

North Yorkshire Fire And Rescue Service

Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) Proposal Snainton Fire Station Consultation

As part of the capital programme Snainton fire station is due for replacement. An aspect of the normal business process is to conduct a review of the need for an asset and to consider whether other arrangements should be put in place.

Officers have therefore conducted a review of Snainton and it is one of the lowest risk areas in North Yorkshire. The average activity level for Snainton has been 37 incidents per year from 2005 to 2010 with an average of 7 primary fires (mainly property and vehicle fires) and less than 3 road traffic collisions each year.

The national risk modelling tool used by fire services suggests that these low risk low activity areas do not need a fire station and like most of the Fire Service's area its risk has been reduced since 2003.

The main risk in Snainton station ground is the road risk on the A170 running through Snainton itself. The vast majority of the road traffic collisions that require a fire and rescue attendance are on either side of the town and are towards either Pickering or Scarborough, however, the fact that the A170 runs through the station ground also means that it has good road networks for supporting appliances.

Snainton is 5.5, 8 and 10 miles respectively from Sherburn, Pickering and Scarborough, the majority of the main risk in the station ground can be covered within 15 minutes from these stations; this is considered to be adequate.

Malton and Scarborough have 3 wholtime fire engines that are always available. Filey, Pickering and Robin Hoods Bay and Sherburn fire engines provide a high level of operational availability for the eastern part of the Service's area.

There are 7 staff at Snainton all of whom are on the retained duty system (RDS). However, Sherburn is only 5.5 miles from Snainton which means it will be possible to retain the existing staff to bolster the availability of the Sherburn appliance.

The analysis shows that the risk around Snainton does not warrant the provision of a dedicated fire station in Snainton. However, in the event of the station being closed the Service will check with local businesses and homes their perception of the risk and any implementation plan will include transitional arrangements in terms of targeted prevention and protection initiatives.

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service has identified that the station is not required and it would appear that the rebuild of the station and ongoing running costs are an unnecessary cost for what could be considered an overprovision of service. The potential savings in this proposal are £128,000 a year.

This consultation is to consider the views of the community in respect of closing Snainton fire station and redeploying the existing staff to bolster the availability of Sherburn fire station.

The standard consultation period is a minimum of 12 weeks which will run from 2nd July 2012 and will include questionnaires, engagement with media and public meetings.

Following this consultation a report on the consultation will be taken to North Yorkshire Fire Authority meeting in December 2012 for a decision.