



## Press Release

Press release from **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service** and **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Authority**  
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### **LARGE FIRE – ALBERT VILLAGE, SWADLINCOTE**

At 01.21 hours Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service was called to a fire at an industrial property on Occupation Lane, Albert Village, Swadlincote.

The fire involved approximately 100 meters x 100 meters of stacked plastic pallets. The fire had also spread to a small site building and a number of fork lift trucks at the property. Fire crews have been working hard to prevent any further spread and bring the fire to the safest and quickest conclusion.

At the height of the fire, ten fire engines, crews and specialist appliances from across Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Staffordshire have been at the incident, however this is now being scaled back to six fire engines.

Group Manager Steve Wells said: “We’ve received lots of calls to our control room this morning, as people in the Swadlincote area have woken to the sight of a large black smoke plume.

“Crews from across Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Staffordshire, have been working hard since the early hours of the morning, jointly with partners from the police, Seven Trent Water and the Environment Agency, to bring the fire under control, prevent any further spread and bring the incident to a safe and swift conclusion.

“Whilst the site of the fire is not directly next to any residential properties, we are still advising locals to keep their windows and doors closed until the fire is completely out and the smoke has subsided. Anyone experiencing any discomfort or breathing difficulties as a result of the smoke, should seek guidance from their GP.”

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