

Plans for Defence College at Lyneham on display

Members of the public will be able to view proposals by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) for the development of a Defence College of Technical Training at the former RAF Lyneham.

A drop-in session and exhibition taking place on 12th and 13th March will provide an opportunity for residents and other interested parties to find out more about the detail of the proposals. Attendees are invited to look at the plans and give feedback to representatives from DIO and the developers.

The event is being held at St Andrews Church, The Green, Lyneham, from 2pm to 8pm on the 12th and from 10am to 2pm on the 13th. The exhibition material will also be accessible on the consultation website at www.mod.uk/lynehamplanning shortly after the event.

In 2011, the MOD announced plans to centralise technical training for the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force at the site. RAF Lyneham officially closed at the end of last year when the RAF moved out. It is hoped the college will open in 2015.

DIO project lead David Holmes said: "These events are an opportunity for the public to find out more about DIO's plans for the site.

"DIO's purpose is to enable the people of Defence to live, work, train and deploy at home and overseas. Through the delivery of this new, centralised training facility we can ensure that the Services have the right infrastructure to provide the training needed to equip them for their duties."

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