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Dear Councillor Hobbs,

Re: Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) Proposals

Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority Response

I am writing to respond formally on behalf of Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority to your public consultation on the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP). Having evaluated your proposals, we have very serious concerns about their potential impact on Hereford and Worcester. In our view your proposals to reduce the number of fire stations and fire appliances across Warwickshire, if enacted, would inevitably lead to an increase in the numbers of times our own front line resources are called upon to support operations in Warwickshire.

We believe that this would adversely impact the Service we provide in Hereford and Worcester, increasing risks to our communities and staff, with an associated impact on our own running costs. Therefore, should you choose to implement these proposals we will need to revisit current mutual aid arrangements between our two Authorities with a view to safeguarding the interests of our own communities and staff.

I attach a letter from our Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive providing more details in relation to the key issues we have identified.

I would be grateful for early notification of your finalised proposals so that we can better consider our own position in relation to them.

Yours sincerely,

P. Jones
CHAIRMAN
HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY



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To make Herefordshire and Worcestershire safer from fire and other hazards and to improve community well-being.

