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MEET THE CUSTOMER



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I am responsible for monitoring the day to day delivery of the PAC Contract and am the lead Gunner Staff Officer for the

Army Basing Programme (ABP) Larkhill.

This involves working with the DIO and Army Basing & Infra (Army HQ) on the design, planning and completion of all buildings, making sure the infrastructure meets the capability requirements of the Royal Artillery (RA), now and in future. We're developing a tailored garrison with modernised defence assets, from training to working and living.

There are some challenges. We have a 'rattle plan' in place designed to free up space on the Garrison to facilitate ABP works; nearly everyone has had to move at least once. With construction costs and A2020(Refine) we've had to go back to the table on certain assets looking at reconfigurations to deliver within budget, safely, and on time to meet capability.

We are very flexible and work with Aspire Defence to ensure there is as little impact to personnel as possible. I meet with Aspire Defence Capital Works at least every week to discuss the next build stage, then brief the Chain of Command, COs and Lodger Units to ensure there is as little impact as possible on their operational training, and of course delivery.

Getting a positive message out about ABP is important across Defence. I have briefed and conducted Rebasing Tours for the majority of RA senior officers and a number of members of the Executive Command Army Board, so they understand the mechanics and the challenges. I'm also deputy chair governor of Larkhill Primary

School, meet regularly with our local Councillors and receive and reply to regular letters from local residents who want to know what's going on.

Larkhill is getting much busier but it is clearly all about "short term pain for long term gain". I'm keen to continue to engage with local businesses about the commercial and outreach opportunities presented by the significant development and uplift of people (military, civilians and their families) when regiments from Tidworth and Germany move in during summer 2019. I've visited Germany and briefed RA soldiers and their families on what to expect and it's a positive good news story; with the amount of investment here, the opportunity Larkhill presents for living and working is second to none.

Army Families Federation tours ABP



Jeremy Parker, Requirements Manager (ABP), explains the construction work underway at Larkhill (left to right) – Collette Musgrave, AFF; Sara Baade, AFF; Allan Thomson, CE Aspire Defence Ltd; Alan Curtis, Aspire Defence Capital Works; Warren Webster, ABP; Maj Gen Richard Wardlaw OBE, Director Basing & Infrastructure.

Sara Baade Chief Executive of the Army Families Federation (AFF) and Collette Musgrave, Overseas Director, visited Salisbury Plain Training Area (SPTA) in March, to view the new and improved infrastructure being delivered both behind and outside the wire for ABP.

The day began with a briefing at the Lovell site office followed by visits: to Service Families Accommodation at Ludgershall, local schools at Larkhill & Bulford and finally on to Larkhill Garrison where attendees enjoyed a windscreen tour.

1 million construction hours completed- Larkhill

In the 1m. hours completed at Larkhill, a staggering 700,000 bricks have been laid, 24 km of utility trenches dug and 120,000m³ of concrete poured.

Kieran Ward, ABP PAC Delivery Lead (DIO), said: "Enhancing the defence estate is a key priority under ABP and we are delighted with the delivery at Larkhill, which will ensure that soldiers can live, work and train to their full potential. The size of the estate around SPTA will grow to reflect the increase in troops relocating to the area and the quality of infrastructure will ensure longevity of built assets with reduced maintenance costs."



(Photo-'Marking a million hours': Contractor Oliver Payne floats the concrete to give a great finish on the foundation of a new Senior Ranks' Single Living Accommodation, Larkhill.)

Delivery for April-June 2018

Larkhill

Starting construction: New Officers' and Senior Ranks' Messes, Medical and Dental Centre.

Continued construction: Triple Mess SLA, Junior Ranks' Diner, Armoury, 3x RHQ & Battery Offices, Garages & technical buildings, QM's Stores, Utilities works, various car parks and demolitions.

Bulford

Starting construction: New Training Wing, Physical and Recreational Training Centre extension and demolition works, including the Old Bakery which commenced 9 April.

Continued construction: SNCO Triple Mess, Officers' Mess extension, Medical and Dental facility extension, JRSLA village, OSLA's & RHQ.

Aldershot

Construction completed: SLA (40 bed spaces).

Tidworth

Starting construction: One Guardroom & Ammo Store, Armoury extension.

Continued construction: SNCO Mess and SLA, Officers' SLA.

Construction completed: JRSLA (80 total bed spaces)

SNCO Mess - roof under construction



Perham Down

Starting construction: Physical & Recreational Training Centre, SNCO Mess Extension.

Continued construction: RHQ Offices, Armoury extension, new perimeter fencing & associated groundworks in Swinton Barracks, Officers' & SNCO Mess.

Construction completed: SLA (40 bed spaces).



RHQ- external works in progress for April completion

Aspire Defence - KBR & Carillion

KBR has completed the acquisition of Carillion's interests in three Aspire Defence joint ventures (JVs - Aspire Defence Capital Works, Aspire Defence Services and Aspire Defence Services Limited). KBR assumed operational control of these JVs following Carillion's insolvency announcement in January – including the hiring of affected Carillion staff – and has maintained normal business operations without disruption to delivery of services or performance. Project Allenby/Connaught and the Army Basing Programme works are unaffected by Carillion's liquidation and remain on track.

Enabling works, earthworks and ground improvements will take place across all sites. Aspire Defence works flexibly and responds to the needs of the DIO and the Army. Construction schedules are therefore subject to change.

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