

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service Consultation

Integrated Risk Management Plan - Draft Action Plan 2018/19 - Action 2.1 Rugby South Fire Station

Consultation dates: 6th May 2019 – 16th June 2019

About this consultation:

Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Authority has a statutory duty under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, to prepare an Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP).

As part of the IRMP process we regularly review and assess the full range of foreseeable risks impacting the communities of Warwickshire to make sure that we have the plans, people, processes and equipment in place to ensure that Warwickshire remains a safe place to live and work.

The current IRMP sets out the vision for the period 2017 to 2020 and every year we publish an action plan which states our objectives and actions for the forthcoming year.

As part of our ongoing commitment to consult and engage with our communities, we are keen to ensure that residents and stakeholders have the opportunity to have their say on any actions which may impact them. With this in mind we are consulting residents and stakeholders to give their views on the following specific action:

Action 2.1: 'Provide an additional fire station in Rugby, in line with our Asset Management Plan'.

The consultation will close on **16th June 2019**

What will happen after the consultation

The outcome of this consultation will be presented to the Warwickshire County Council cabinet meeting in September 2019 and will be published on our website by the end of September 2019.

Background

Development in the South West Rugby area will see significant employment provision, as well as several thousand new homes, built in the coming years. These developments will increase both the population and geographical area we serve from our existing fire station location which means it is likely we will see a decline in performance against our emergency response standard.

Our response standard is to get a fire engine to a life risk incident anywhere in the County within 10 mins on 75% of occasions. The additional homes within the new development are likely to lead to increased response times for up to 5000 homes and the road network in the vicinity.

The development of the South West Rugby area will also see additional traffic on the road network within the town. Effectively, this would further slow the response of our fire engines at peak times from the Corporation Street fire station, which is located at the northern side of the town centre

What we are consulting about

Plans for a new fire station, which we propose should be located on Symmetry Park, north of the A45/M45 roundabout, and adjacent to the B4429 Coventry Road, have been incorporated into the Rugby Borough Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

A Rugby South fire station will allow us to relocate one of our fire appliances and crew from the Corporation Street fire station to deal with the increased attendance time issue that will be created by the new development.

We think it is necessary to provide a new fire station location, and relocate a fire engine and crew from the existing town centre fire station so that our emergency response standard can be achieved for the additional incidents that will occur across the new development and its arterial roads. Relocating staff would also allow us to effectively deliver prevention and protection activities to the new housing and commercial premises.

If approved the planned timescale for the fire station to be opened and operational is 2022. This proposal will still leave a fire engine and crew at the existing fire station in Corporation Street. However, our longer term plan is that Rugby would be served by two fire stations each with a fire engine and crew; one at the Symmetry Park site to the south West of Rugby (which we are proposing in this consultation), and another new fire station site to the north of Rugby (location yet to be determined). Any future proposal for a new site to the north of Rugby would be subject to a separate consultation process.

This consultation is an opportunity for you to share your views on the provision of a new Rugby South fire station and the proposal to relocate a fire engine and crew to this station.

Supporting Information

The following information has been provided to assist you in understanding our considerations in making this proposal.

- Rugby area profile
- Frequently asked questions
- Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service IRMP 2017-2020
- 2019/20 Draft IRMP Action Plan
- Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service Risk Profile 2016
- Equalities impact assessment
- Rugby Borough Infrastructure Delivery Plan

How to take part

You can give us your views by:

- Completing the online survey at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask
- Requesting a paper copy of the survey, or the survey in an alternative format or language, by telephone (01926 423231) email (wfrsirmp@warwickshire.gov.uk) or by writing to us at:

Service Improvement Team
Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service
Service Headquarters
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Leamington Spa
CV32 5LH

- Emailing your views to us directly at wfrsirmp@warwickshire.gov.uk
- Writing to us using the address above.

Privacy statement.

The survey for this is anonymous. Questions for the purpose of equalities monitoring are included. You do not have to give us this information. If you do provide it, this data will not be associated with or cross referenced with any other data provided in this survey. If you complete this survey online the IP address used to submit answers will be automatically collected but will not be used in any analysis of responses.

Following the end of the consultation we shall publish the results and this may include quotes of comments which will be anonymous.

Information you provide in any additional correspondence to our surveys and consultations, including personal information, may be disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and/or Environmental Information Regulations (EIR). If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential and not shared, including your contact details, please tell us why, but be aware that, under the Freedom of Information Act, we cannot always guarantee confidentiality.

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