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Dear Wayne

Re: Consultation on proposals to reduce the number of false alarms from automatic fire alarms systems

Thank you for your letter dated 28 May 2024 regarding the consultation on proposals to reduce the number of false alarms from automatic fire alarm systems.

We appreciate your support for our efforts to reduce the number of false alarms generated by automatic fire alarm notifications. We acknowledge that Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service is also committed to changing the way you respond to automatic fire alarm notifications.

We fully support the alignment of policies and procedures between Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service, as well as Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, to support more efficient and effective ways of working in our joint Thames Valley Fire Control Service.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the three fire and rescue services of the Thames Valley and in doing so, continually improving the service we offer to our residents.

Yours sincerely



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