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Date: ____/____/____

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Dear Mr Duckworth

I have heard that the Isle of Wight Council are currently considering the option to merge the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Has the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service not consistently attained the required attendance and service delivery standards, including attaining the Charter Mark and Investors In People during the past 23 years?

I understand that our new Fire Service Management team have made savings of £630,000 in the past two years and are continuing to work more efficiently, with plans to make even more savings in the future. Why has this not been reflected as a reduction in my council tax?

In contrast, the expenditure for Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service has increased by £6.05m during the same period. How can this be justified and surely similar such increases in the future would be reflected in an increased precept for Island tax payers were a merger to go ahead?

I consider that the best way forward would be to continue as we are, collaborating with the most cost effective Fire Services nationally (the status quo option).

I do not want the Island's Fire Service to merge with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service; I wish this view to be registered.

Please acknowledge this correspondence and I look forward to your full and prompt reply to all the questions raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely