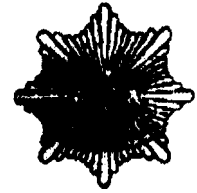


**DERBYSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

**ASCOT DRIVE FIRE STATION**



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From: Mr. Peter Aykroyd  
Station Commander  
The Fire Station  
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Derby

Date: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 02

Ref: Fire appliance access - Donington Close, Sunnyhill, Derby.

Dear Sir,

I write to inform you of difficulties that were encountered by arriving fire appliances at an incident at the above address 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep 02 at 12.43 Hrs.

Previous to the incident I had inspected the Close with respect to a complaint made by a resident as to the possible difficulties that may be faced by the Emergency Services if they were to respond to an incident. The perceived difficulties were due to the inconsiderate parking of vehicles that may cause access difficulties for fire appliances and other such vehicles.

At the time of that visit the problem viewed was not one that would cause particular operational difficulties, as the number of parked vehicles was not excessive. However when attending the incident on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sep the problem with parked vehicles was apparent and the fire appliance could not gain full access to the Close. Fortunately on this occasion the incident was minor and we did not need to commit fire-fighting equipment and the incident was located near to the start of the Close. Had the incident been more serious and been located at a point distant from the top of the Close, then genuine operational difficulties would have been encountered.

For additional information, the Fire Service has attended 3 incidents on Donington Close so far this year; fortunately all have been of a minor nature.

In view of the points above I ask that you review the parking restrictions on the Close and enforce accordingly.

Yours faithfully

Peter Aykroyd - Assistant Divisional Commander