

STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

MEETING BETWEEN DEFENCE ESTATES AND STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE OF MEETING – 16 JUNE 2008

Officers in Attendance

- Martin Coulson - Defence Estates, Property Directorate, Assistant Director (Part of Meeting)
- Robert Shopland - Defence Estates, Regional Engagement Manager (Part of Meeting)
- Reed
- David Boyd - Defence Estates, Senior Planning Officer
- Alex Yendole - Stafford Borough Council, Principal Planning Officer

Apologies

- Mark Limbrick - Defence Estates, Head of Planning and Construction

Details

- As Head of Land and Property MC set out his responsibilities within Defence Estates and provided a detailed contextual update of Defence Estate's position concerning its international, national and regional estate including the Defence Estate's Development Plan.
- With regards to the 'Supergarrisons' Conference on 24 September 2008 in London it was agreed that a meeting should take place in July – August to discuss the contents of presentations between Defence Estates, Stafford Borough Council, Richmondshire Council and Hambleton District Council. The date and venue for the meeting to be established in due course.
- Post Meeting Note: the agenda for the conference has now been amended and as a consequence the need for such a meeting is under review.

MC and RS-R retired from the meeting at 15.00.

- DB confirmed that the notes of the previous meeting were a correct record.
- A paper was circulated to the Estate Policy Steering Group in May 2008 proposing the Ministry of Defence land at Stafford as a core site with the potential to accommodate up to 8 units and 4,000 military personnel. The planned assumptions will be confirmed at the next meeting of the Group in September 2008. Furthermore an additional 1,500 – 2,000 new homes could be required. The minutes of the West Midlands Estate Development Steering Group on 6 June 2008 have been circulated.

- The BORONA Programme is a funded project to move two units back to the United Kingdom from Germany. The objective is to move the units to the Defence College of Aeronautical Engineering (DCAE), Cosford but this requires the College to be relocated to St Athan in South Wales, vacating DCAE Cosford by 2012. There is now concern that this move to St Athan may be delayed and as a result the BORONA Programme has commenced looking at potential alternative sites including Stafford.
- The West Midlands Estate Development Steering Group will continue to meet regularly, with the next meeting scheduled for 12 November 2008. The Defence Estate Development Plan will be published on 17 June 2008. The deployment of units to Stafford will be confirmed in due course in the Defence Estate Development Plan, which in any event is periodically reviewed. Mark Limbrick will continue to liaise with local planning authorities on this work. Discussion will take place with Stafford Borough Council concerning land use zoning to allow development of the Stafford core site. It is anticipated that funding will be sought to commence developing the site in 2018.
- Defence Estates will be looking at the potential for some backdoor training land at Stafford. Stafford Borough Council will continue to provide information concerning adjoining land uses and representations.
- DB agreed to provide a letter formally withdrawing the site previously identified by Defence Estates for residential development at the Ministry of Defence land at Stafford. Post meeting note: letter sent 19 June 2008.
- Date of Next Meeting – October / November 2008 on a date to be agreed.

Note prepared by Alex Yendole
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