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1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

- 1.1.1 In March 2013, Defence Secretary Philip Hammond announced the Regular Army Basing Plan, which sets out the future lay down of the British Army, as units return from Germany. It entails a restructuring to deliver its future operating model, known as Army 2020. Since the announcement, the Army Basing Plan has transitioned into a delivery programme, known as Army Basing Programme (ABP). The ABP proposals will bring approximately 4,300 military personnel and their dependants to Salisbury Plain, who will be relocated into Tidworth, Ludgershall (specifically Perham Down), Bulford, and Larkhill areas in a phased programme between 2014 and 2019. The location of new housing and supporting infrastructure and its distribution between the various settlements will be explained as part of the Masterplan exercise.
- 1.1.2 It is intended that the Salisbury Plain Masterplan and associated documents is presented for endorsement by Wiltshire Council as a material consideration in the determination of future planning applications for Army Basing development. The Masterplan is anticipated by the Council's Core Strategy, specifically Core Policy 37 and paragraph 6.23. The Core Strategy carries significant weight and is expected to be adopted during 2014.
- 1.1.3 The Masterplan itself will inform all future planning applications for AB development and carry significant weight at decision stage of planning applications, as the degree of community engagement will have been on a par with that for a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). This entails, at the very least, the undertaking of a formal public consultation exercise, including representations during a six week period. The Planning Context Report (PCR) document, which provides the technical background to the Masterplan has been changed in the light of representations received leading to the production of the Masterplan. As well as undertaking a formal consultation, Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) has sought to engage relevant stakeholders at every phase of Masterplan preparation through a large number of meetings and both formal and informal presentations. DIO has been and remains fully committed to engaging a wide range of stakeholders.
- 1.1.4 Prior to the Council's anticipated endorsement, a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) needs to be submitted together with the Masterplan.
- 1.1.5 In accordance with Wiltshire Council's guidance, this SCI sets out:
- Which stakeholders were invited to comment on the Masterplan
 - How stakeholders were invited to comment on the Masterplan
 - Schedules of the comments received at each consultation stage
 - A summary of the main issues raised in the comments
 - A response to each comment and if necessary, any corresponding revisions to the Masterplan
 - Copies of adverts, press releases and consultation material



1.1.6 A three stage consultation process was followed:

Stage 1: An initial public consultation which ran between 27th November and 6th December 2013. See Section 3.0 for details.

Stage 2: A formal public consultation which ran from 19th February to 1st April 2014. See Section 4.0 for details.

Stage 3: A final comment stage on the Draft Masterplan and the suite of associated documents took place between 20th May and 17th June 2014. See Section 5.0 for details.

Figure 1 overleaf illustrates the key phases of the Masterplan preparation.

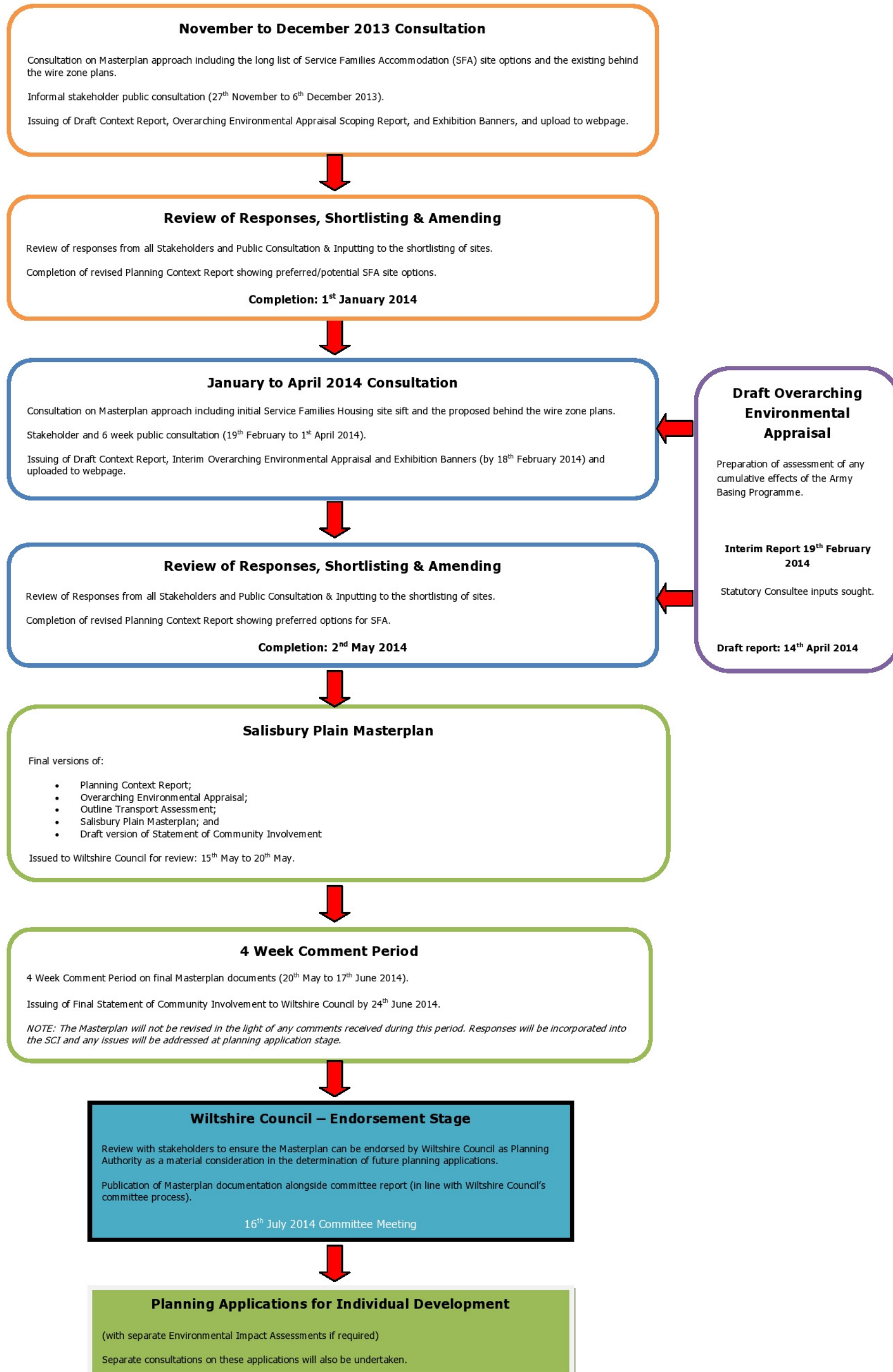
1.1.7 The Masterplan is the umbrella for a suite of documents of which this SCI is one. The suite comprises:

- The Masterplan (MP)
- Planning Context Report (PCR)
- Overarching Environmental Appraisal (OEA)
- Outline Transportation Assessment (OTA or TA)
- Framework Travel Plan (FTP)
- Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

The Masterplan covers the required development for the ABP on the Salisbury Plain (SP) area comprising:

- Service Family Accommodation (SFA) external to the camps
- Single Living Accommodation (SLA) inside the camps
- Technical, administrative and welfare buildings inside the camp
- Training structures and developments on the SP training area

Figure 1: Army Basing – Salisbury Plain Masterplan Process





2 Consultation Approach

2.1 Identification of Stakeholders

2.1.1 At the outset of Masterplan preparation, DIO drew up a list of stakeholders who would need to be consulted, mirroring the requirements for a planning application. This list has evolved throughout the duration of the Masterplan preparation as proposals matured, and new stakeholders were identified.

2.1.2 Stakeholders consulted comprise:

- Local Authorities
- Statutory Authorities (as planning statutory consultees)
- Infrastructure Providers
- Education Providers
- Health Providers
- Area Boards
- Town and Parish Councils
- Emergency services
- Community Groups, Partnerships , agencies and associations
- The general public
- Army HQ and subordinate commands
- Tenanted farmers, agricultural licensees and leaseholders

Details of how stakeholder groups were consulted are set out below.

2.2 Local Authorities

2.2.1 Under Core Policy 37: Military Establishments in the emerging Wiltshire Core Strategy, a single Masterplan indicating new Service Families Accommodation (SFA) and other operational facilities that will be required as a result of the Army Basing Programme needs to be developed with the Council including front loaded consultation and partnership working with the local community and other stakeholders. Due to the scale of the proposals associated with the ABP, there is a need to engage with the neighbouring authorities that are likely to be affected by the proposals, namely Test Valley Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

2.2.2 Wiltshire Council

DIO has been liaising closely with Wiltshire Council since mid 2012 to prepare and plan for the developments and infrastructure associated with the ABP. An Army Basing Steering Group has been established with Wiltshire Council to work together to achieve the planned changes.

Planning and Environment Sub Groups have been formed under the Army Basing Steering Group to address issues specific to planning and environmental matters. Information on the Terms of



Reference and membership of the Steering Group and Sub Groups are set out in Appendices 1 and 2.

2.2.3 **Test Valley Borough Council**

Test Valley Borough Council has been consulted through the Army Basing Steering Group and the Planning Sub-Group.

2.2.4 **Hampshire County Council**

Hampshire County Council has also been consulted through the Army Basing Steering Group and the Planning Sub-Group.

2.3 **Technical Stakeholders**

2.3.1 Technical stakeholders comprise statutory authorities and infrastructure providers. They were consulted from the inception of the ABP and throughout the preparation of the Masterplan, and will continue to be consulted during the forthcoming planning application stage. An initial workshop for statutory authorities, jointly arranged by DIO and Wiltshire Council, was held on the 4th October 2013 (see Appendix 3 for invite and attendance lists). Subsequent meetings with statutory authorities have been held predominantly through the DIO's Environmental Sub Group, supplemented by ad hoc meetings with individual statutory authorities to discuss specific issues as required.

2.3.2 **English Heritage**

DIO has liaised with English Heritage on an ongoing basis as detailed above. English Heritage provided a detailed response following each stage of SFA site selection emphasising the need to preserve the Outstanding Universal Value of the Stonehenge World Heritage Site, and that no substantial development should be proposed on sites south of the Larkhill Packway. However, limited development would be acceptable i.e. infill development, and replacement buildings. Heritage Desk Based Assessments of the preferred SFA sites and camp developments were issued to English Heritage for comment prior to finalising the Overarching Environmental Appraisal (OEA).

2.3.3 **Environment Agency**

The Environment Agency was consulted through the Environmental Sub Group. Several meetings to discuss groundwater in conjunction with Natural England have been held. Ecology baseline reports were issued to the Environment Agency for comment prior to finalising the OEA.

2.3.4 **Natural England**

Natural England has been consulted through the Environmental Sub Group. In addition to the groundwater meetings, several ad-hoc meetings have been held with Natural England and Wiltshire Council to discuss recreation and access impacts in relation to the Habitat Regulations Assessment. Ecology baseline reports were issued to Natural England for comment prior to finalising the OEA.



2.3.5 **Wiltshire Council - Environment**

Wiltshire Council's officers have been consulted through the Environmental Sub Group, and have provided detailed comments on the SFA site selection process. DIO worked closely with the Council ecologist during the preparation of the Habitat Regulations Assessment which forms part of the OEA. The Environmental Health Officer was consulted to agree the scope of survey work required for air quality and noise monitoring. The Landscape Officer has reviewed the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment baseline information.

2.3.6 **Highways Agency**

A meeting was held on 24th January 2014 with the Highways Agency and the relevant local authority highway officers to discuss the Masterplan, and to agree the methodology for the Outline Transport Assessment. Further correspondence was exchanged to agree locations of traffic surveys.

2.3.7 **Wiltshire Council – Highways**

DIO has met with the Local Highway Authority (Wiltshire) through the Army Basing Steering Group and Planning Sub-Group. The Highway Authority was in attendance at the above meeting with the Highways Agency.

2.3.8 **Hampshire County Council - Highways**

The Local Highway Authority (Hampshire) was also in attendance at the above meeting.

2.3.9 **Wiltshire Council – County Archaeologist**

The County Archaeologist is a member of the Environmental Sub Group. A number of meetings have been held with the County Archaeologist to discuss specific issues arising. Heritage Desk Based Assessments of the preferred SFA sites and camp developments were issued to the County Archaeologist prior to finalising the OEA. Agreement was sought on the extent of the aerial surveys to be undertaken over SPTA.

2.3.10 **Education Providers**

A workshop with education providers including representatives from pre-school, nurseries, local primary and secondary schools, colleges and educational administrators was held to provide a background on ABP, gain a better understanding of the baseline conditions, and to discuss the impact of ABP proposals on educational services.

2.3.11 **Healthcare Providers**

A workshop with healthcare providers including representatives from NHS Trusts, local clinics, medical and dental surgeries was held to provide a background on ABP, gain a better understanding of the baseline conditions, and to discuss the impact of ABP proposals on healthcare provision.

2.3.12 **Utilities Providers**

Utilities providers (electricity, gas, potable water and sewerage) were consulted to establish the capacity required to accommodate the anticipated growth, and to determine whether any upgrades would be required.



2.3.13 **Others**

Invitations to presentations were also issued to the emergency services, agencies, community partnerships and associations.

2.3.14 **Technical Stakeholders Meetings Tracker**

Appendix 4 sets out a meetings and events tracker, which includes a record of key meetings including those held by the Army Basing Steering Group and Sub Groups.

2.4 **Community Consultation**

2.4.1 Relevant Town and Parish Councils have been consulted at key stages during the preparation of the Masterplan. Meetings for invited stakeholders and the public have been hosted by Wiltshire Council's Area Boards.

2.4.2 **Area Boards**

In establishing a new unitary authority, Wiltshire Council set up formal Area Boards as a means to engage with local communities. They are a formal part of Wiltshire Council's constitution. Wiltshire's eighteen Area Boards include councillors, community area managers, and democratic service officers together with one member of the council's top decision making committee, the cabinet. Members from the local NHS, fire and emergency services, police, town and parish councils, community area partnerships and many other groups are also represented.

Working jointly with Wiltshire Council, the Area Boards of Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth, Salisbury and Warminster were kept informed of progress on the Masterplan through a number of channels. These Area Boards were initially briefed on the ABP by Wiltshire Council in 2013.

Since November 2013, the Council has briefed the Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth and Warminster Area Boards on the progress on the Masterplan, which has featured as a standing item within the Chair's updates. Area Boards were informed of future consultation opportunities. An initial stakeholder briefing organised by DIO, comprising an audience of representatives from the relevant Area Boards, was held in November 2013. A further local stakeholder briefing, took place on the 29th January 2014. A Public Meeting hosted by the Tidworth Area Board was held on the 3rd March 2014. In association with the final period for public comment, a further Area Board presentation and Q and A has been arranged for the 28th May 2014.

2.4.3 **Town and Parish Councils**

As part of the engagement process, monthly newsletters have been issued by Wiltshire Council since October 2013 to Parish Councils within the Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth and Warminster area providing updates on the progress of the Masterplan.

A local stakeholder briefing, with representatives from Town and Parish Councils took place on the 29th January 2014. Following feedback from the formal public consultation, the Town and Parish Councils of Durrington, Bulford, Tidworth and Ludgershall were consulted on the final draft



Masterplan in late April/early May ahead of the public comments period beginning in late May 2014.

2.4.4 **Community Stakeholders Meetings Tracker**

Appendix 5 sets out a meetings and events tracker, which includes a record of key meetings with community stakeholders.

3.0 Overview of Initial Public Consultation Period

Event	Initial Public Consultation
Formal/Informal	Informal
Means	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing to local stakeholders (27th November 2013) • Staffed Public Exhibition (27th November 2013) • 3 Static Exhibitions (28th November to 6th December 2013) • Government Website • Press Release
Anticipated Audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Members • Community Groups
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing on the current status of the project • Provide background to the Army Basing Programme • Illustrate the long list of SFA site options, existing behind the wire zoning plans
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update local stakeholders on progress and likely impact in certain areas. • Gather feedback on sensitive local issues.

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 Early engagement of key stakeholders is necessary to ensure that local issues are taken into account at the first opportunity. This has particularly important due to the sensitive environment of Salisbury Plain, which is characterised by a high number of designated sites.

3.1.2 There have been two public consultation held to date on the emerging Salisbury Plain Masterplan. The initial public consultation took place between 27th November and 6th December 2013. Primary engagement took place over a period of two days, 27th November and 28th November. The consultation process entailed meetings with local bodies, drop in exhibitions at key locations and comments forms. Consultation material was made available on the Government Website (gov.uk), with links to them from Wiltshire Council's Military Civilian Integration webpages. There was a facility for the public to leave comments, either through a comments box or via an ABP email mailbox. Comments were collated and captured in a schedule of representations and recorded for the SCI.



3.2 The Process

The public were made aware of the consultation through the following media channels:

3.2.1 Government Website

Consultation material was made available during the consultation period through a dedicated page for the Salisbury Plain Masterplan on the Government website. The website clearly advertised the posted DIO freepost address, and the ABP email mailbox for comments.

(Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/salisbury-plain-training-area-master-plan-Army-basing-programme>)

3.2.2 Wiltshire Council Website

Consultation was also made available through Wiltshire Council's Military Civilian Integration Partnership (MCI) webpage, with links to the above site.

3.2.3 Army Rebasing Newsletters

A monthly newsletter was issued by Wiltshire Council to Town and Parish Councils within the Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth, Salisbury and Warminster Community Areas providing updates on the progress of the Masterplan and to inform local Councils of the initial public consultation.

3.2.4 Press Release

A press release was issued by DIO on 6th December 2013 outlining the ABP proposals in Wiltshire (See Appendix 6 for press release).

3.3 Events

3.3.1 Initial Stakeholder Briefing

The first event was held at Wellington Academy, Ludgershall on 27th November 2013. This consisted firstly of an evening briefing session, divided into two distinct parts. The initial part of the event was an introduction to the basing programme, followed by a more detailed outline of the Masterplan process, and summary of the current status of the project (see Appendix 7 for presentation slides). Attendees for this part of the event comprised council members, local community representatives, Area Board Chairpersons plus Army representatives (see Appendix 8 for attendance list). In total, 110 people attended this event. The invite list was agreed between DIO and Wiltshire Council utilising its knowledge of relevant local community groups. Information boards were prepared to inform attendees of the proposals (see Appendix 9 for information boards). This was followed by an open session at which the public could inspect a range of information boards detailing the proposals, and talk to DIO representatives.

3.3.2 Wiltshire Assembly Event – Wiltshire, a Military County

Though the Wiltshire Assembly event was not strictly focussed on the Salisbury Plain Masterplan, the opportunity was taken to provide an update on the ABP and explain the proposals. More than 260 delegates from the military, Wiltshire Council, the business community and partner agencies

attended the Wiltshire Assembly on 2nd December 2013, at the Garrison Theatre in Tidworth to focus on the military presence in Wiltshire and the Military Civilian Integration Partnership (MCIP) (See Appendix 10 for attendance list). Brigadier Piers Hankinson, Commander of 43 (Wessex) Brigade provided a military update and Wiltshire Council leader Jane Scott talked about how Wiltshire was responding to the plans and the benefits of developments including the Defence Technical Training College in Lyneham. Speakers also included Recruit for Spouses, an independent social enterprise seeking to effect change by bridging the military and business communities, and the Tidworth mums group which was set up following our Wiltshire Voices project to reach people who may not always have their views heard. The event was also an opportunity for the chairman of the assembly John Bush to call for the re-signing of the Community Covenant which encourages local communities to support the service community and nurture understanding and awareness of issues affecting the Armed Forces. Copies of the Programme and the Presentations were uploaded to the Wiltshire Council website.

For the day of the Assembly a static exhibition for the Masterplan was provided and staffed in the foyer of the Theatre.

3.3.3 Static Exhibitions

Sets of static information boards were concurrently exhibited at Tidworth Leisure Centre, Amesbury Library and Durrington Library between the period 28th November and 6th December. These stands were unstaffed however there was a facility for the public to leave comments (see Appendix 11 for a copy of the comments form), either through a comments box or via the ABP email mailbox (ABSPTA@wyg.com). Copies of tri-fold leaflets containing background to the ABP were left at each exhibition venue for visitors to take away with them (see Appendix 12 for a copy of the tri-fold leaflet). In view of the short advertised period for comments, any responses received during 7th December to 31st December were also taken into consideration.

Comments were collated and captured in a schedule of representations (see Appendix 13).

3.4 Key Issues

49 written responses were received from the public in the period. The principal issues raised in the representations from the public are summarised in the table below. DIO's response to each principal issue was correct for the end of this stage of consultation. However, any updates to the response are indicated in the text.

	ISSUE	RESPONSE
Strategic Comments	Concerns about the impact of Army basing on social infrastructure including schools and clinics. Questions regarding the new items of infrastructure which would be provided as part of ABP.	Until the final distribution of SFA across Salisbury Plain was determined, it was not possible to comment in detail on the items of new infrastructure required to support Army basing at this early stage. Nevertheless, through discussions with Wiltshire Council, DIO gained a much better understanding of existing capacity of infrastructure, and took this into consideration during the next stage of work. DIO will

		continue to work closely with Wiltshire Council for planning and delivering the required additional infrastructure. See the table at section 4.4 for an updated response to this issue.
	Concerns regarding the traffic impact on the strategic road network, and that further growth will exacerbate issue with rat-running through villages as a means to avoid congestion on the A303. Support for SFA to be located in the same settlements where the personnel will be based to minimise traffic impact.	<p>Traffic studies and assessments were carried out as part of the overall plan to identify pinch points and areas of concern. Plans to mitigate problem areas could then be developed. See the table at section 4.4 for an up-to-date response to this issue.</p> <p>It is preferential to the Army to site their personnel close to their place of work with the intent to maximise sustainable forms of transport wherever practical or feasible.</p>
	Some support for new SFA to be developed in Netheravon and Upavon	No new SFA will be developed in Netheravon and Upavon. The intention is for new homes to be located close to existing bases to minimise travel time for personnel. The key unit locations for incoming units as set out in the Regular Army Basing Plan are Perham Down, Larkhill, Bulford and Tidworth. Consequently the areas of search for potential housing sites have been centred around these four bases.
Settlement Level Comments	Larkhill	
	Objection to the development of a large piece of land to the west of Durrington due to concerns regarding coalescence. Support for the separation between Durrington and Larkhill to be maintained. Any development north of The Packway to protect the village identity.	Support noted. Any forthcoming proposals for SFA development in that location will maintain a large green buffer so that SFA will not serve to conjoin the two settlements. They will remain distinct and separate from one another. See the table at section 4.4 for an updated response to this issue.
	Recognition of the importance of the World Heritage Site and that the military flight heritage should be protected, but suggest some SFA south of The Packway close to existing amenities is proposed	Support noted. Whilst sites south of the Packway were excluded early on in the subsequent site selection exercise due to the World Heritage Site designation, three of these sites were re-introduced for further consultation as potential SFA sites due to support from residents and the Army. See the table at section 4.4 for an updated response to this issue.
	Green areas south of The Packway and near the Church of St Alban should not be developed for SFA	Support noted. These sites were omitted from the subsequent site selection exercise as more favourable sites were available.
	Bulford	
	The SFA sites close to the village centre to the west and north of Bulford would unduly affect the rural character and setting of the village.	Comments noted, these sites did not progress through the subsequent site selection exercise, as there were more suitable sites within the settlement for SFA, and have been omitted.
	Developing on land adjacent the	Comment noted. This reflects the Army's preference. It is

Canadian Estate was seen generally as a preferred option	preferential for new military families to be located in proximity to existing military families so as to foster integration.
Tidworth	
Concerns about the Army buying up private housing in the North-East Quadrant.	100 houses have been purchased from the market to de-risk the Army Basing Programme supply, as this number of SFA are required by April 2015 and cannot be procured by construction in time available. Local Councillors were consulted on the Army's plans. No further purchases are anticipated but were they to be, there would be discussion with Wiltshire Council in advance.
The small sites to the south of Tidworth, near to the land called Area 19 which already has planning permission for over 300 SFA, were viewed as good sites for some more SFA.	Comment noted. This reflects the Army's preference. It is preferential for new military families to be located in proximity to existing military families so as to foster integration. See the table at section 4.4 for an updated response to this issue.
Objection to the development of small sites in the centre of Tidworth	Objection noted. These sites were omitted from the subsequent site selection exercise as more favourable sites were available.
Ludgershall/Perham Down	
Support for development on land in and around Corunna Barracks	Comment noted. Corunna barracks was not made available by the Army as a potential site for SFA in the early stage. Subsequently the Army released Corunna barracks for consideration. This reflects the Army's preference as there is ample space in this area to develop a large number of SFA.
Suggestion for a footpath/cyclepath link along Somme Road linking any proposed SFA to Perham Down and Wellington Academy for sustainable transport.	Comment noted. MOD are exploring sustainable travel options, this includes introducing cycleways linking the settlements around Salisbury Plain. Detailed plans for cycleways will be developed and presented to the public to accompany planning applications, but if possible these will be incorporated into the emerging Masterplan process.

3.5 Consideration of Responses

On completion of the public consultation, a period of review of stakeholder feedback and responses followed. The preparation of the Masterplan documents has been informed by consultee responses. The subsequent iteration of the draft Masterplan documents was shared with Wiltshire Council for comment, with corresponding amendments made, prior to release for the formal public consultation detailed in Section 4.

4.0 Overview of Formal Public Consultation Period

Event	Formal Public Consultation
Formal/Informal	Formal
Means	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static Displays • Staffed events • Briefings • Government website • Notices • Press Releases
Anticipated Audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the public • Statutory Authorities • Elected Members • Local Town and Parish Councils • Infrastructure Providers • Stakeholders
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of the Masterplan • Inform the public of the emerging proposals • Clarify links between the Development Plan and Army Basing requirements • Gather views and comment on the proposals • Inform ton he process of SFA site selection
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedules of concerns/questions raised and DIO's responses • Auditable record of engagement

4.1 Introduction

4.1.1 Following further development of the Masterplan, a formal six week public consultation period was undertaken between 19th February and 1st April 2014. The consultation explained, in general terms, the MOD's basing plans for the Army as well as presenting the preferred/potential SFA development sites, the emerging proposals for the military bases, and the various considerations that were taken into account to reach this stage.

4.2 The Process

4.2.1 Principally, the consultation was focussed on the key areas for change:

- Tidworth
- Ludgershall/Perham Down
- Larkhill
- Bulford
- Outlying areas including Warminster, Upavon and Salisbury



The public were made aware of the consultation through the following channels:

4.2.2 **Government Website**

Consultation material was made available during the consultation period through a dedicated page for the Salisbury Plain Masterplan on the gov.uk website¹. The website clearly advertised the posted DIO freepost address, and the ABP email mailbox (DIO-ArmyBasing@mod.uk), for comments.

The consultation material uploaded comprised:

- Presentation to Local Stakeholders (see paragraph 4.3.1)
- Exhibition Displays
- Planning Context Report – Consultation Draft
- Interim Environmental Report

4.2.3 **Army Rebasing Newsletters**

A monthly newsletter was issued by Wiltshire Council to Town and Parish Councils within the Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth, Salisbury and Warminster Community Areas providing updates on the progress of the Masterplan and to inform local Councils of the public consultation.

4.2.4 **Notices**

300 notices including details of the public consultation were sent to local organisations for display including the Parish Councils within the relevant area, medical surgeries, dentists, schools, libraries and sports centres. (See Appendix 14 for the distribution list). Notices were posted a week prior to the public consultation period commencing (see Appendix 15 for copy of notice).

4.2.5 **Press Release**

A Press Release was issued by DIO on 19th February announcing the launch of the formal consultation period (See Appendix 16 for copy of press release).

4.3 **Events**

4.3.1 **Local Stakeholder Meeting**

Prior to the start of the public consultation, an initial stakeholder meeting was held on 29th January 2014 at Wellington Academy in Ludgershall, to brief Ward Councillors, Parish Councillors and local community groups on the feedback received following the November/December 2013 consultation (see Appendix 17 for invite and attendance lists). In total, 90 people were recorded as attending this event. The initial part of the event was an introduction to the basing programme, followed by a more detailed presentation which outlined the approach that has been taken towards SFA site selection, proposals for Military Base Development, and Training Development (see Appendix 18 for presentation slides).

¹ Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/salisbury-plain-training-area-master-plan-Army-basing-programme>



4.3.2 **Static Displays & Staffed Events**

Static information boards were concurrently exhibited at 4 locations during the 6 week period (see Appendix 19 for copy of display boards). The locations for these static exhibitions were Amesbury Library, Tidworth Library, Durrington Library and Salisbury Library. In addition, the exhibitions were staffed on the following dates:

- Amesbury Library (24th February & 18th March)
- Tidworth Library (25th February & 19th March)
- Durrington Library (24th February & 19th March)
- Salisbury Library (25th February & 18th March)

Copies of tri-fold leaflets containing background to the ABP were left at each exhibition venue for visitors to take away with them (see Appendix 20 for a copy of the tri-fold leaflet).

There was an opportunity for the public to provide comments, either through a comments box at consultation events and exhibitions or via the DIO email mailbox (DIO-ArmyBasing@mod.uk), which was set up by DIO expressly for engagement purposes. All comments received were recorded and included in this document.

4.3.3 **Targeted Workshops with Technical Stakeholders**

Targeted consultation with specific groups was undertaken during this period. Individual presentations on the emerging Masterplan were given to statutory authorities (25th February), and education and healthcare providers (3rd March).

4.3.4 **Special Area Board Meeting**

A public meeting hosted by the Tidworth Area Board arranged by Wiltshire Council, with Army and DIO attendance, was held on the 3rd March 2014 at Wellington Academy, Ludgershall. The purpose of the meeting was to brief the public on progress of the Masterplan. A similar presentation to the one delivered on the 29th January 2014 was given by DIO. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

4.4 **Key Issues**

310 written responses from the public were received (see Appendix 21 for full Schedule of Responses). The principal issues raised in the representations from the public are summarised in the table below. Comments have been reviewed and where appropriate and possible, have been addressed and corresponding revisions made to the Masterplan. At the time of publication, the responses given to each of the principal issues reflect the latest position. Comments from statutory authorities and non-statutory consultees are included in Appendix 22.

	ISSUE	RESPONSE
Strategic Comments	Concerns about the impact of Army basing on social infrastructure including Schools and Clinics. Questions regarding the new items of infrastructure which would be provided as part of ABP.	Concerns noted; through discussions with Wiltshire Council, DIO gained a good understanding of the capacity of existing infrastructure. Baseline capacity and projected demand will be assessed and reported in the final draft Masterplan. Upgrades to existing infrastructure and key items of new infrastructure required to support the incoming population will be considered in the Masterplan document. DIO will continue to work closely with Wiltshire Council during the planning application stage to plan for the provision of the required supporting infrastructure.
	Concerns regarding the traffic impact on the strategic road network, and that further growth will exacerbate issue with rat-running through villages as a means to avoid congestion on the A303. Support for SFA to be located in the same settlements where the personnel will be based to minimise traffic impact.	<p>Traffic studies and assessments were carried out as part of the overall plan to identify pinch points and areas of concern. Plans to mitigate problem areas can then be developed. Further details will be set out in the Outline Transport Assessment.</p> <p>It is preferential to the Army to site their personnel close to their place of work with the intent to maximise sustainable forms of transport wherever practical or feasible.</p> <p>The MOD is fully committed to minimising the impact of travel on the environment. The ABP presents an excellent opportunity to deliver an exemplar sustainable transport programme in Salisbury Plain. To this end, the MOD have prepared a Salisbury Plain Framework Travel Plan, an area-wide framework of features and guidance which would apply to both existing and future service personnel working in the Salisbury Plain area. By minimising the travel impact of development, a future Travel Plan will help to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, improve local air quality, minimise health risks and reduce congestion. This is all entirely consistent with the Wiltshire Core Strategy, which is expected to be approved during 2014.</p>
	Concerns regarding noise impact from increased training on SPTA	<p>It is anticipated that training activity will generally return to levels experienced prior to commencement of operations in Iraq in 2003. This conflicts and the later conflict in Afghanistan resulted in specific operational training requirements dissimilar to those previously carried out. Going forward, troops will train for a wide range of possible scenarios on SPTA.</p> <p>The capacity limits for training on SPTA to minimise environmental impact agreed via a unilateral undertaking between the Secretary of State for Defence, relevant Statutory Bodies and Local Authorities, will remain in force.</p>
Settlement Level Comments	Larkhill	
	Objection to the development of preferred site L15b due to concerns	Support noted. Site L15b has been omitted from the final Masterplan. The final draft Masterplan will include a green

	<p>regarding coalescence. Support for the separation between Durrington and Larkhill maintained. Any development north of The Packway to protect the village identity.</p>	<p>buffer so that SFA will not serve to conjoin the two settlements. They will remain distinct and separate from one another.</p>
	<p>Strong support for SFA to be developed south of The Packway close to existing amenities. Petition submitted by Durrington Town Council with over 700 signatures. (See Appendix 23 for copy of petition)</p>	<p>DIO fully acknowledge the local community's support for SFA to be delivered south of the Packway. If there were no environmental and timescale constraints, the rationale for this option i.e. building close to existing amenities, would seem the most sustainable.</p> <p>However, after careful consideration, DIO have judged that developing SFA south of the Packway would pose a very high risk to the delivery programme, due to the area being within the Stonehenge World Heritage Site (WHS). Proposals for development within the WHS would involve a number of UK and international statutory bodies who would need to be satisfied with the proposals prior to the submission of any applications, and with that, it is anticipated that significant delays may occur before, and again, at planning application stage.</p> <p>DIO has therefore decided to develop SFA at an alternative location, north of the Packway, outside the WHS boundary where large-scale development may be more easily delivered within the available timescales.</p>
	<p>Local businesses concerned that development of SFA outside of Larkhill village would result in the development of new facilities in the vicinity, leading to a negative retail impact on existing facilities along the The Packway.</p>	<p>A new community/retail area could potentially be created within the south of site L17a. DIO will not be commercially developing the units although land could be set aside for new facilities which could include new retail units. New facilities will support a sustainable, balanced community. Planning applications for the development of SFA and community/retail space will be accompanied if necessary by a high-level retail impact assessment to ensure that existing facilities are not unduly impacted.</p>
	<p>Of the preferred sites north of the Packway, L17a was generally viewed as the least objectionable, although there were concerns that the site was too far from existing amenities.</p>	<p>Of the preferred sites, site L17a is considered to be the most favourable site for the proposed SFA in Larkhill. The need for new social infrastructure (e.g. primary school), and land for new community/retail facilities will be assessed in conjunction with the development of substantial SFA at site L17a to create a sustainable community.</p>
	<p>Strong objections to the development of SFA which would block the sun gap view from Larkhill. Petition on 38degrees.com with over 15,000 signatures (as at 1st April 2014 and reaching a total of 20,306 by 20th June) submitted. (see Appendix 24 for copy of petition). A separate petition website recorded</p>	<p>Objections noted. The areas north east of Stonehenge have not been selected for development of SFA. Therefore there will be no adverse impact on the view of the sunrise from the stone circle. See Masterplan for further details.</p> <p>(Note; Appendix 24 has a sample list covering the first 1,936 signatures).</p>



	approximately 2,000 signatures on the same subject	
	<p>Another petition was started on Petition24.com with the statement:</p> <p>Army Rebasing at Larkhill South of The Packway</p> <p>I want to lobby my MP Claire Perry, the leader of Wiltshire Council Jane Scott, the Defence Infrastructure Organisation and the World Heritage Organisation. Please listen to the people and reconsider the decision NOT TO BUILD SOUTH OF THE PACKWAY. Soldiers and families must come first. Sustainable houses in the right location next to the shops and welfare services is a must. This petition attracted a total of 762 signatures and 41 comments</p>	The final selection of a site for Larkhill SFA excluded the sites south of the Packway.
	<p>Another petition was on AVAAZ.org website:</p> <p>David Cameron: stop the MoD building houses on an old airfield near Stonehenge</p>	The old airfield is south of the Packway – the selected SFA site is north of the Packway.
	Concerns about traffic impact on Countess Road roundabout	Traffic studies and assessments were carried out as part of the overall plan to identify pinch points and areas of concern. Plans to mitigate problem areas could then be developed. Further details are set out in the Outline Transport Assessment.
Bulford		
	Some support for development close to land in and around preferred site B19 as it is close to the existing school and military housing. Woodland within B19 should be retained	Support noted. The majority of the site comprises broadleaved and mixed plantation woodland and will be retained. Only the un-wooded elements of the site will be developed for housing.
	Developing on land adjacent the Canadian Estate was seen generally as a preferred option, although there were concerns that development on B23 and B30 would detrimentally affect the character of Bulford village.	<p>Comment noted. This reflects the Army's preference. It is preferential for new military families to be located in proximity to existing military and civilian families so as to foster integration.</p> <p>The detailed design of new SFA at planning application stage will be sensitive to the character of Bulford village. Particular attention will be given to minimising visual impact of new development from key vantage points.</p>
	Concerns that access to new SFA on sites B23 and B30 would be through Newman's Way.	New development will be served by an access off Bulford Road. An option to create an access from Double Hedges is also being explored.

	Support for the strip of woodland north of preferred sites B6 and B23 to be maintained for privacy and landscaping reasons.	Support noted. The strip of woodland serves as an effective landscape buffer between the housing on Newmans Way and Swattons Close and the proposed SFA site, and will be retained.
	Tidworth	
	Preference for sites T15, T16 and T19 to be retained for civilian housing as set out in the Tidworth Community Area Plan.	Following further constraints analysis, no new SFA will be developed in Tidworth. The adjacent military transit route, landscape character and proximity to the Special Landscape Area together with the difficulty of providing a viable road access, severely constrains the cost effective delivery of land for SFA development. Instead, the 100 SFA to serve the Tidworth Garrison will be developed in Ludgershall.
	Concerns regarding the impact of traffic on Bulford Road. Suggestion that the existing vehicle check point is moved or a new one constructed.	See response above. No new SFA development is proposed in Tidworth.
	Ludgershall/Perham Down	
	Site for the expansion of Wellington Academy should be identified.	The potential for a site for a satellite campus to Wellington Academy will be examined by DIO.

4.5 Consideration of Responses

On completion of the public consultation, a period of review of stakeholder feedback and responses followed. The preparation of the Masterplan documents has been informed by consultee responses. The subsequent iteration of the final draft Masterplan documents was shared with Wiltshire Council for comment, with corresponding amendments made, prior to release for the comments stage detailed in Section 5.

5.0 Overview of Final Comment Stage

Event	Draft Final Master Plan – Request for Comments
Formal/Informal	Informal
Means	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Council Briefings • Area Board Briefing • Local Councillor Briefing • Government website • Notices • Press Releases
Anticipated Audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Council • Statutory Authorities • Area Boards • General Public • Other interested parties
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the final draft of the Masterplan documents (MP, PCR, OEA, SCI, OTA and FTP) • Outline the processes undertaken • Demonstrate a clear and robust process has been undertaken
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceptance of the Masterplan documents • Endorsement by Wiltshire Council • Acceptance of the Statement of Community Involvement

5.1 Introduction

A four-week period for final comments on the Masterplan, in addition to the PCR, the draft SCI, OTA, FTP and OEA took place between 20th May and 17th June 2014. It is not envisaged that the Masterplan and associated documents will need to be amended as the length and depth of engagement with stakeholders, and the comprehensive public consultation exercise highlighted concerns which have been captured and addressed, where appropriate, in the final documents. Comments received during this period will be addressed where appropriate at planning application stage.

5.2 The Process

5.2.1 The public have been made aware of the request for comments through the following channels:

5.2.2 Government Website

The reports were placed on a dedicated webpage for the Salisbury Plain Masterplan on the gov.uk website². The website clearly advertises the posted DIO freepost address, and the ABP email mailbox (DIO-ArmyBasing@mod.uk), for comments.

² Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/salisbury-plain-training-area-master-plan-Army-basing-programme>



The material for comments uploaded comprised:

- Masterplan Document
- Planning Context Report
- Overarching Environmental Appraisal and Non-Technical Summary
- Statement of Community Involvement (Consultation Draft)
- Outline Transportation Assessment
- Framework Travel Plan

5.2.3 **Libraries**

Hard copies of the consultation material listed at 5.2.2 were made available to view at the following libraries during the comment period.

- Amesbury Library
- Salisbury Library
- Durrington Library
- Ludgershall Library
- Tidworth Library

5.2.4 **Area Board Newsletters**

A monthly newsletter was issued by Wiltshire Council to Town and Parish Councils within the Amesbury, Pewsey, Tidworth, Salisbury and Warminster Community Areas providing updates on the progress of the Masterplan and to inform local Councils of the comment period.

5.2.5 **Notices**

262 notices including details of the public comments period were sent to local organisations for display including the Parish Councils within the relevant Area Boards, surgeries, dentists, schools, libraries and sports centres (see Appendix 25 for the distribution list). The Notice included details of the public meeting on the 28th May (see 5.3.2). Notices were posted a week prior to the comment period commencing (see Appendix 26 for copy of notice).

5.2.6 **Press Release**

A press release to publicise the start of the Comments Period was issued for publication in local newspapers on 13th May (See Appendix 27 for copy of press release).

5.3 **Events**

5.3.1 **Parish Council Briefings**

Prior to the commencement of the Comment Stage, briefings have been held with the Town and Parish Councils of Durrington (29th April), Bulford (7th April), Tidworth (7th April) and Ludgershall (8th April) to present the Masterplan proposals.

5.3.2 Public Meeting

A public meeting hosted by the Tidworth Area Board, arranged by Wiltshire Council, with DIO attendance, was held on 28th May 2014 at Tidworth Garrison Theatre. In total, 91 people were recorded as attending this event (see Appendix 28 for attendance list). The purpose of the meeting was to brief members of the public on the feedback from the formal public consultation and how the proposals included in the Masterplan reflect the comments received (see Appendix 29 for copy of presentation slides).

5.3.3 Local Councillor Additional Briefing

Following comments received concerning transportation and road/highway issues from local councils after their review of the masterplan documents, and in particular the OTA, a meeting was held with Local Councillors at the Wellington Academy on Thursday 12th June 2014 (See Appendix 30 for a copy of the summary of the key points). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the transport issues arising from these documents. Consequently an addendum to the OTA has been prepared and will be issued with the final version.

5.4 Key Issues

12 written responses from the public were received (see Appendix 31 for full Schedule of Responses). The principal issues raised in the representations from the public and statutory authorities are summarised in the table below. (See appendix 32 for a copy of Comments Received from Statutory Authorities).

ISSUE	FINAL COMMENTS RECEIVED	RESPONSE
General	Changes in the number of service personnel at each base have not been provided within the Planning Context Report (PCR). These figures should be provided, as they have a significant impact on the Service Family Accommodation (SFA) and Single Living Accommodation (SLA) required.	Numbers of service personnel, the increase and total, at the camps are provided in both the masterplan and the PCR
	The Masterplan should make a greater provision for employment and retail.	The Masterplan cannot be specific on the provision of employment and retail as it is outside the MoD's control. The masterplan document suite provides the information and data required for local authorities, private developers and retailers to assess the potential for employment and retail provision. The MoD will liaise with all parties to provide assistance where required.
	Some of the conclusions and required mitigation outlined in the OEA have not been carried across into the Masterplan. The Masterplan document should be amended to reflect this.	The Masterplan is an umbrella document setting out proposals and aims with specific details referenced to and provided in the OEA and the other documents in the MP suite. The MP itself is kept brief in the same manner as a Non Technical Statement is provided for



		an environmental appraisal or assessment, with the detail included in the latter.
	It is unclear on what basis there is a requirement to site new SFA accommodation on MOD sites. It would be very helpful if this was made clear.	The initial analysis of land that would be available for SFA was restricted to MoD land because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MoD owns a huge area of land across Salisbury Plain and increasing this by purchase was not seen as value for money; The WC Core Strategy identifies land for housing development and housing number targets, use of any of these areas by the MoD would cause issues for WC in meeting their targets.
	The Masterplan indicates that 540 SFA units are to be sited in Larkhill. In the absence of detailed site surveys, there are concerns that it may not be possible to accommodate this figure on the site detailed.	The initial surveys carried out and the indicative site detailed demonstrates that that space is available for the required number of SFA, infrastructure and necessary public open space. The next stage will be to complete further surveys to ascertain if there are any currently unknown constraints on the area of land shown. There is space available around the site shown to allow for alteration to the overall land take required. If a major issue comes to light that indicates that the site cannot accommodate the 540 SFA then the maximum possible will be sited at Larkhill and the remainder accommodated at Bulford.
Environmental	The Masterplan should acknowledge the potential constraints to development outlined in the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and provide a clear commitment to address these unresolved issues.	Section 7 of the MP has been revised to include the key issues concerning SPA's and SAC's noted in the OEA. As stated in the MP and OEA surveys and studies are ongoing for resolution of all issues prior to any submission of planning applications.
	Natural England would welcome a comprehensive wildlife management plan for the land controlled by DIO in the settlements outlined for development.	DIO will address this request as part of the ongoing environmental work required prior to submission of planning applications.
	Natural England have requested that further botanical surveys should be carried out on the area of grassland at Bulford north to establish its ecological value.	Additional environmental and ecological surveys for the specific development sites will be carried out as part of the environmental assessments for each site prior to submission of the individual planning applications.
	Natural England request that the Masterplan should show how any loss of quality due to the "urbanisation" of the public right of way network will be compensated for, such that there is no net detriment to the network.	MoD has a strict environmental policy which encompasses management of the numerous public rights of way across the Salisbury Plain area. Rights of way will be maintained although some routes may require diversion, but where this is required the full statutory procedure will be followed and mitigation provided where necessary.
	Concerns raised over the levels of training and the detrimental impact this could have on the winterbourne feature of the Nine	It is anticipated that training activity will generally return to levels experienced prior to commencement of operations in Iraq in 2003.



	Mile River.	Minimising environmental impact is an ongoing policy of the MoD and will be discussed with all relevant parties and agreed via a unilateral undertaking between the Secretary of State for Defence, relevant Statutory Bodies and Local Authorities.
	Natural England are concerned that the proposed development at Larkhill will introduce the built form into an area currently very rural in appearance and as such, will adversely impact upon the visual landscape character of the area.	For the SFA the proposed site at Larkhill is adjacent to the existing built area, and is set into a bowl. The visual impact of the proposals will be subject to detailed analysis and mitigation prior to any planning application submission.
Transport	Salisbury Road between Bulford and the A303(T) is not served by a footpath, is narrow in places, and has steep verges on both sides. Proposed SFA will add to pedestrian demand on the route which raises a potential safety concern.	Wiltshire Council has been seeking to introduce a footway/cycleway on the route funded by S106 money (already secured) but the scheme has stalled because one of the affected landowners (Lincoln College) isn't cooperating. Their land abuts MOD land ownership and MoD will discuss with WC what influence MoD have to resolve the issue. DIO are also currently researching land ownership to see if there is any potential to help with delivery of the footpath/cycleway scheme. A possible vehicle weight restriction on this route or voluntary army orders banning military HGVs from using it to access the A303(T) will be the subject of further discussion during the planning application stage.
	More detailed access arrangements and a detailed highway layout are required to serve the proposed SFA and primary school at Larkhill. A preference has been expressed for a roundabout access junction onto The Packway, with associated speed limit amendments.	This would be examined and addressed as part of more detailed design work for the planning application stage. Depending on the standard of access and road provided from The Packway, it may not be necessary to provide a secondary / emergency access (i.e. if an initial section of higher standard carriageway is provided into the site connected to a loop road that serves the development). These issues will be discussed and agreed with Wiltshire Council at the planning application stage
	Traffic should be signed to use the new link road between the A338 and A3026 (through the Northern Quadrant site) to help reduce use of the existing A338/A3026 (Ram PH) junction. This would help to address existing issues as well as helping to mitigate impacts of the Masterplan proposals	The route is already signed, although the link road isn't yet complete. WC have agreed to find out the timescale / trigger point for completion / opening of the link road. Further studies will be carried out prior to planning application submission into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the northern access into Tidworth Barracks (accessed via the tank track to the north) can be used as the main access & egress by the army and contractors with VCP2 onto Bulford Road used as a secondary access during peak periods. • Feasibility of switching access arrangements at Tidworth Barracks.
	Durrington Town Council raised concerns	This would be examined and addressed as part of more



	<p>over the speed limit on the Packway suggesting a reduction from 60 to 40 mph with a provision of a roundabout for easy access to SFA at Larkhill.</p>	<p>detailed design work for the planning application stage.</p>
	<p>Clarification was sought regarding the location of all the junctions within the study area where potential highway improvements have been identified and the nature of the preliminary improvements identified in Tidworth.</p>	<p>Preliminary improvements have been identified for junctions 13D, 14, 15, 16, 19A, 20, 21 and 22 as identified on the TA plans. Impacts at a further junction (J28) are addressed by committed highway improvements secured as part of the Drummond Park development in Ludgershall. The nature of the improvements proposed in Tidworth are confirmed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J20 – A338/Park Road/Station Road – improvements to the existing signals • J21 – A338/Meerut Road – introduction of signal control • J22 – A338/A3026 – minor widening on the A3026 entry arm <p>The junction improvements are indicated in a preliminary form only and will be examined in greater detail at the planning application stage.</p>
	<p>Concerns that transport issues raised during the consultation periods have not been adequately addressed in the Masterplan. These include concerns that some junctions have not been fully assessed (e.g. the Tidworth A338 mini-roundabouts).</p>	<p>Subsequent to the comment period the DIO and their specialist advisors met with the local councillors who expressed transportation, traffic and road concerns. Additional studies will be carried out to further allay such concerns prior to an planning submissions.</p>
<p>World Heritage Site - Stonehenge</p>	<p>Concerns raised that the proposals at Larkhill would have a profound impact in terms of the extent of urbanisation within the setting of the World Heritage Site. In this regard the current proposals do not comply with the requirements of Wiltshire Core Strategy policy; with the objectives of the World Heritage Site Management Plan; nor with the relevant section of the National Planning Policy Framework.</p>	<p>As interpretation of whether the proposals conform to the instruments listed rests with statutory authorities: English Heritage, as the Governments' official heritage advisor; and, the council's heritage and archaeological officers for Wiltshire Council. Accordingly, during the production of the masterplan document suite there has been full and extensive consultation with these parties.</p>
	<p>It is likely that an expanded Sewage Treatment Works (STW) facility will be required to service the increased population. English Heritage are concerned that any expansion of the existing Larkhill STW will have a detrimental impact on the setting of Stonehenge.</p>	<p>EH's concerns have been acknowledged and discussed with them. Discussions are ongoing with the utility companies concerned with the aim of meeting disposal requirements without detriment to the setting of Stonehenge. This includes studying routing new SFA wastewater to the treatment works to the east, south of Durrington.</p>
<p>Water Infrastructure</p>	<p>The Environment Agency note that further assessment is required to establish whether there would be sufficient water supply and wastewater capacity available to serve the proposed developments. This</p>	<p>Assessments and studies are ongoing and will be completed prior to any planning application being submitted to WC.</p> <p>MOD and its Industry Partners are undertaking detailed</p>



	assessment should be completed prior to any planning application being submitted.	studies and modelling to assess availability and capacity and where water & wastewater assets need to be upgraded or replaced to support development. A feasibility study on Larkhill Sewerage Treatment Works has been commissioned and will report end of June into addressing any shortfall in capacity. MOD will continue to work with water providers, the Environment Agency and Wiltshire Council to agree the location and design of utility infrastructure to support planning applications at individual sites.
	The Environment Agency state that further information is needed to ascertain if the increased discharge volume of foul sewer effluent that results from the Army Re-basing can be accommodated within the existing permit(s).	As noted above, further assessments and design work are being carried out prior to any planning applications to ensure that the additional sewerage volumes generated by Army basing can be accommodated within existing environmental permit(s).
	The water quality of the Nine Mile River is presently high. Potential impacts on water quality need further assessment.	Assessments and studies are ongoing and will be completed prior to any planning application being submitted to WC.

5.5 Next Steps

On completion of the comment period, feedback was collated and captured in a Schedule of Responses. The updated, final SCI (this document) will be submitted to Wiltshire Council for consideration as part of the Masterplan suite. Minor revisions have been made to the Masterplan and an addendum for the Outline Transportation Assessment produced based on points raised during the Comment Stage. As noted in the Masterplan the majority of points raised will be addressed, where appropriate, at planning application stage.



6.0 Summary

- 6.1 This SCI explains the sequence of engagement undertaken to shape and inform the preparation of the Salisbury Plain Masterplan. It demonstrates that a thorough and intensive consultation process has been carried out.
- 6.2 Although views have been expressed by members of the public that have sometimes contrasted with those received from statutory bodies, DIO has given serious consideration to all the issues raised at each stage of the engagement process and used them as direct input to:
- the SFA site down selection process from initial potential sites, through preferred and potential sites through to the final section;
 - define the studies, assessments and surveys carried out;
 - formulate additional study requirements.
- 6.3 It is believed that the resultant Masterplan proposals represent a balanced reflection of the views expressed. The proposals' consistency with Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy policies and their examination through the sequence of engagement ensure they are robust in advance of their being submitted as the subject of formal planning applications later in 2014.
- 6.4 The final SCI will be submitted to Wiltshire Council and will form part of the package of documents which will be presented for endorsement as a material consideration in the determination of subsequent planning applications.

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