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RT. HON. GAVIN WILLIAMSON MP



SAVE OUR FIRE STATIONS

Say NO to the closure of our Fire Stations



- Stand up for our safety.
- Over 300 people died in Britain last year from firerelated incidents.
- Sign Gavin's petition to keep our Fire Stations open

FIGHTING FOR SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE





It has come to my attention that Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service are threatening to close Brewood, Kinver and Codsall and Bilbrook Fire Station. I'm writing to assure you that I am objecting to these proposals, and to ask to you to join my campaign against them.

Closing these Fire Stations would mean removing emergency cover from 18 fire stations. The number of fire engines would be reduced, from 42 across 33 stations to just 15 engines, which would only cover 15 stations across the region.

In addition to the proposals of closing Codsall and Bilbrook Fire Station, the stations in Brewood and Kinver, which they have spent millions of pounds on building last year, are also under threat.

I have already called on Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service to reject the proposals. Firstly it could lead to substantial and highly dangerous gaps in provision for the Fire Service, but I am also shocked at the grotesque waste of money that would be involved if the fire service pursues this route.

Staffordshire Fire Service's 11 new fire stations cost £29.6m to build but the overall cost of a Private Finance Initiative deal will come to £127m. Kinver's alone has cost £1.9m to build and they are proposing to close them before they have even been completed.

I entirely oppose what is being put forward for the closure of our Fire Stations and I urge you to reject this proposal for the safety of residents across South Staffordshire. It is a complete waste to the public purse, with two of the fire stations still in the process of being built. We need a fire service that we can rely on 24/7, especially in the more rural areas of the constituency. I would therefore urge you to join me in opposing these proposals by signing this petition which I will present to both the House of Commons and the Fire and Rescue Authority. I hope that you will join me in saying no to closing our Fire Stations.

Yours faithfully,

Rt. Hon. Gavin Williamson MP Conservative Member of Parliament for South Staffordshire

RT. HON. GAVIN WILLIAMSON MP'S PETITION:

PREVENT THE CLOSURE OF FIRE STATIONS IN SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE

To the House of Commons.

The Petition of residents of South Staffordshire and others,

Declares that the Petitioners note that there have been proposals by Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service to close Fire Stations in South Staffordshire; further that the Petitioners believe that a reduced Fire Service across Staffordshire and the closure the Fire Stations would impact on the safety of the residents; and further that the Petitioners believe that these proposals should be rejected and the Fire Stations kept open.

The Petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons urges the Government to request that Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service ensures that Fire Stations in South Staffordshire remain open.

And the Petitioners remain, etc.

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