



Press Release

Press release from **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service** and **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Authority**
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JUST OVER A WEEK TO GO – CONSULTATION ON SPECIALIST RESPONSE PROVISION

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service (DFRS) is reminding its communities that there is just over a week to go before three consultations in respect of proposed changes to the specialist response provision across Derbyshire close.

The three consultations, which have been running since the 1 June will close at midnight on the 14 July 2018.

People can still get involved and DFRS is keen to gain the views of its communities in respect of the following consultation proposals:

1. Reduce the number of Aerial Ladder Platforms (ALP) across the Service from three to two. Remove the ALP from Buxton Fire Station, leaving two ALPs based at Chesterfield and Ascot Drive Fire Stations.
2. Remove the Water Rescue Unit from Matlock Fire Station leaving two Water Rescue Units at Buxton and Derby.
3. Remove the Water Rescue Unit from Chesterfield Fire Station leaving two Water Rescue Units at Buxton and Derby.

In 2017/18 as part of the Service's Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2017-21, a review was undertaken in respect of the specialist response provision across the County. The review was undertaken to ensure that the number and location of specialist vehicles and capability provision was right for the risks within Derbyshire, in line with the IRMP.

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Area Manager David Crowther said: “We have had a good response to the consultation to date, however we are keen to ensure everyone has an opportunity to get involved and have their say.

“Whilst people can have their say online, we have also ensured that hard copies of all the consultation documents are available at local libraries in Buxton, Chesterfield and Matlock, where people can also leave their comments.”

It is important to note that the proposals would not impact on Firefighter numbers across the county and would not lead to redundancies.

Information supporting each of the three proposals and a link to ‘Have Your Say’ is available at <http://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk/have-your-say/>

Note to Editors/Reporters

Special response provision covers:

- Vehicles other than Fire Engines that are specially designed to assist with specific incidents, e.g. an ALP allows working at height.

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