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Consultation on the proposal for a Wyre Forest Emergency Services Hub

*For greater joint-working between the Fire and Rescue Service,
Police, Ambulance and Voluntary Emergency Services*

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**Proposal for a Wyre Forest
Emergency Services Hub Station:
Presentation by HWFRS**

FIRE COVER IN THE WYRE FOREST



CURRENT RESOURCES



**Kidderminster → 1 wholetime and
1 on-call fire engine**

**(+ specialist equipment/training for
flood evacuation and river rescues)**



Bewdley → 1 on-call fire engine

**(+ off-road vehicle for incidents in
hard-to-access areas)**



Stourport → 1 on-call fire engine

**(+ environment protection vehicle to
contain harmful spillages)**

PROPOSAL...HUB STATION



**Create purpose-built,
Emergency Services Hub
Station for Wyre Forest...**

**...include Police, Ambulance
and voluntary services + FRS**

**All current resources of 3 Wyre
Forest fire stations relocated
into centrally-located hub**

PROPOSAL...HUB STATION



If Hub Station created, it would be a base for...

- **Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service** – for the Wyre Forest wholetime and on-call fire engines, crew training and community safety.
- **West Mercia Police** – to accommodate the 25 members of the Wyre Forest local policing team (Kidderminster Police Station would remain to accommodate other Wyre Forest policing functions).
- **West Midlands Ambulance Service** – to support its work in the north of Worcestershire.
- **Severn Area Rescue Association** – for specialist water rescue equipment and training for volunteers.
- **British Red Cross** – for its vehicles, training, victim support and community engagement.
- **Other organisations** – there would also be opportunities for other voluntary and community organisations to use the Hub Station for meetings and training, and where appropriate to enhance their links with the emergency services.

TRANSFORMATION BID



Transformation Fund award → c.£2.4m

HWFRS Capital Fund → c.£3.5m

Overall project value → c.£5.9 million



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**Why is it possible to combine
fire stations safely?**



Reducing risk, not just emergency response

PREVENTION

Risk Analysis
Education in
schools and
community
Safety
Campaigns
Home Fire
Safety Checks



PROTECTION

Monitoring and
enforcement
workplaces
Safety Advice
Campaigning
for higher
standards



RESPONSE

Fire fighting
Rescues
RTCs
Other
emergencies
Protecting the
Environment







Making people, property and the environment safer

HWFRS INCIDENT TRENDS – SERVICE WIDE



Incident Trends

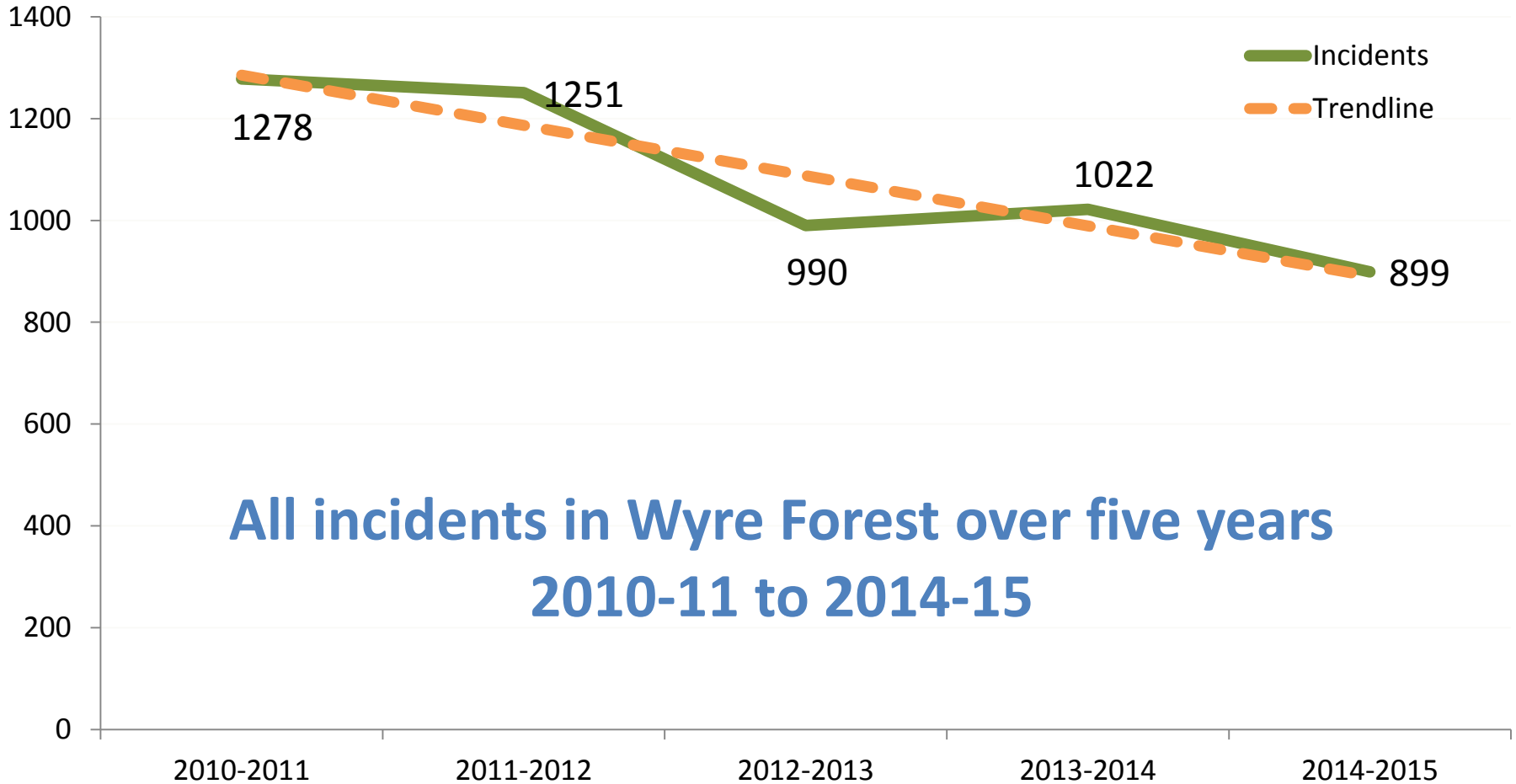
Year	All Fires	% fall 2005-15	Special Service Incidents	% fall 2005-15	All False Alarms	% fall 2005-15	Total Incidents	% fall 2005-15
2005-06	3,169	 -45%	1,789	 -24%	3,924	 -23%	8,882	 -31%
2006-07	3,590		2,089		4,040		9,719	
2007-08	2,908		2,359		3,878		9,145	
2008-09	2,649		1,817		3,773		8,239	
2009-10	2,433		1,806		3,718		7,957	
2010-11	2,510		1,780		3,846		8,136	
2011-12	2,849		1,509		3,499		7,857	
2012-13	1,770		1,698		3,175		6,643	
2013-14	1,987		1,458		3,178		6,623	
2014-15	1,733		1,354		3,025		6,112	

HWFRS INCIDENT TRENDS – WYRE FOREST



Year	All Fires	% fall 2005 - 2015	Special Service Incidents	% fall 2005 - 2015	All False Alarms	% fall 2005 - 2015	Total Incidents	% fall 2005 - 2015
2005-06	558		247		666		1,471	
2006-07	706		308		595		1,609	
2007-08	543		342		576		1,461	
2008-09	579		287		588		1,454	
2009-10	476		241		568		1,285	
2010-11	481		276		521		1,278	
2011-12	528		221		502		1,251	
2012-13	275		235		480		990	
2013-14	335		199		488		1,022	
2014-15	278		209		412		899	
		-56%		-15%		-38%		-39%
<i>Service Change</i>		<i>-45%</i>		<i>-24%</i>		<i>-23%</i>		<i>-31%</i>

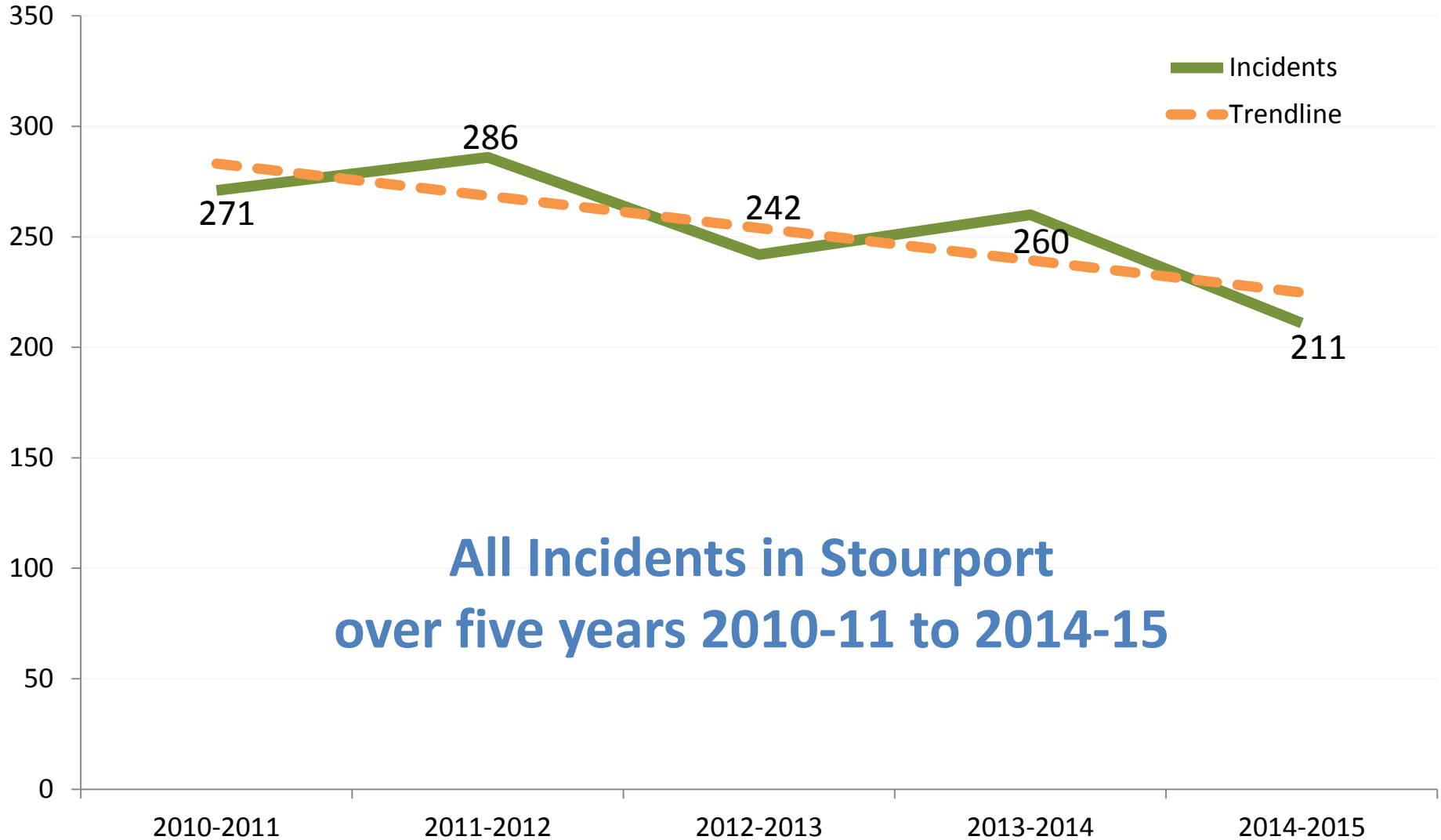
HWFRS INCIDENT TRENDS – WYRE FOREST



All incidents in Wyre Forest over five years
2010-11 to 2014-15

30% reduction (including 42% reduction in fires)

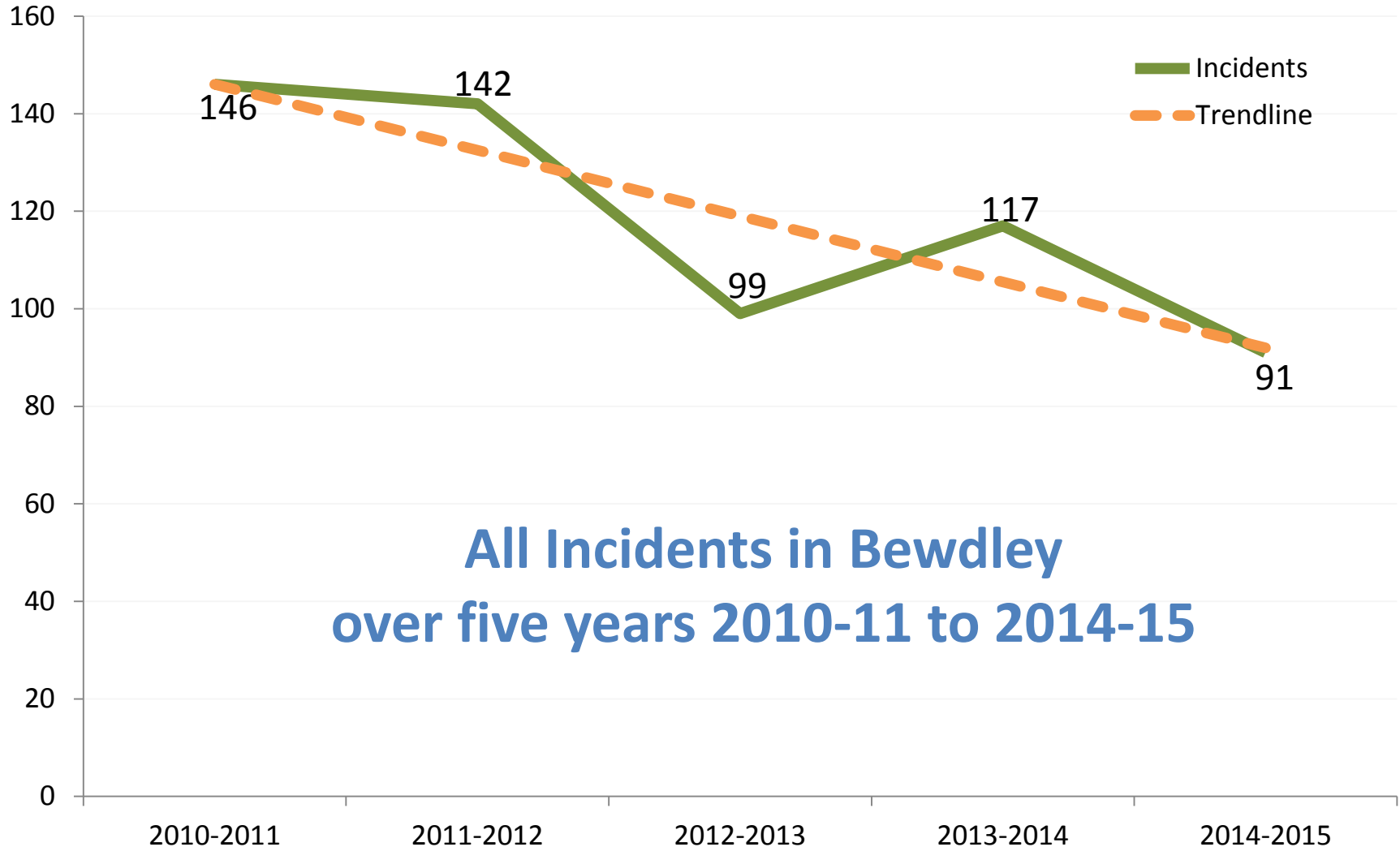
HWFRS INCIDENT TRENDS – STOURPORT



**All Incidents in Stourport
over five years 2010-11 to 2014-15**

22% reduction (including 34% reduction in fires)

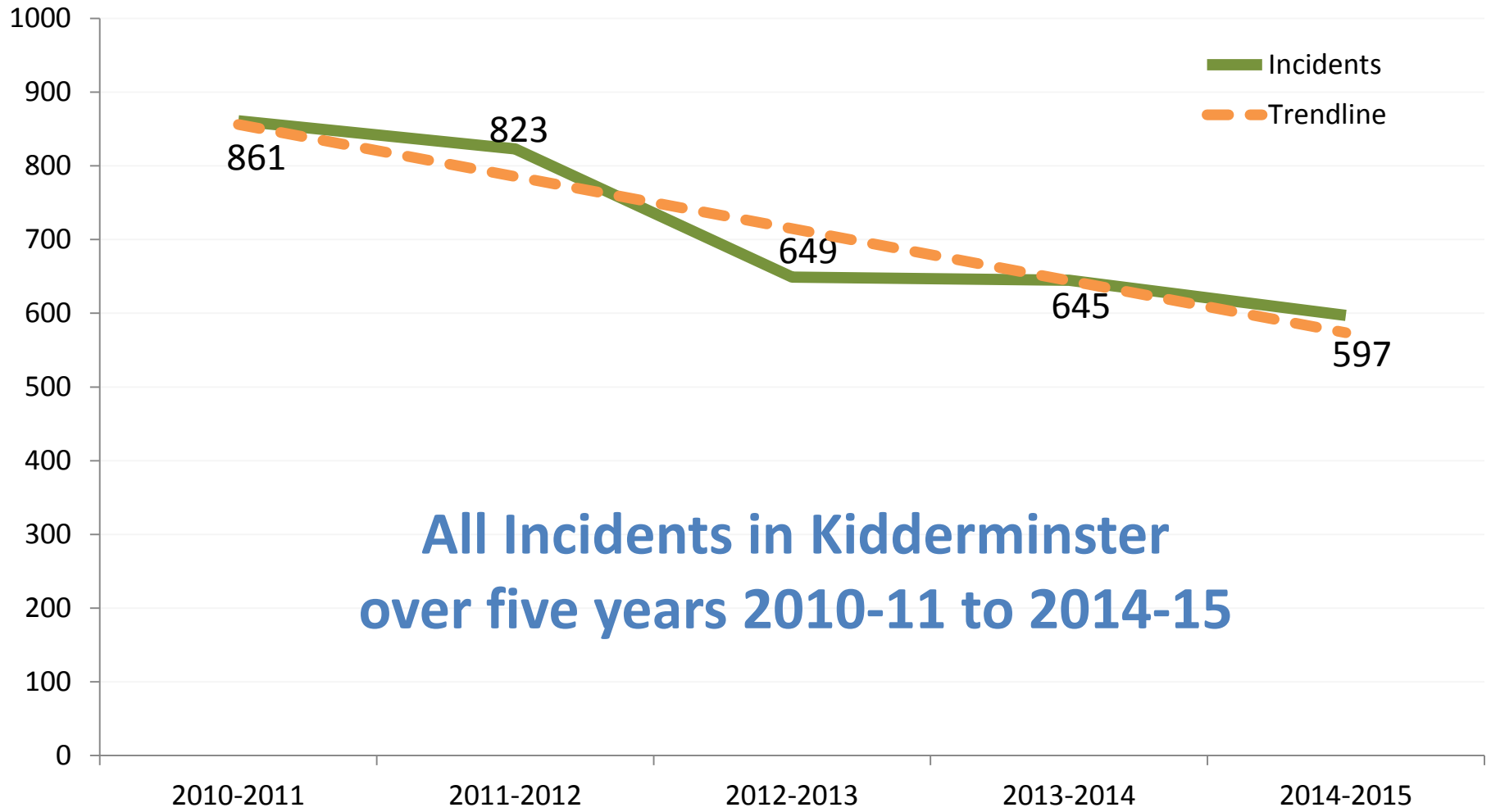
HWFRS INCIDENT TRENDS – BEWDLEY



**All Incidents in Bewdley
over five years 2010-11 to 2014-15**

38% reduction (including 47% reduction in fires)

HWFRS INCIDENT TRENDS – KIDDERMINSTER



**All Incidents in Kidderminster
over five years 2010-11 to 2014-15**

31% reduction (including 44% reduction in fires)

Why is it desirable to
combine stations?



BENEFITS: JOINT-WORKING



Key aims of project...

...develop existing relationships between emergency service partners to improve joint working

...find practical, innovative and technological ways of working together more

...reduce running costs by bringing blue light services together on single site

FIRE-POLICE JOINT WORKING



Community facilities - joint delivery of campaigns

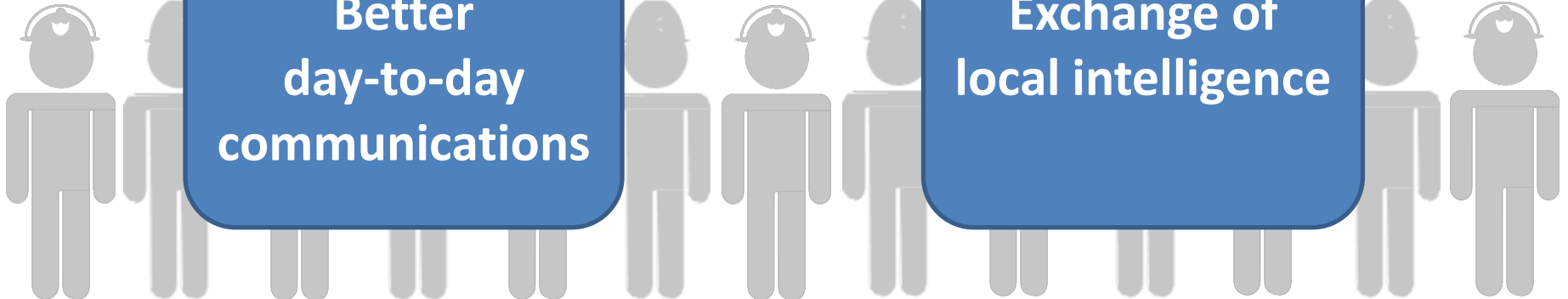
Coordinated education, response, enforcement

Facilities, space for joint training



Better day-to-day communications

Exchange of local intelligence



FIRE-AMBULANCE JOINT WORKING



Regular joint training for serious incidents

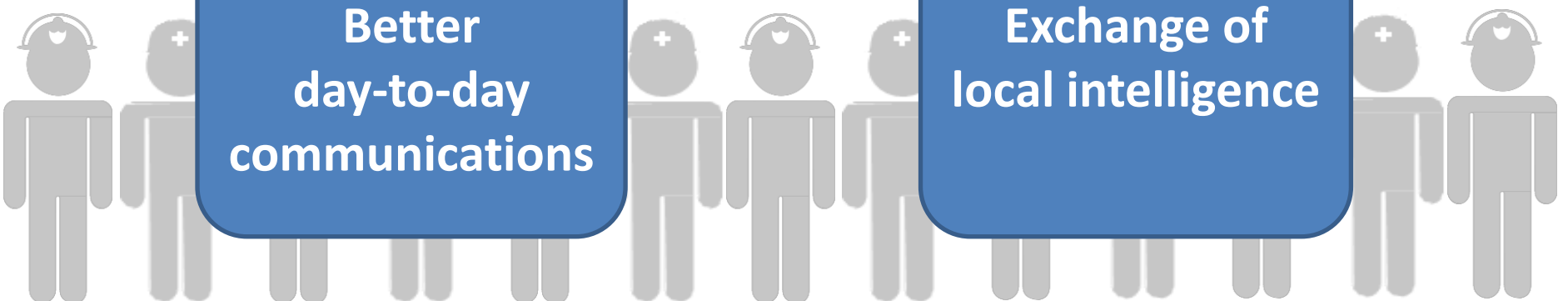
Potential for co-responding model for medical emergencies

Better coordination for serious accidents and RTCs



Better day-to-day communications

Exchange of local intelligence



FIRE-VOLUNTARY SECTOR JOINT WORKING



Experience in
operational
settings

More
coordinated role
alongside 'blue
light' services

Regular training
for volunteers



Office support
with facilities
for meetings

Improved
storage and
maintenance

Sharing of
resources,
experience,
resilience

BENEFITS: MATCHING RESOURCE TO RISK



3 stations less than 4 miles apart – and when combined will...

...attend fewer incidents / year than station at Worcester station *and* only slightly more than one at Redditch (broadly comparable)

Number of potential life risk incidents in Wyre Forest very low...

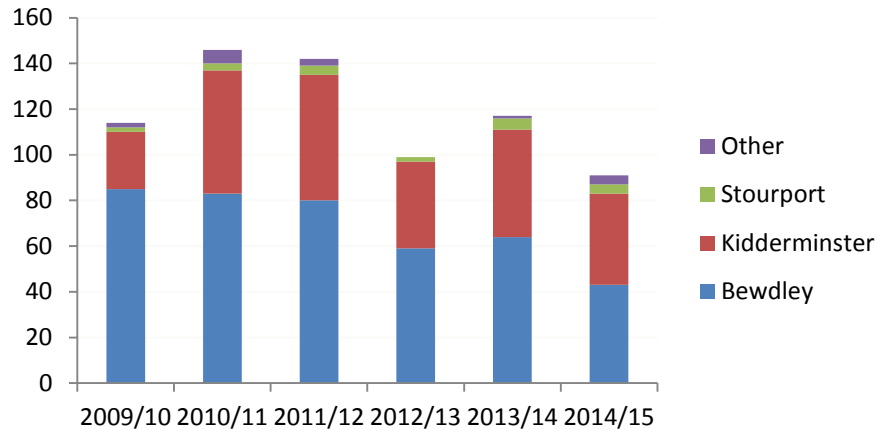
2010/11-2014/15 → 462 building fires/455 RTCs (out of 5,440 incidents in Wyre Forest)
Majority in Kidderminster

Incident data/other factors/professional judgement → single-site hub station safe and effective

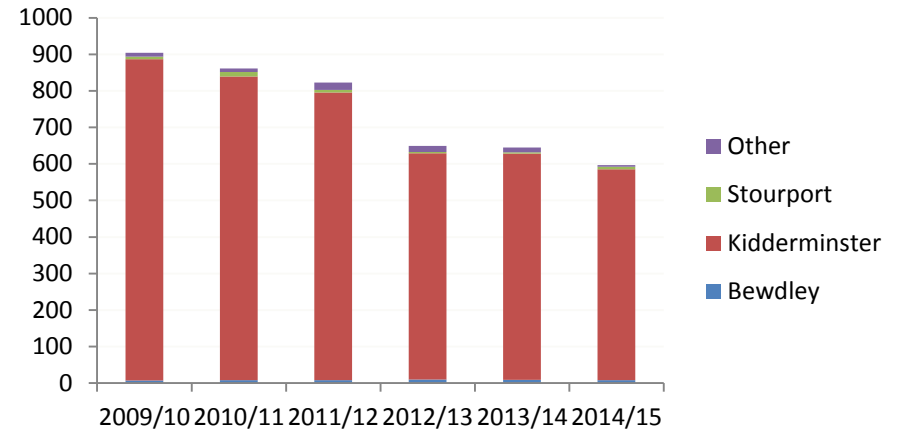
ATTENDANCE AT INCIDENTS IN WYRE FOREST



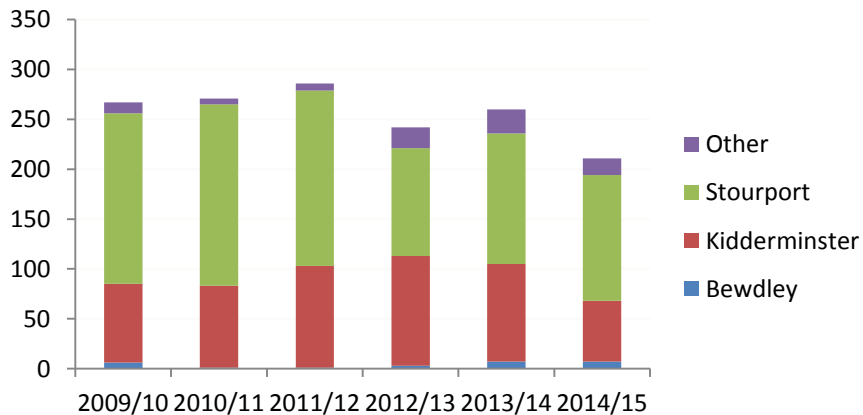
Bewdley station area



Kidderminster station area



Stourport station area



In the last five years, Kidderminster fire engines have attended almost 2 in 5 (39%) of all incidents in Bewdley station area, and more than 1 in 3 (35%) of all incidents in Stourport station area.

BENEFITS: ON-CALL (Retained) AVAILABILITY



On-call fire engines often 'off the run' in daytime (esp. weekdays)...

...not enough firefighters available to be minimum crew (need 4 people) → In 2014-15...

Bewdley unavailable 33% during day
Kidderminster unavailable 6% during day
Stourport unavailable 7% during day

Hub Station would enhance on-call emergency cover with larger 'pool' of firefighters

BENEFITS: COST EFFECTIVE



HWFRS has had 24% reduction in government funding since 2010

Council tax rises limited to 1.99% (unless Referendum)

Current projections are for further funding reductions, limited council tax increases and inflation)...

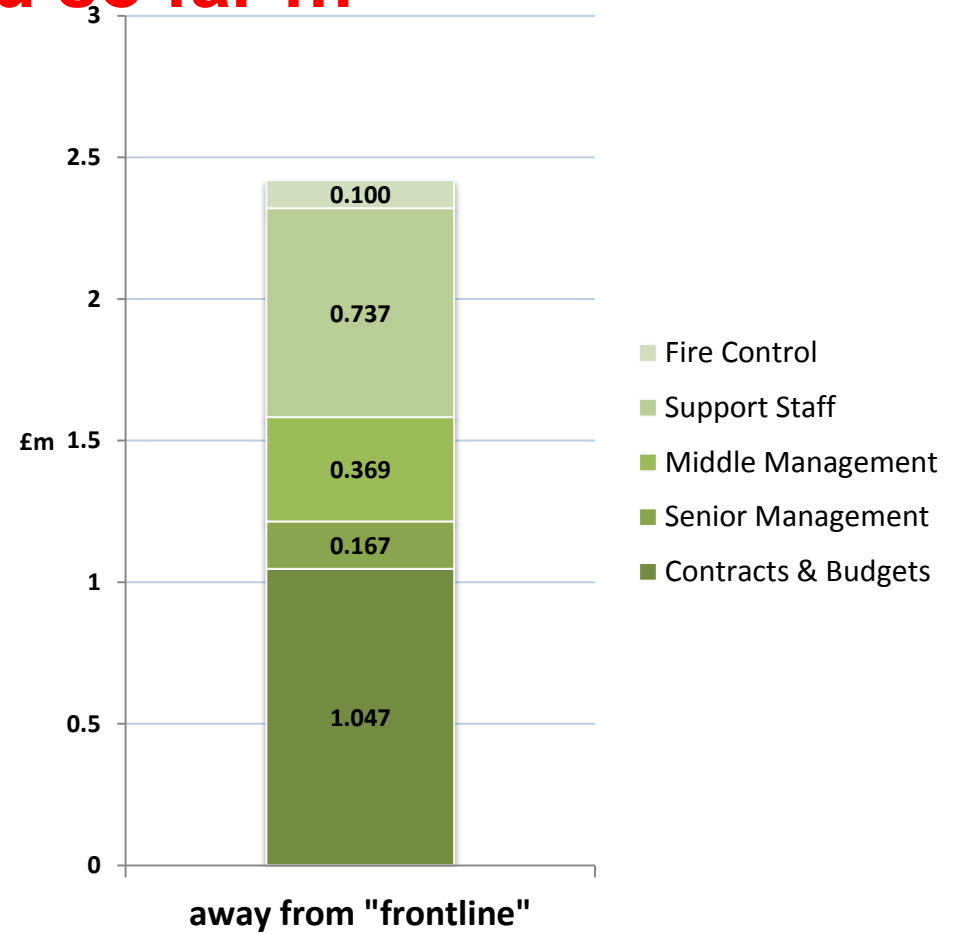
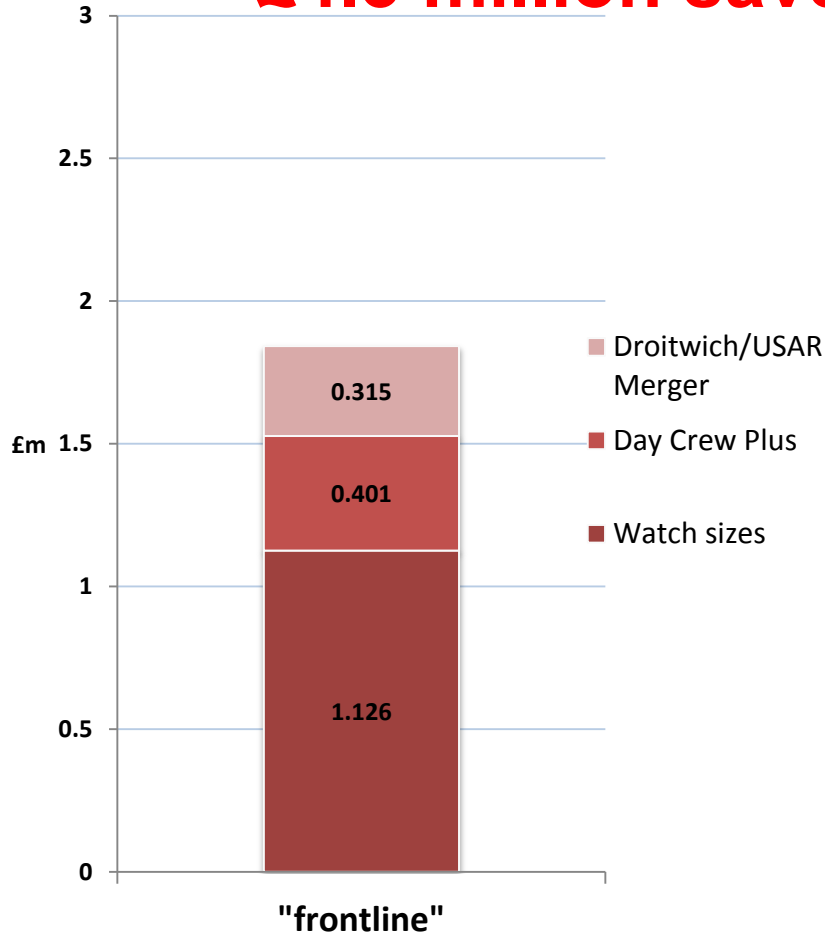
Projected £1.6M spending 'gap' by 2017-18

Projected £3.3M spending 'gap' by 2019-20

HWFRA SAVINGS MADE TO 2016-17



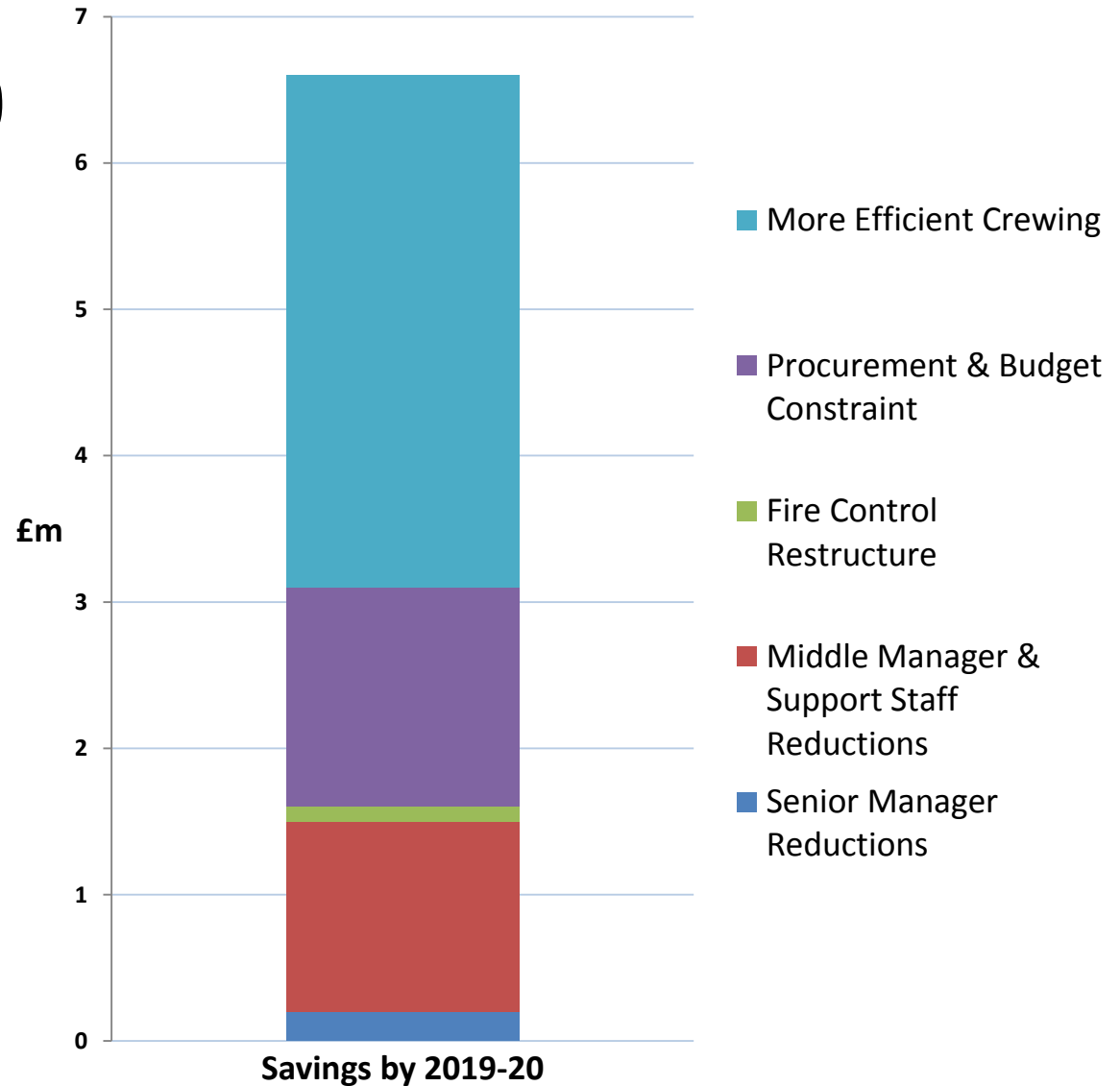
£4.3 million saved so far ...



HWFRA PROJECTED SAVINGS TO 2019-20



**By 2019-20
total
savings are
projected
to reach
**£6.6
million****



BENEFITS: COST EFFECTIVE



£2.38m on-off government grant funding available to create hub fire station → not available for any other purpose

No need for costly urgent maintenance/ improvement at current stations

Running costs would be lower on purpose-built site

Many building/site management costs (cleaning, security, maintenance, energy, back-office) shared

BENEFITS: ECONOMIC/ENVIRONMENTAL



Relocating 3 current fire stations would contribute to economic regeneration

All 3 sites suitable for redevelopment or regeneration initiatives

Income from site sales would benefit HWFRS

New site would be 'greener' – more efficient energy consumption

New site could offer community facilities – meeting rooms for community groups



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Impact on Attendance Times?

ATTENDANCE TIMES



Hub Station would affect some attendance times (based on incidents over 2 years)

Improvement for some areas, longer response times for others...

...From few seconds to a few minutes, depending on where the new Hub Station is located

But few 'life risk' incidents (and most in Kidderminster)

RESPONSE STANDARDS FOR 'LIFE RISK'



Target = 75% but Actual = 61.1% of
life risk incidents within 10 minutes
(from when call first taken)

HWFRS overall average response
time to life risk incidents is
10 minutes 55 seconds

HWFRS overall average response
time to all incidents is
11 minutes 05 seconds

Wyre Forest average response time
for life risk incidents is
10 minutes 00 seconds



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**No site yet selected
Consultation on the Principle
of a Hub Station**

SITE SEARCH

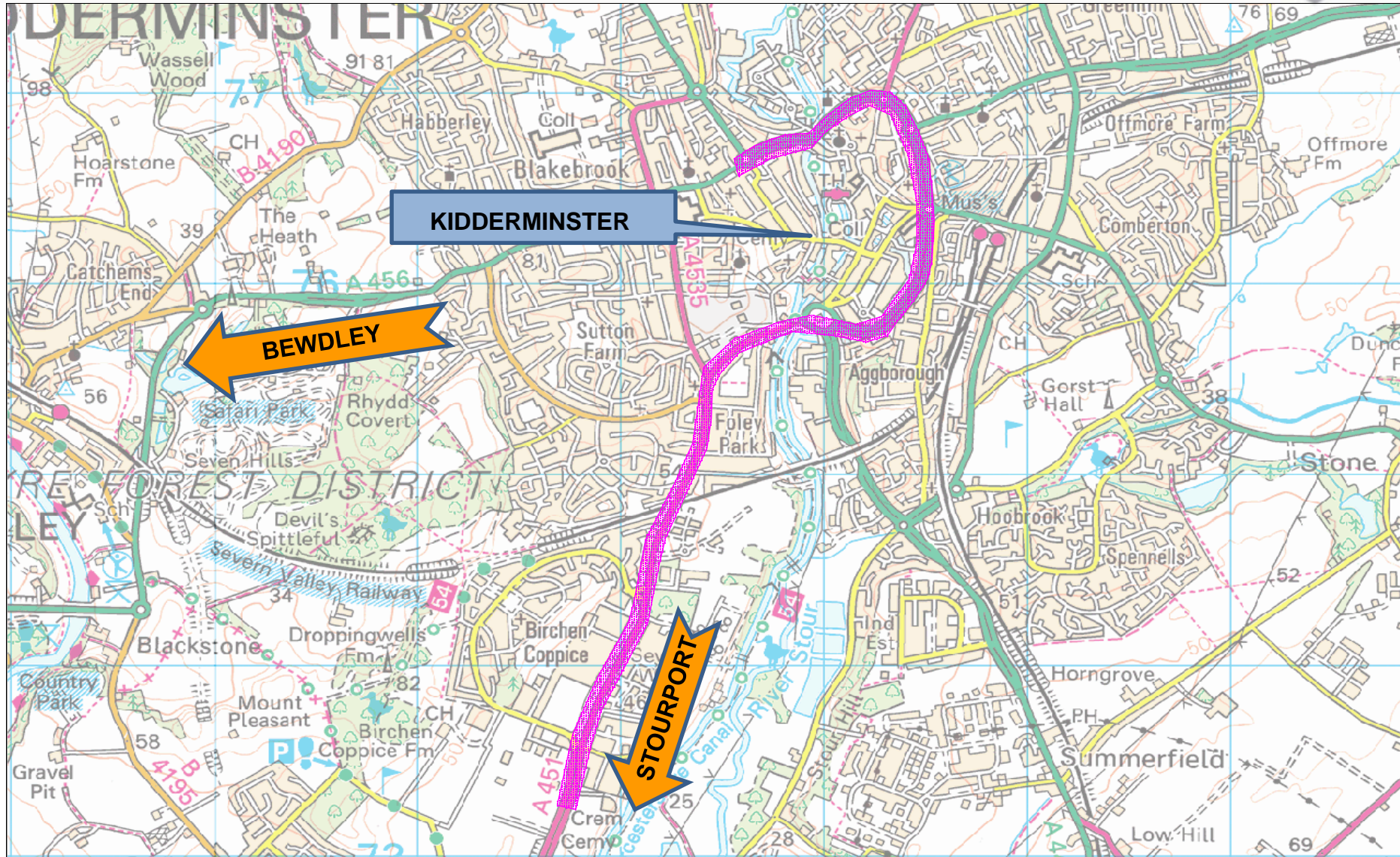


**IF Fire Authority approves
Emergency Services Hub Station in
principle then appropriate site will
be found**

**Fire Authority will consider site
suitability – in terms of...**

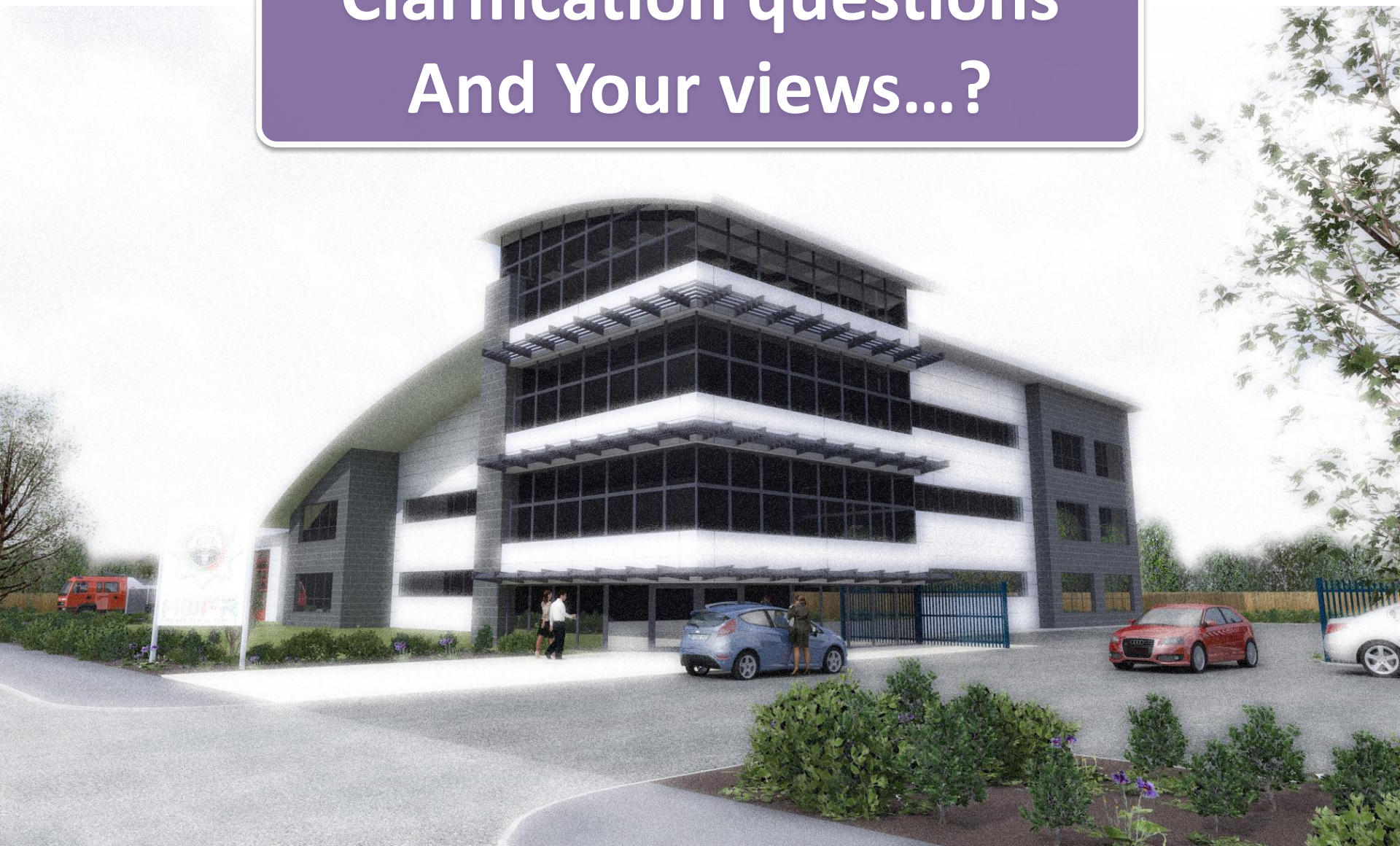
**Impact on environment,
emergency response times locally
and across whole Service, any
other factors**

SITE SEARCH MAP



No site selected yet

Clarification questions And Your views...?





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Thanks for taking part
Your views will inform the
Fire Authority's decision
Have a safe journey home