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Fire Service Needs Your Views!

As part of its plans to develop services over the next five years, Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service is holding a number of Stakeholder Forums across the county.

Next Tuesday morning (April 17) there will be a Forum, for people who live or work in Reading, taking place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Caversham Bridge.

The five-year Integrated Risk Management Plan sets out a number of innovative proposals to provide emergency and community services over the next five years.

Group Manager Andy Mancey, one of the team of senior fire officers involved in drawing up the proposals, explained: "The session will focus heavily on changes to the provision and location of our resources, including proposals for the relocation of some fire appliances, the rebuilding of Caversham Road fire station and the closure of Dee Road and Sonning fire stations.

"This is part of a large-scale consultation we are carrying out, the aim is to involve as many people as possible in helping us to develop the right kind of fire and rescue for Berkshire and everyone who lives, works or travels here. Reading is a major town with a very lively and dynamic mix of communities, businesses and facilities and we are hoping to see a lot of people at the Forum on the 17th. We welcome everybody, we will answer any questions they have and, hopefully, everyone will go away understanding a lot more about the changes we are proposing."

The Stakeholder Forum takes place between 10am and 1pm on Tuesday. All are welcome and there is car parking available on site. Come and find about the plans in depth and tell us what you think – you could make a real difference to your fire and rescue service!

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