

	population (%)	incidents (%)	1 engine (%)	2 engines (%)
Spelthorne	95 598 (8.4)	1 067 (7.3)	1 (2.9)	2 (5.7)
Surrey	1 132 390 (100.0)	14 659 (100.0)	34 (100.0)	35 (100.0)

- 1 x 24/7 Crew engine + 1 x Retained Crew engine is unequal treatment
- Only Surrey borough on “Middlesex” bank – bridges mean longer response, pinch points
- Third runway, Ecopark, M3, M25, reservoirs, river – extra risks

Unsuitability of proposed site for Retained Crew

Unsuitable recruitment/response area

Retained Crew contracts stipulate a 5 minute response from receiving alarm to arriving at the fire station.

Reservoirs, Green Belt and fewer commercial employers around the proposed site mean the pool of potential Retained Crew is much reduced.

Compared with Walton fire station, the potential pool would be 50% smaller. Walton itself has difficulties recruiting/keeping Retained Crew.



Unsuitable access

In/out access for Retained Crew or appliances to proposed fire station site off the Fordbridge Roundabout is impractical and dangerous.

The proposed site can only reasonably be accessed from the north-west-bound (south) side of the dual carriageway A308 (*). Retained Crew coming from Staines or Ashford would have to travel on other (longer) routes to access the north-west-bound carriageway further south (near BP petrol station intersection).

Summary

- Safety of Residents
- Practicality of Operation
- Equity of Treatment

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