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Dear East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service,

**Re: Mayfield On-Call Fire Station Consultation**

We write to you as a Parish Council to express our concern with the current consultation regarding the potential plans to close the Mayfield Fire and Rescue Service's Station.

Primarily we feel that the information provided has not been clear and in several cases not even correct. As pointed out by a local resident the number of local listed buildings was wrong, there have also been questions on the availability of statistics, costs etc. The fact that the consultation events have taken place during the school holidays will have restricted the availability to attend for many.

We feel that the process has not been fair and that the decision to close the station has already been made, the consultation merely a PR exercise.

We do appreciate that you have budget restraints, and it must be extremely difficult providing an effective service with less money each year, but we ask that you look again at possible alternatives.

The Mayfield Fire and Rescue Services Station is an important part of the community, the fire fighters are ever present in the Parish, regularly attending village events and hosting fund raising exercises like the charity car wash which has become very popular.

More importantly they are a great comfort to the Parishioners, people know that if needed they are on our doorstep and ready to endanger themselves to protect us.

I know that the station has been unstaffed of late but rather than simply closing it could you not look at better recruitment practices? As you said yourself this is a nationwide issue and there must be other viable options.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Cllr Ian Parker  
On behalf of Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council