



**Corporate
Covenant**

The Armed Forces Corporate Covenant

Elddis Transport (Consett) Ltd

We, the undersigned, commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the value Serving Personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our business and our country.

Signed on behalf of Elddis Transport (Consett) Ltd

Signed:

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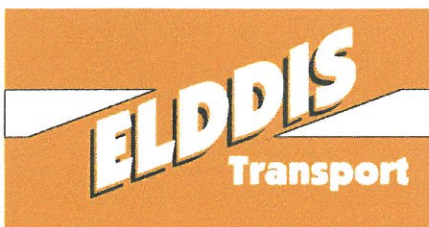
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**Ministry
of Defence**

The Armed Forces Covenant

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom
Her Majesty's Government

— and —

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown

And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families.

They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

Section 1: Principles Of The Armed Forces Corporate Covenant

1.1 We at Elddis Transport (Consett) Ltd will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:

- *no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen*
- *in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.*

Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 Elddis Transport (Consett) Ltd recognises the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:

- *We will promote the fact that we are an armed forces-friendly organisation by seeking opportunities to display local unit insignia on our haulage vehicles.*
- *We will seek to support the employment of suitably qualified veterans, young and old, by recognising the value of military qualifications and experience.*
- *We will strive to support the employment of Service spouses and partners by sympathetically considering applications from suitably qualified spouses and partners.*
- *We will offer a degree of flexibility in granting leave for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment.*
- *We will support our employees who choose to be members of the Reserve Forces by wherever possible adopting a flexible approach towards accommodating their training and deployment.*
- *We will offer support to our local cadet units, either in our local community or in local schools, where possible.*
- *We will aim to support Armed Forces Day.*

- *We will offer help and advice to the Defence community by our representation on the Regional Employer Engagement Group and by participating in consultations and focus groups.*

2.2 We will endeavour to publicise these commitments through our literature and on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Service community and our customers on how we are doing.