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Dear Mr Clark

Further to your letter of 4 March 2019, we are grateful for the meeting subsequently held in Buckinghamshire on 18 March 2019.

However, due to the delay in the Proof of Concept Testing trial held with County Durham and Darlington FRS, the information in relation to functionality was not forthcoming at that time.

Within your letter, you kindly offered a further meeting should our concerns with DNSP end-to-end requirements persist. This meeting took place on 7 May 2019, for which we are again, grateful and felt it to be extremely productive.

At this meeting, your representatives agreed with our position that, in all likelihood, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service would be disadvantaged by not having our own DNSP link. This is because it is apparent that a lack of a DNSP link would prevent us from accessing the full range of services that the Programme is committed to delivering.

We also agreed with your representatives, a potential network solution that could deliver the separate DNSP link to BFRS as part of the Thames Valley network. We have since worked with our colleagues within the Thames Valley and the Thames Valley Fire Control Service to fine tune this proposal. We have provided you with this proposal as an appendix to this letter.



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In our previous letter to you dated 21 January 2019, we requested an assurance that BFRS would not be disadvantaged by not being able to utilise the Emergency Services Network to its full potential in the future (including the ability to manage our devices).

Having given this matter some considerable thought and, as we have been unable to secure such an assurance, despite the assistance of your team members, please accept this letter as our formal request for the installation of a DNSP link into BFRS and that this will be fully funded by the Programme.

We look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely

**Area Commander Julian Parsons**

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