

Sittingbourne Regeneration - Emergency Response Times

We had a range of meetings just before Christmas with the Fire and Ambulance services based in St Michaels Road. We discussed response times thoroughly because these are clearly a major concern. The conclusion was that under blue light, there is no real issue in terms of response and that the times to respond to the outlying areas won't change significantly. Where there is a slight extension of response time - and this is a very limited number of properties - the fire service will contact them to discuss what measures they could take. This could include offering advice on reducing risk of fire, fitment of smoke alarms etc, but this a detail aspect that the fire service would respond to. They would also review their operational plans because it may be that such remote locations could be better served from different fire stations. The initial analysis did not show any issues in Iwade. Overall, the fire service are comfortable with the master plan and don't see any real problems.

In the case of the ambulance service, they have quicker response requirements and they do deliver their service in a different way. They station themselves across the area rather than operating from a single point so are affected to a much lesser extend than the fire service.

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