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PROPOSED CLOSURE OF BANSTEAD FIRE STATION

Dear Resident,

We are writing to you about an important issue – the proposed closure of Banstead Fire Station. This is something we know many of you will have grave concerns about, so we want to make sure you have the information you need to feed into the consultation.

Surrey Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) is proposing to relocate the current Banstead crew and fire engine to Godstone Fire Station. According to the consultation documentation, the decision is driven by the current lease for Banstead Fire Station expiring in 2025 and a lack of a suitable alternative location.

The draft proposal document sets out that even with this relocation, SFRS still expects to achieve Surrey Standard response targets (under 10 minute for critical incidents). However, the average response time to critical incidents during the day in the Reigate & Banstead area is expected to increase by 40 seconds, from 7 minutes 23 seconds to 8 minutes 3 seconds.

We have concerns about the proposals to close Banstead Fire Station and move the crew and appliance over to Godstone, particularly due to the increase in average response time. We would encourage residents to submit a response to this consultation making your views clear.

We would like to make you aware of a public meeting on 25th June at Banstead Community Centre at 3-5pm and 5-7pm, where residents can ask questions about these proposals. We certainly encourage residents to attend these sessions and to engage with the consultation process. Recently we held a meeting with the Cabinet Member for Fire & Rescue at Surrey County Council and also raised our concerns directly with the Chief Fire Officer for Surrey regarding the predicted response times for Banstead, Chipstead, Woodmansterne, Tadworth, Walton, Burgh Heath and Kingswood - after the proposed relocation from Banstead to Godstone.

The consultation can be accessed using this QR Code or the link below:

www.surreysays.co.uk/sfrs/crmp



Due to the General Election announcement, the consultation will pause from midnight on Monday 27th May until Thursday 4th July. The consultation will reopen from 5th July to 6th September. A final decision will be taken by Surrey County Council's Cabinet in January 2025. Please do take the few minutes needed to share your views and raise any concerns. This is your chance to be part of shaping our local fire & rescue services.

Thank you for your time,

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