

Parish Liaison Meeting 15th June 2011

MOD Sites in Bath

Background

1. The Parish Liaison Meeting on the 9th June 2010 received a verbal update on discussions with the MOD regarding the future uses of their sites at Warminster Road, Foxhill and Ensleigh and the potential relocation of the 2800 staff that work there.
2. An MOD Bath Sites Working Group had been established and has continued to meet to keep the situation under review.

Current Position

3. By December 2011, 1,300 DE&S MOD posts will have co-located to the Abbey Wood complex in South Gloucestershire. As part of the ongoing Strategic Defence Services Review (SDSR) the MOD have indicated their intention of moving the remaining 1500 Central Administration posts to Abbey Wood.
4. This would release all three MOD sites for development. Currently the anticipated time frames are:
 - Warminster Road (4.34ha))
 - Foxhill (18.7ha)) 2013
 - Ensleigh (10.0ha)) Post 2018
5. Council Officers are continuing to liaise with the MOD over the future uses of their sites and it is understood the MOD have commenced discussions with the Homes & Communities Agencies over the disposal of their land.

Economic Impact

6. The Council is anxious to understand the potential economic and transportation impact of the proposed relocations and have asked for information on:
 - Postcode data for staff currently working on the three Bath Sites; initial data has been received which indicates that approximately 45% live within the boundaries of B&NES
 - The numbers of staff by function/type/grade
 - Local supply chain information; initial data is currently being analysed
7. It is anticipated that the majority of staff will transfer to Abbey Wood but Council Officers are seeking to establish the numbers of “non-mobile” staff who may need assistance in obtaining re-deployment.

8. A further meeting of the MOD Bath Sites Working Group is programmed for the 14th June and an update will be given at the Parish Liaison Meeting.

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