

Nuneaton and North Warwickshire Engagement – Frequently Asked Questions

Why are you exploring potential locations for fire stations in Nuneaton and North

Warwickshire? The fire stations in the Nuneaton and North Warwickshire area were built a number of years ago and may no longer be in the ideal location. The demographics and risk profile in Warwickshire are ever changing and we need to ensure we adapt to those changes. A significant amount of residential and commercial schemes continue to be developed within the area which will not only increase the population that requires prevention and protection services, but will widen the populated geographical area, in which we are expected to provide an emergency response within current performance requirements. We have an agreed performance standard to provide a response to life risk incidents, (such as building fires and road traffic collisions) within ten minutes anywhere in the County on 75% of occasions.

Why does your Asset Management Plan show a number of potential new fire station locations across the County.

The map in the asset plan shows the potential sites for fire stations based on the assumption that, if the opportunity arose, we could move our current resources to ensure they are in the best locations to enable us to continue to meet our current response standard (to get a fire engine to a life risk incident anywhere in the County within 10 minutes on 75% of occasions). The map is for illustration purposes only and no decisions have been made on future locations.

What will you consider when looking at potential locations?

In light of current and future developments in the area, we will be exploring the potential ideal locations for responding to emergency incidents, such as fires and road traffic collisions, within 10 minutes, and to facilitate the delivery of prevention and protection activities within the community such as

- Premise risk inspections,
- Safe and well checks,
- School initiatives,
- Anti-social behaviour intervention,
- Business fire safety checks.
- Access to fire stations for prevention advice and community meetings

How will staff be affected?

If we should identify potential new locations for our resources in the future, internal engagement with the affected staff and the representative bodies will be part of the on-going consultation process.

When will you decide on the locations?

Any decision on any potential new locations will be made once further risk modelling exercises have been conducted and once the views of the community are known. If a decision is made to change the location of the fire stations, then a formal consultation process will take place, where once again you will be asked for your views on the options presented.

How will you keep people informed as your plans progress?

The report on this initial engagement process will be published on Ask Warwickshire later in the year. Any future planning options will be communicated as part of further consultation and engagement exercises.