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MEDIA EVENT

An important milestone has been reached with the completion and handover of the first Service Families Accommodation (SFA) for Service families moving to Wiltshire in 2019.

To mark the first of 917 houses being delivered under the Army Basing Programme (ABP), which are being built across three sites in Ludgershall (242 homes), Bulford (225 homes) and Larkhill (450 homes), a ribbon cutting event was held on 7 February 2019 at The Plumer Estate, Ludgershall.



Attending the event were Major General Richard Wardlaw, Director Basing and Infrastructure (D B&I) who is the Senior Responsible Owner for the ABP, Baroness Jane Scott, Wiltshire Council Leader, Air Commodore Wendy Rothery, Head of DIO Accommodation (DIO Accn), Mark Duddy, ABP Programme Director and John Leary, Lovell Major Projects Director.

Speaking afterwards Major General Wardlaw said: “I have really enjoyed being part of the event today. It was a privilege to showcase the delivery of these brand new modern homes that will allow our Service families to live in first-class facilities. The completion and handover of these homes since contract award is a significant achievement for the Army Basing Programme and will benefit our families across Salisbury Plain.

It is also testament to the excellent collaborative working partnership between the ABP, Wiltshire Council, the DIO and our trusted and valued contractor Lovell. Team work is at the heart of the Army Basing Programme and enables successes like this to take place. I hope the families moving from Germany and within the UK this summer enjoy these properties for many years to come.”

John Leary commented: “My colleagues and I from the Lovell team are delighted to host today’s event to commemorate a key milestone in progression of the Service Family Accommodation scheme here on Salisbury Plain Training Area.

Today is a celebration of the incredible progress made on all three sites in a little over a year but in particular, we are marking the initial Acceptances (of properties) on Ludgershall and Bulford. “Handovers” have begun on both sites recently and we have already delivered several enclaves of first class accommodation. This will continue now each week at a rate of typically eight homes per week, per site, and is testimony to the effective partnership Lovell has established with DIO, its representative WYG and the Service Accommodation Team.”

HOUSING ALLOCATION PANELS

The housing allocation panels for redeployment and rebasing in 2019 were held at the headquarters of Amey in Liverpool during the first two weeks of February. Supported by B&I, DIO Accn and HQ Regional Command, the panels were also attended by Unit Welfare leads and Garrison Military Housing Liaison Officers. The panels addressed over 1200 e1132 housing allocations for the summer of 2019. Considering the size of the challenge, the preliminary work done by Unit Welfare leads and the Amey allocations team ensured that every individual application was assessed in detail. Initial offers are now being released to all those requiring homes as they move from Germany to the UK or, rebase within the UK.

The enduring challenge remains one of expectation management, particularly for those returning to the UK from Germany and, those who have been resident in Germany for a long period. UK housing stock is very different to that found in Germany.

Whilst the success of the new build programme will meet the requirements of many of our Service families moving to Wiltshire some of those returning to the UK will be moving into existing stock.

DIO Accn are managing a very mature programme that ensures all our existing stock is prepared for occupancy under the basing programme. The DIO Accn and Amey teams are now working closely with D B&I and Units to refine allocations and address the concerns and aspirations of individual families.

SITE UPDATES

Bulford



Bulford SFA – Feb 19

At Bulford Lovell has already handed over 60 completed properties to DIO Accn and all 225 superstructures are complete. Internal works are continuing with at least 110 fully decorated. By the end of February enclaves 1-10 will have been handed over to DIO Accn. The Plumer Estate is really starting to take shape and delivery is ahead of the DIO delivery programme.

Ludgershall



Ludgershall SFA – Feb 19

At Ludgershall Lovell has handed over 40 completed properties to DIO Accn.

All 242 superstructures are now complete, with the timber frames, roof tiles and brick work completed. Final fit out works including landscaping, carpets and curtains are continuing at eight homes per week.

By the end of February enclaves 1, 2 and 3 will have been handed over to DIO Accn. The Ludgershall site is progressing well and in line with the target delivery programme.

Larkhill



Larkhill SFA – Feb 19

Progress has been significant on Larkhill SFA, a fact which is undeniable if you are able to look down from The Packway across what is becoming The Alanbrooke Estate. Over 120 timber frames have been erected on the site now, with over 100 having been roof tiled and more than 80 brick wrapped.

First fix works have now commenced on the first 10 houses and will continue at a minimum of 10 per week. The site is moving at a great pace and on schedule for the delivery dates required.

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