

Meet the Team



David Keeble, Environmental Manager, Aspire Defence Capital Works (ADCW)

Water Conservation for the Army Basing Programme

Sustainability has always been at the heart of Project Allenby/Connaught, and caring for the environment is a continued priority of our construction activity for the Army Basing Programme (ABP).

So it's no surprise that with the record heatwave over recent months, our construction teams have been focusing on water conservation.

Water is an important resource for construction work, especially in dry and dusty conditions. Aside from keeping our contractors safely hydrated when working in high temperatures, water is also used in groundworks, hydro-demolition, testing of equipment and services, for cleaning and in welfare areas (site cabins).

Water conservation is essential because some of the water network reinforcements are still to be completed. On Salisbury Plain, water supplies mainly come from groundwater boreholes, which extract it from a chalk aquifer below our sites. This groundwater resource is both variable and vulnerable to pollution. In fact, at the planning stage of the ABP there were concerns about available water resources and infrastructure.

An Integrated Water Management Strategy was prepared to address these concerns, helping us achieve the key consents required for construction.

The strategy assessed the ability of the MOD's water supply and wastewater systems on Salisbury Plain to manage the ABP construction and operational demands. The strategy also considered potential impacts associated with flood risk and climate change on the infrastructure and how these impacts will be addressed.

Eventually there will be significant improvements to the water supply and treatment networks which support the ABP.

New accommodation handed over at Tidworth



Handover of Officers' SLA, delivered by Aspire Defence for the ABP at Tidworth. Left to right: Steve Carey, Project Manager (Aspire Defence Capital Works), Allan Thompson, Chief Executive, (Aspire Defence Limited), Kieran Ward, Army Basing Programme (Defence Infrastructure Organisation), WO1 Michael Avant RLC Garrison Sergeant Major (TidNBul Garrison)

At the official handover of a brand new 50-bed Junior and Senior Officers' single living accommodation (OSLA) block at Tidworth Garrison on 21 August, Kieran Ward (ABP) said, "We are very pleased with construction progress across the Project.

The ABP remains on track to deliver the infrastructure soldiers require and deserve. This asset is just one example of the significant investment being made under the ABP to deliver a better Defence estate.”

WO1 Michael Avant RLC, GSM, said, “The Army Basing Programme will greatly benefit our Service personnel with fit for purpose accommodation and excellent working and recreational facilities which are well suited to modern day soldiering.”

Allan Thomson, Chief Executive, Aspire Defence Limited, added, “We’re working hard to ensure that buildings are completed and handed over safely, on time and to budget. The first-rate accommodation being delivered by Aspire Defence continues to meet our customer’s needs and make soldiers’ lives better.”

Delivery to October 2018

Bulford



Single Living Accommodation under construction at Bulford during the heatwave

Continued construction: Physical and Recreational Training Centre Extension, new garages / stores, Training Wing, New SNCO Triple Mess, Officers’ Mess extension, New JRSLA village, New Brigade HQ, New RHQ, New Officers’ SLA and New SNCO SLA, Armoury extension Picton Barracks.

Nearing Completion: Demolition works including the Old Bakery

Completed: Medical Dental extension – beneficial use achieved 3 Sep 18, to allow next phase of works to start.

Larkhill

Starting construction: Physical Recreation and Training Centre Gym

Continued construction: New Officers and Senior Ranks Messes, New SLA (1365 total bed spaces), New Junior Ranks Diner, New Armoury, New RHQ & Battery Offices, New Garages, New QM’s Stores, Utility Works, Various car parks, Various demolitions, Technical Building, Purvis Lines (included in above).

Completed: RHQ and Guardroom

Perham Down

Starting construction: SNCO Mess extension. Trusses to toilet areas/Public Rooms. New SNCO SLA modules delivered to site.

Continued construction: SNCO Mess extension, New SNCO SLA module placement, New SNCO Mess, New Armoury extension, Physical and Recreational Training Centre. New perimeter fencing and associated groundworks in Swinton Barracks.

Tidworth

Starting construction: Two RHQ offices , Mess Extension & Alteration, Armoury

Continued construction: Guardroom & Store, Armoury extensions. New SNCO Mess and SLA

Construction completed: Two OSLAs, Garaging, JRSLA alterations.

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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