



## Department for Communities and Local Government

Councillor Maurice Heaster  
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Dear Maurice

I have seen your letter of today's date, and Matt Wrack's response, which is to announce further strike dates. To reject your offer to maintain urgent dialogue, and instead press for disruptive and damaging strike action, is appalling.

I would be grateful for your views on this current turn of events, and your expectations for further engagement with the Fire Brigades' Union on the issue of fitness and capability.

I am copying this letter to Councillor Kay Hammond.

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