

The Tidworth Study Defence Estates



Facilitating a shared vision for the future of Tidworth

Defence Estates commissioned work on an update of the Tidworth Study that had been undertaken in 1993. The study looked at the town and sought to address problems of social integration within the town between the garrison and civilian populations through new buildings and facilities and improved social policy.

The new study was commissioned by a consortium of interested parties including Defence Estates, the South West Regional Development Agency, Wiltshire County Council, Kennet District Council, Project Allenby - Connaught and the Tidworth Partnership.

The aim of the new study is to provide a plan for improved social inclusiveness within the town. A review of the operation of policy, the identification of potential development sites and an examination of the role of Tidworth in the spatial hierarchy of Kennet was addressed.

The study established the baseline position of the town and examined policy and land use options. An important element of the study was to gain and include the views of the community in the future of Tidworth.

A questionnaire was distributed to a sample of households within the town, including military personnel within the garrison. The questionnaire was followed by a 'Community Workshop' which brought together a cross section of civilian and military personnel to discuss key issues that might effect the future of Tidworth.

The outcome of the study provides an audit of the earlier study in terms of what has been achieved since then and a

stakeholder analysis of what the future of Tidworth should be. It will examine how the town might improve its physical attributes through the production of a cohesive town plan and how policy initiatives might benefit public transport and other community services.

The clients are seeking to build mutual understanding and consensus by bringing together a shared vision of the future of the town.

