



## Press Release

Press release from **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service** and **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Authority**  
**Making Derbyshire Safer**

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### **FIRE CONTINUES TO BURN AT SUTTON LANE, HILTON**

At 22.11 hours on the 22 November 2017, Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service was mobilised to a fire on Sutton Lane, Hilton following several calls reporting a fire in the open. The fire is believed to be mixed waste and continues to burn.

In liaison with partners, including advice from the Environment Agency, an initial decision was taken to let the fire burn, due to its close proximity to a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and the risk of contaminated water from firefighting.

At present the fire continues to burn as ground conditions are preventing firefighting equipment accessing the site.

While the fire continues to burn, there is some smoke affecting the local area.

Public Health England and the Director of like Public Health would to give members of the public the following advice.

### **Information for the public: Large fire north of Hilton**

#### **Why are we contacting local residents?**

We want to inform local residents in the Hilton and Etwall area about a large fire at a farm north of Hilton, and to provide reassurance about the actions being taken to reduce any potential risk to local residents.

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## **What action has been taken so far?**

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service is working with partners to bring the incident to a safe and speedy conclusion. However, at present the fire continues to burn because of the difficulty getting firefighting equipment to the fire due to ground conditions.

Local agencies are working together to make sure that the fire is put out as soon as possible, and to protect the health of local people and the natural environment.

## **What are the risks?**

People who are generally fit and well are unlikely to experience long-term health problems from temporary exposure to smoke from a fire. Symptoms may include coughing and wheezing, sore throat, feeling short of breath, runny nose or eyes or chest pain. In general, exposure to smoke is more likely to affect people who have existing breathing problems, lung or heart conditions (e.g. asthma, bronchitis, chronic pulmonary disease or heart disease).

It is advised individuals in the area:

- Limit time spent outdoors where possible
- Do not exercise (eg. run, cycle or walk) outdoors in the area
- Keep windows and doors closed
- Individuals with existing health problems should ensure they take their usual medications as prescribed and seek medical advice if they experience any worsening of their symptoms.
- Thoroughly wash any fruit or vegetables which are grown outdoors in area

If you think your health might have been affected please contact your GP or ring 111.

## **NOTES TO REPORTERS/EDITORS**

Your assistance to circulate the safety advice/information in the release is appreciated.

**ENDS**