



## Bovis Homes Limited

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 Bovis Homes Limited:

Signed:

Name: David Ritchie

Position: Chief Executive

Date: 11 September 2016

Signed on Behalf of Ministry of Defence:

Signed:

Name: Lieutenant General Sir John Lorimer

Position: Chief of Joint Operations

Date: 11 September 2016



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 Covenant

1.1 We **Bovis Homes Limited** 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 Bovis Homes Limited recognises the value serving personnel, reserves, veterans and military families bring to our business. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by promoting the fact that we are an armed forces-friendly organisation through:

- *publicising our commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant through internal and external communications including:*
  - *using the Armed Forces Covenant logo on relevant marketing materials, and actively advocating the Armed Forces Covenant to our supply chain*
  - *participating in events that demonstrate our support such as Armed Forces, Reserves, and Armistice days*
- *offering a bespoke discount scheme on all new Bovis Homes to serving members of the Regular and Reserve Armed Forces*
- *seeking to support the appropriate employment of veterans young and old including the Wounded Injured and Sick by:*
  - *working with the Career Transition Partnership (CTP) and CTP Assist*
- *supporting the employment of Service spouses and partners through a dedicated HR policy*
- *supporting our employees who choose to be members of the Reserve forces by:*
  - *providing an appropriate HR policy to advise and protect reservists if deployed*
  - *allowing additional paid leave to accommodate their annual training*
- *supporting employees who are Volunteer Adult Cadet Instructors*

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or 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.