

# New kitchen and dining facility at Cameron Barracks enhances training experience for armed forces

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation working with industry partner Landmarc Support Services and Highlands based contractor Compass Building and Construction Services, opened a new £2.3-million kitchen and dining facility at Cameron Barracks, a military training camp located on the eastern outskirts of Inverness in Scotland.

Cameron Barracks is a key site for exercising troops in the Scottish Highlands accommodating around 335 troops at one time, with additional day trainees also using the site. The kitchen and dining facilities can feed the whole camp within an hour.

The new facility replaces a temporary portacabin-style kitchen extension which was installed in the early 1990s. The new brick-built extension includes a repaint of the existing dining area, a complete internal refurbishment of the kitchen with brand-new catering equipment, additional storage areas and toilets for troops, and welfare facilities for kitchen staff.

Cameron Barracks is a key site for exercising troops in the Scottish Highlands and the kitchen and dining facilities can feed the whole camp within an hour. DIO Crown Copyright.

The bricks and slate for the new facility were specially made to satisfy Local Planning Authority requirements because Cameron Barracks is a listed site, meaning it is of special architectural or historic interest. Bat boxes were also installed during construction because the Barracks is home to several bat roosts.

During the construction phase of the project as many as 35 tradespeople were on site, all managed in line with the Scottish Government's guidance on safe working during the COVID pandemic. Materials and goods were also sourced locally where they were available.

Bob Phillips, DIO's Regional Training Contract & Infrastructure Manager for the Scotland and Northern Ireland Training Estate, said:

DIO supports our armed forces by providing what they need to live, work and train.

Cameron Barracks is considered by the Armed Forces as their gateway to the Scottish Highlands and has been categorised as a core site in 'Army 2025', the army's plan for future capacity over the next

25 years. The location is essential for dealing with all priority military units' pre-operational training. This new state-of-the-art kitchen and dining facility will enable us to support the activities of training troops for many years to come.

Ronnie Shields, Project Manager, Landmarc Support Services said:

As DIO's industry partner for the delivery of services across the National Defence Training Estate, we're proud to have been part of a project that is helping to provide the best training experience for our armed forces. This is a superb facility that will significantly improve the welfare of troops using the camp to train.

The project was delivered on time and under budget and was achieved by close partnership working with DIO and Compass building and construction services. The new facility has a DREAM Rating of 'Excellent' which we are extremely proud of.

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## **Secretary of State appoints new member to the parades commission for Northern Ireland**

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Right Honourable Brandon Lewis CBE MP, has announced the appointment of William Gamble to the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland.

Mr Gamble will take up the appointment with effect from 1 February 2021.

Mr Gamble now works as a Strategy Consultant following his retirement as a senior civil servant in the Northern Ireland Civil Service. During his civil service career, he held roles including Head of Good Relations & Reconciliation Division in the Office of the First and deputy First Minister, and Director of Regional Planning and Transportation in the Department for Regional Development.

Mr Gamble has previously held a number of board and trustee appointments, including membership of the board of the International Fund for Ireland, the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland, and the Community Relations Council.

## **Background**

The Parades Commission for Northern Ireland was established in 1997 and took on its full powers in 1998 through the Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998. The Commission operates as a Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored by the Northern Ireland Office.

Under the terms of the Act, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is responsible for making appointments to the Parades Commission. The appointments are made in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 of the Act.

Further information on the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland can be found at: <https://www.paradescommission.org/>

## **Terms of Appointment**

- This position is part-time for a period ending on 31 December 2023.
- The position of member receives a fixed annual remuneration of £22,000.
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## **Political Activity**

All appointments are made on merit and with regards to the statutory requirements. Political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity in defined categories to be made public.

Mr Gamble has declared that he has not been politically active in the last five years.

## **Regulation**

The Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointment (OCPA) regulates appointments to the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland.

## **Statutory Requirements**

The Secretary of State makes appointments to the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland in accordance with the Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998.

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**Norwegian Air Resources UK Limited:**

# information for employees claiming redundancy payments

Norwegian Air Resources UK Limited entered creditors voluntary liquidation on 29 January 2021.

David Pike, Mike Pink and Stuart Irwin of KPMG LLP have been appointed Joint Liquidators of Norwegian Air Resources UK Limited.

## **If you've been dismissed**

If you've been dismissed, you may be entitled to [redundancy and other related payments](#) from the Insolvency Service.

## **Who is eligible**

If you worked for Norwegian Air Resources UK Limited under an [employment contract](#), you are eligible to apply for redundancy and other payments. You cannot apply until after you have been dismissed.

[Workers](#) and [self-employed contractors](#) who provided services to Norwegian Air Resources UK Limited are not eligible to apply. Instead, these individuals should contact the Joint Liquidators at [NorwegianEmployeesUK@KPMG.co.uk](mailto:NorwegianEmployeesUK@KPMG.co.uk) to register as creditors.

## **How to apply**

The Joint Liquidators will provide details about how to apply and will also give you a case reference number (begins CN). Once you have this information you can [apply online](#).

[Our factsheet](#) contains full instructions about how to apply and important information for completing your application.

## **Paying your claim**

Some payments are quicker to process than others. In order to ensure we get money to you as quickly as possible we will pay each element as soon as it is ready. This means you are likely to receive multiple payments from us.

We use the information you provide in your application to make sure we pay you the correct amount, so it's very important you complete your application as accurately as possible.

We expect all payments (redundancy pay, holiday pay and arrears of pay) to be made within 6 weeks of receiving your complete application and information from the administrator. We will contact you if we need any further information from you to pay your claim.

To allow us to deal with everyone's application as quickly as possible, please do not contact us to check the status of your application until after the 6 weeks have passed.

## **Getting help with your application for redundancy payments**

The Joint Liquidators have appointed Evolve IS Limited to assist you with any questions you may have about your claim. Evolve IS Limited can be contacted on 0121 827 9282, or by email at [norwegian@evolveis.uk](mailto:norwegian@evolveis.uk).

Further information about the [redundancy payments process](#) can be found on GOV.UK.

## **Other support available after redundancy**

[DWP provides guidance](#) about finding a new job, understanding what benefits you can claim and useful sources of information.

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