

## **First Permanently Sited Military Courtroom Complex - with low flying military aircraft**

A £3.80m investment by Defence Estates for the Military Court Service has delivered a naturally lit and simultaneously quiet complex of courtrooms at Bulford Camp, serving army detachments locally in the Salisbury Plain area as well as Royal Navy, Royal Marines and RAF units globally.

The buildings incorporate AAD's leading edge acoustic design details helping to bring military justice into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This facility is the first permanently sited military court ever on the UK mainland; because courts martial are closed proceedings, speech intelligibility is very important. Another vital matter is because there is no legal obligation for overseas civilian witnesses to attend court, high-spec video conferencing facilities are used allow such witnesses to give evidence without traveling.

This important communications facility also avoids expense of bringing back military personnel from important operations. Early evidence links to the new courts were from Royal Navy ships in the Red Sea. This Military Court Service's new facility is now up and running and plans are already being made to roll out a similar scheme in Germany.

*One of two courtrooms at the new Bulford Military Courts Centre, Salisbury Plain*



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