

Royal Artillery Museum (RAM) Update – 18th April 2020

The Outline Business Case (OBC) prepared by RAM for the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (SWLEP) has been published on the SWLEP website and is available for review. This document has been produced supporting the proposed grant of £1.35m by SWLEP to RAM for the development of the project. This document is similar to a business plan and gives details and assumptions surrounding the project. This was one of the key documents we were waiting for, along with the RAM Community Liaison Group Q&A (on Figheldean parish website) and the Planning Application, which has yet to be submitted.

Outline Business Case: Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership

[https://swlep.co.uk/docs/default-source/programmes/local-growth-fund-lgf/outline-business-cases/royal-artillery-museum-\(ram\)/ram-updated-obc-10-feb-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=ad477240_8](https://swlep.co.uk/docs/default-source/programmes/local-growth-fund-lgf/outline-business-cases/royal-artillery-museum-(ram)/ram-updated-obc-10-feb-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=ad477240_8)

Annex A: Location Map

[https://swlep.co.uk/docs/default-source/programmes/local-growth-fund-lgf/outline-business-cases/royal-artillery-museum-\(ram\)/ram-annex-a-acw-location-map.pdf?sfvrsn=1c938c6b_6](https://swlep.co.uk/docs/default-source/programmes/local-growth-fund-lgf/outline-business-cases/royal-artillery-museum-(ram)/ram-annex-a-acw-location-map.pdf?sfvrsn=1c938c6b_6)

For more annexes please visit www.swlep.co.uk and search Royal Artillery Museum.

A planning application has not yet been submitted. It was due to be submitted in March but has understandably been delayed as a result of COVID-19. We will keep you informed of any further developments although would expect any application to be submitted after this current crisis has passed to ensure an effective and collaborative consultation is undertaken.

Please send any questions or comments regarding the OBC or the development to the Parish Clerk (details below).

The Parish Council strategy has been consistent for many months:

- Await publication of new Outline Business Case (OBC) – now published
- The OBC will be distributed to parishioners via the website and Facebook and villagers should communicate any questions and concerns to the parish council.
- The RAM Community Liaison Group Questions & Answers document to be distributed to parishioners via the website and Facebook and villagers should communicate any questions and concerns to the parish council.
- We will await the results of the petition.
- We will hold a dedicated RAM public meeting for the parish (COVID-19 dependent)
- We will advise what your options are as residents of the parish and how you can voice your opinions to Wiltshire Council.
- We can then establish the view of villagers.
- The Parish Council will only officially support or object to the plans for Avon Camp West following consultation with parishioners.

The Parish Council suggests it may be prudent to wait for the planning application to be submitted before expressing a view on the proposals BUT should they wish to engage, villagers have an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns, as previously outlined by writing to:

Wiltshire Council CEO, Alistair Cunningham, responsible for the planning process of this development at alistair.cunningham@wiltshire.gov.uk

Mr A Cunningham OBE
Chief Executive Officer
Wiltshire County Council
County Hall
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
BA14 8JN

Major-General David Southall (Army HQ), who is responsible for the parcel of land being proposed to RAM at David.Southall203@mod.gov.uk

Our MP, Danny Kruger, at danny.kruger.mp@parliament.uk

The Parish Council endeavours to maintain contact with the village via the Website (www.figheldean.org) Notice Boards, Facebook, email and flyers. The website has previous parish council meeting minutes and various documents relating to the RAM proposed development.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/FigheldeanParishCouncilOfficial.

Twitter: www.twitter.com/FigheldeanPari2.

Should any of villagers wish to be added to the Parish email distribution list, please send us your names, postal addresses and email addresses by sending an email to the Parish Clerk at parishclerkfigheldean@gmail.com

The Parish Council