



## Will there be any changes to emergency response times?

We have undertaken detailed analysis of the effect of the move on our emergency response times. This analysis has shown that we will still maintain our agreed emergency response standard for the Horsham area and the provision of the satellite facility will allow our current on-call unit to continue to serve Horsham. There will of course be areas where the response time is predicted to be longer than it currently is but conversely other areas will see a decrease in those times.

## What will the new facilities look like?

The design of the new facilities is being developed at the moment, and the final proposals will be subject to consultation through the formal planning process in due course.

## How can I have my say?

We want to hear your views on the project and we will consider them as we develop the project further. We would therefore be very grateful if you could take the time to submit your comments by 19 September.

- Visit our Have Your Say online consultation at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/horshamfirestation](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/horshamfirestation)
- Email us at [yourfireservice@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:yourfireservice@westsussex.gov.uk)
- Write to us at Horsham Fire Station relocation public consultation, Communications Team, West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, County Hall, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1RQ
- Phone us on 01243 777100

### Drop-in events

We are also holding two public consultation drop-in events at Horsham Library where we will be able to answer your questions about the project. These will be held on:

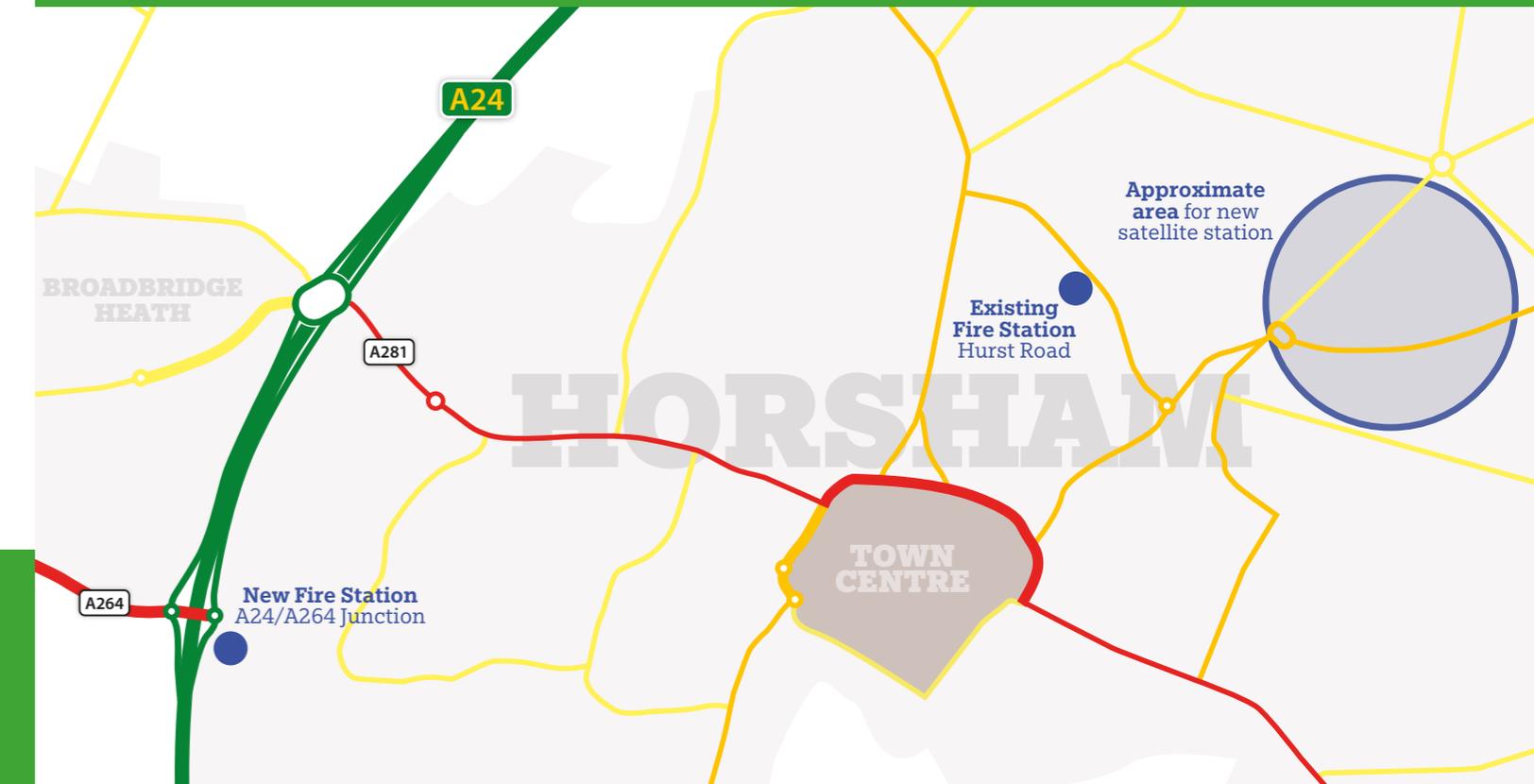
- Saturday 18 August from 10am to 12 noon.
- Thursday 13 September from 5pm to 7pm.



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# HORSHAM FIRE SERVICE RELOCATION

Find out more about our proposals to relocate Horsham Fire Station from Hurst Road to the A24 at Highwood.



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## Horsham Fire Service relocation

**West Sussex County Council is bringing forward proposals on behalf of the One Public Estate (OPE) West Sussex partnership to relocate Horsham Fire Station to a site on the A24 at Highwood.**

The proposed new centre will incorporate a new joint blue-light centre with Sussex Police.

This project will also deliver a joint blue-light satellite station close to Horsham town centre to provide facilities for an on-call fire engine and a public-facing front counter for Sussex Police, and potentially facilities for South East Coast Ambulance Service.

The OPE West Sussex Programme has allowed us to move ahead with this now. You will find more information on the OPE West Sussex programme at [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk) and search for 'OPE'.

We want to hear your views on these proposals.

## Why are we proposing to move the fire station?

The ambition to create a new fire station for Horsham and provide enhanced training facilities has been held for over a decade. The A24 site is the right place for the new building and the fact we have this land available is the perfect opportunity to use it.

The OPE West Sussex Programme enables us to work closely in partnership both across the blue-light sector and with Horsham District Council and other partners to ensure that we maximise the benefits of the project for the fire service, Sussex Police and the wider Horsham community.

We have the opportunity to develop a new, modern, fit-for-the-future fire station that will better meet the needs of the fire and rescue service and the community. In addition, the government now expects the emergency services to work more collaboratively, and the relocation of the fire station to a facility shared with Sussex Police supports us all in

doing that. The new Horsham fire station will also become the base for the Business Fire Safety team and the Technical Rescue Unit.

By developing a centralised training centre at the new Horsham site we will be able to develop state of the art facilities that are not otherwise available in our region. This will not only support us in providing the best possible training to our current staff and new recruits, but also be of value to neighbouring



fire and rescue services and other blue-light services through the offer of joint operational training, collaborative incident command management courses and specialist training facilities for tackling high-rise fires.

Training is currently provided across a number of sites in the county, primarily at the former Horley Fire Station and in part of Worthing Fire Station. This spread of facilities means that staff and recruits are required to travel



significant distances to access training, which impacts both on the scheduling of training courses and on crew availability. The centralisation of our training facilities with the new operational accommodation will enable us to offer the full training requirement to all staff in one place, reduce the impact on operational availability, increase the range of courses available concurrently, and also release a number of sites for redevelopment, reducing our revenue costs and potentially generating capital funds for reinvestment in other projects.

## Where will the facilities be located?

The new facilities will be located on a currently undeveloped plot of land on the A24 at Highwood, Horsham. The site was transferred to WSCC through a planning agreement and was covenanted for fire and rescue use at the outset. A number of technical assessments including ecology and environmental impact surveys, traffic impact, noise and air quality assessments are underway. The results of these studies will inform the final scheme and will be subject to consultation through the planning process.