOD has committed to work jointly with Wiltshire Council's leisure services team to review provision and the scope for the joint use of facilities.
- **Sustainable Transport:** A SPTA wide Travel Plan has been developed. The planning applications for service families housing include a number of measures to promote sustainable transport, for example new cycle and pedestrian routes linking to gates on the nearby bases. A wider strategic cycle route is also being investigated for development over time as resources permit.
- **Roads:** The transport assessment indicates that a number of local junction improvements will be required to support the planning applications.
- **Police/Fire and Rescue:** Defence Security and Fire standards are being met or exceeded in the design of all the new operational and service family developments.
- **Ecology:** The proposals include provision to relocate any protected species found on the development sites, and to re-provide the affected grassland by restoring an equivalent amount of high-quality chalk grassland on a number of sites across Salisbury Plain.
- **Recycling & Waste:** Facilities for recycling and waste collection are incorporated into the proposals.

Thank you for visiting this exhibition. We hope you found the information informative. We need your views on the proposals for the sites at Bulford, Ludgershall and Larkhill.

Please let us know your thoughts, if you have any queries or want more information. Don't forget to complete the feedback form and leave it in the return box or return it by post using the Freepost address.

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