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# HELP SAVE RMB CHIVENOR FROM CLOSURE



- **The MoD has made no final announcement after more than two years**
- **The uncertainty must end, and Chivenor should remain open**
- **Add your voice to the campaign using this freepost form**

WORKING HARD FOR NORTH DEVON



Dear Resident

In November 2016, the Ministry of Defence announced plans to close our Royal Marines Base at Chivenor. I arranged a visit by the Defence Secretary, during which he agreed to review the decision. But, more than two years later, there's still no final announcement. It means huge uncertainty for the local area, fuelled by rumours and counter-rumours. This has to stop. We need a firm commitment now that Chivenor will remain open, and I'm writing today to ask for your help.

RMB Chivenor has been part of our community for more than 70 years. To lose it would not only hit everyone who lives and works there, but would seriously impact our local economy. That would affect us all, whether or not we have any direct connection with the base. And in these uncertain times, surely we shouldn't be closing an important military and defence establishment?

I want to ensure the Defence Secretary knows the strength of feeling in our community. I want him to understand that RMB Chivenor should not close, and that he should even consider expanding the base's operations to secure its future. Therefore I'm asking if you would spend a couple of minutes filling in the attached form. I will then pass them all directly to the Defence Secretary.

Please help me get the message across loud and clear to the MoD: Chivenor must remain open, and the community remains united in fighting for its future. Thank you for your help.

Kind regards

Peter Heaton-Jones MP  
North Devon

To The Secretary of State for Defence

In November 2016, your Department announced plans to close our Royal Marines Base at Chivenor. Two years on, there's still no final announcement. It means huge uncertainty for the local area, both for those who live and work at the base, and for everyone who will be affected in the local economy.

We are writing to ask now for a firm commitment that RMB Chivenor will remain open. Furthermore, we believe there is a strong case for expanding the facilities to enhance our defence capabilities and secure the base's long-term future.

Please take account of my views, and those of many others in the North Devon community, and announce a reversal of the closure decision. Thank you.

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