

# **Frontier Agriculture**

We commit to uphold the Armed

Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces

Community. We recognise the contribution that Service personnel,

both regular and reservist, veterans and military

families make to our organisation, our community and to the country.

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## The Armed Forces Covenant

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom His Majesty's Government

— and —

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown

#### And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

### **Section 1: Principles of The Armed Forces Covenant**

- 1.1 We **Frontier Agriculture** will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:
  - no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen
  - in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.

#### Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

- 2.1 We recognise the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business and to our country. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:
  - **Promoting the Armed Forces:** promoting the fact that we are an Armed Forces-friendly organisation. We will do this via our website, intranet and social media;
  - Veterans: supporting the employment of veterans, recognising military skills and qualifications in our recruitment and selection process; working with the Career Transition Partnership (CTP) to support the employment of Service leavers;
  - Service Spouses & Partners: supporting the employment of Service spouses and partners; partnering with Forces Families Jobs; and providing flexibility in granting leave for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment;
  - Reserves: supporting our employees who are members of the Reserve Forces; granting additional
    paid/unpaid leave for annual Reserve Forces training; supporting any mobilisations and
    deployment; actively encouraging members of staff to become Reservists;
  - Cadet Organisations: supporting our employees who are volunteer leaders in military cadet
    organisations, granting additional leave to attend annual training camps and courses; actively
    encouraging members of staff to become volunteer leaders in cadet organisations; supporting
    local military cadet units; recognising the benefits of employing cadets/ex-cadets within the
    workforce;
  - National Events: considering Armed Forces events when planning our calendar of events. This may include: Reserves Day, the Poppy Appeal Day and Remembrance activities;
  - Armed Forces Charities: considering support of Armed Forces charities when planning fundraising activities;
  - **Employee network:** supporting and encouraging the creation of an employee network for veterans and serving reservists.
- 2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our website and on social media.