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Date: Thursday, 23 November 2006.

Ref: LLAR at Newton le Willows.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006, regarding the above and in response to my letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

I respond to your numbered paragraphs as follows:

1. Thank you for the information regarding the address of 2 semi detached dwellings along with the activity level for the station area for the previous year. The FBU will respond in more detail shortly.
2. Thank you for confirming that you will furnish the FBU with a copy of the initial risk assessment, I trust that will be made available prior to commencing the duty shift system.
3. You state that all members who have expressed an interest in LLAR at the location wish to undertake both elements of the contracts. I am sure you are aware that as it stands that situation is in breach of the collective agreement specifically paragraph 4(j) of the agreement. As such I request an urgent meeting of the monitoring panel as prescribed within paragraph 6 of the agreement and ask for a convenient date for the meeting to be facilitated.
4. You state that you have been advised that an EIA has taken place and was revealed to me at the TAP hearing in London. Unfortunately you have been badly advised as the FBU has not received an EIA for this system of work and in fact have only ever sighted one EIA undertaken by MF&RS, it being compiled for the MACC duty system. You will recall that the FBU stressed that particular EIA was not suitable or sufficient.

Accordingly, and as the production of an EIA is also a statutory requirement, could you furnish me with the EIA for this system of work as a matter of urgency for consideration by the FBU.

Regrettably you have failed to respond to my concerns contained in the last paragraph of my correspondence. To recap I requested that '*the FBU have received reports, that a number of*

*managers may be currently residing at the Newton le Willows Fire Station, undertaking the LLAR duty system without the above work being addressed and consequently outside of the Authority noted implementation date of the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006. You will recall that the Union brought this to your attention a number of weeks ago, to which you assured the officials that you would remedy the situation. If the situation is that 2 watch managers are still currently living on a fire station outwith collective agreements and policies of this Authority, I request that the situation is indeed remedied with immediate effect, with those managers reverting to a 2,2,4 system until all outstanding work is concluded in line with Authority policy.'*

Could I ask you to urgently respond to those concerns and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

L Skarratts  
Brigade Secretary

cc Chair  
Elected Members  
Branch Secretaries