



Defence Equipment & Support (MoD) Case Study

Defence Equipment and Support, the MoD organisation responsible for acquisition and support of military kit, plans to concentrate key elements at its headquarters in Abbey Wood, Filton. This involves moving people from other locations around the UK, creating a DE&S population in Bristol of around 10,000 by 2012.

Plans are already under way and over 1000 staff have moved into refurbished buildings adjacent to Abbey Wood, known as "Neighbourhood 5". In March 2008, planning approval was granted for the proposed construction of a new 600 desk building there, and a decision about whether this will go ahead is expected in late summer 2008.

DE&S's Head of Corporate Services, Tim Flesher, said:

"Our commitment to Bristol is clearly demonstrated through the development and expansion of our Abbey Wood site. The employment opportunities this offers, covering the service and construction elements as well as our MoD people, inevitably play a significant role in the area's economy. The new development will enable us to bring more of our people to this site, not only enabling us to deliver even more effective support to current and future operations, but also providing more opportunities for rewarding careers and the development of professional skills"



The constantly evolving and exciting working environment offers excellent opportunities for personal and professional development, where staff can acquire multiple skills in a wide range of activities. There are opportunities to work overseas, change roles and even switch careers. Regular recruitment opportunities include graduates, junior administrative staff, apprentice technicians and specialist engineers.

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