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Subject: Public Spaces Protection Order (Wildfires) 2021

Dear David

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to the District Council considering the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) specifically in relation to the ambition to reduce the occurrences of wildfires. This order then leading to the prohibition of fires, barbecues, the use of fireworks and the launching of sky lanterns.

As a Service the summer of 2018 presented significant challenges to us in terms of the number of wildfires that we attended within the Staffordshire Moorlands area that were caused by camp fires, barbeques and general poor behaviour from visitors that created a high fire risk.

These incidents not only created considerable damage to the environment but they also presented significant dangers to the firefighters and colleagues from partner organisations who attended in order to deal with them.

I am therefore very supportive of the proposal and if you require any specific fire related data from the Service then I would be very happy to provide that in support of this response.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Fire Officer QFSM



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