

Wigton Fire Station
Risk Based Evidence Profile 2018
Risk Review

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Introduction

This document forms part of the Risk-Based Evidence Profile 2018 (RBEP 2018). The RBEP 2018 is comprised of a 'core' document profiling risk and demand across the county, and 38 individual station profiles (of which this is one).

The RBEP 2018 is developed to support the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2019-23. The purpose of the IRMP 19-23 is to identify and assess fire and rescue related risks for the next four years, and set out what the service is going to do to address them.

Each station profile details the station area and its available resources, alongside the demand and risk for that station. Prevention and protection activities are also provided to evaluate the scope of mitigating actions that have been taken to address high priority risks.

Horizon scanning is conducted to identify any significant infrastructure, economic and housing developments which need to be taken into account for future service provision.

Station Area and Resources

The fire station is situated in Wigton. A map of the 'station area'¹ is shown below. The station in 17/18 was crewed by 13 firefighters working the On-call duty system.



Station Area	13,000 population
Crewing Type	On-call
Fire Engines	1 fire engine

The following table indicates the travel distance in miles from Wigton Fire Station to the next nearest three fire stations.

Station Name	Distance by Road (MILES)
Aspatria	8 miles
Carlisle West	10 miles
Silloth	11 miles

¹ This is a nominal area which distributes the county across its 38 stations for the purposes of management and performance benchmarking.

Fire Engine Availability

During 2017/18 the Wigton On-call fire engine had been off duty for 4.81% of the time.

C11P1	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Total Availability	77.44%	91.77%	95.19%
Mon - Fri (08:00 - 18:00)	76.09%	93.99%	97.29%
Mon - Thurs (18:00 - 08:00)	95.43%	99.29%	99.48%
Fri - Mon (18:00 - 08:00)	62.14%	83.21%	89.66%

Station Fire Engine Response Times

Wigton fire engine has been called to the following number of incidents over the last three years with the associated response times. Some of the incidents attended may have been in neighbouring station areas.

Between 2015/16 and 2017/18 the Wigton On-call fire engine (C11P1) had the following response times below

C11P1	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Average crew turnout time (time it takes the crew to respond to the station)	2 mins 33 secs	4 mins 30 secs	4 mins 35 secs
Average response time (time it takes the crew to arrive at the incident from the station)	5 mins 59 secs	6 mins 49 secs	7 mins 41 secs
Number of incidents attended by fire engine C11P1	69	82	90

Station Area Response Priorities

A 3 year profile of demand within the station area, with associated number of fatalities and seriously injured casualties, is detailed in the table below.

Table 1: Prevention, Protection and Response Priorities: Wigton

Fire, Rescue and Road Safety Priorities 2018/19	Incidents			Fatalities				Seriously Injured Casualties				PRIORITY	2017/18 compared to 3yr average ³
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Average per 100 incidents	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Average per 100 incidents		
All incidents	77	86	90	3	-	-	1.2	3	-	2	2.1	n/a	↓
Injury Road Traffic Collisions ¹	6	1	3	2	-	-	20.0	2	-	2	40.0	Very High	↓
Primary Fires ²	18	24	18	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	Very High	↓
Flooding and water incidents	13	-	4	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	High	↓
Gas incl Carbon Monoxide	-	1	-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	Medium	↓
Automatic Fire Alarms	21	27	30	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	Standard	↑
Wildfires ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	Standard	↔
Animal Assistance Incidents	1	2	1	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.0	Standard	↓

↔ = No Difference +/-5% ↑ = Higher ↓ = Lower

¹Injury Road Traffic Collisions include RTCs attended by CFRS where there was a fatality or a rescue with injury

²Primary fires include all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues or fires attended by five or more appliances

³Increase or decrease if greater than 5% of three year average

⁴Wildfire is defined as any uncontrolled vegetation fire which requires a decision, or action, regarding suppression, plus any one of the following criteria (i) involves a geographical area of greater than 1 hectare (ii) has a sustained flame length of 1.m (iii) requires a committed resource of 4 or more appliances (iv) requires resources to be committed for over 6 hours (v) presents a serious threat to life, environment, property and infrastructure

Primary Fire Response Profile

Incident and Risk Profile

In 2017/18, there were 90 incidents within Wigton Fire Station area with 2 seriously injured casualties. This included 3 Injury RTCs, 18 primary fires and 4 flooding and water incidents.

CFRS Risk Profile identifies the levels of risk within an area (Lower Super Output Area²) of incident types occurring – this is based on the likelihood of an incident occurring and also on the likelihood of that incident being of a life-threatening or serious nature. Full details of the risk model calculations used are in Appendix B of RBEP 2018.

The fire risk model shows and increasing fire risk for Wigton Fire Station with no high level risk LSOAs, and overall risk score increasing from 198 in 2014/15 to 228 in 2018/19, an increase of 15%.

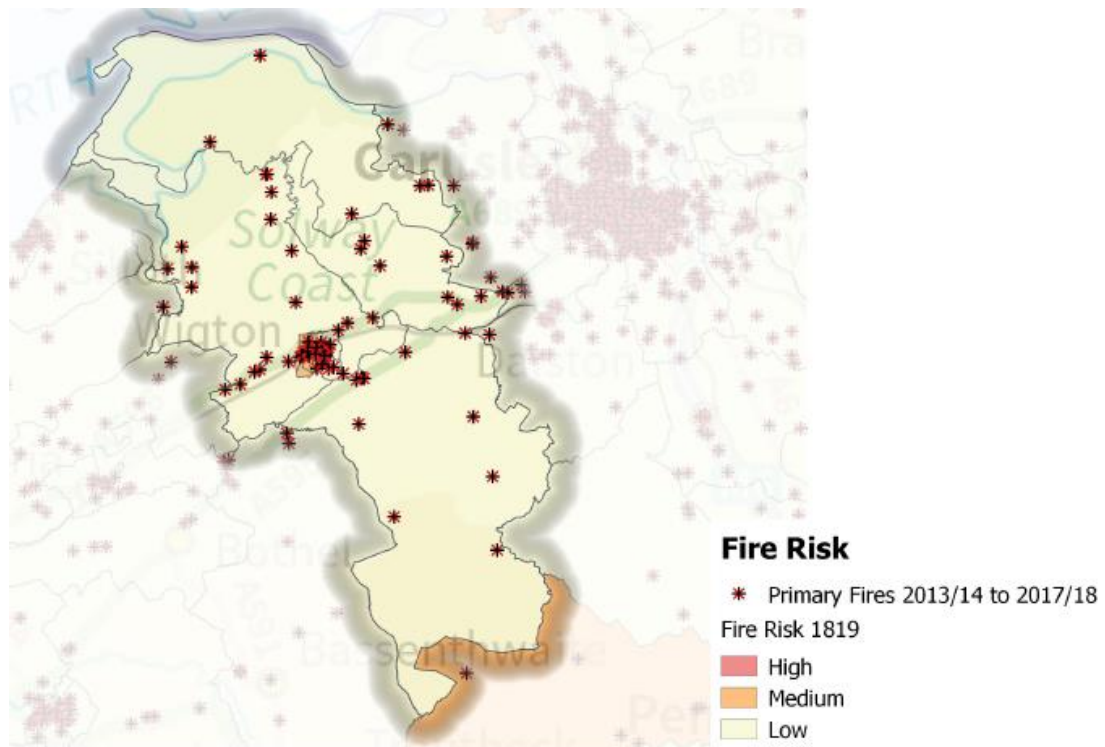
Table 2: 18/19 Primary Fire Risk – Wigton

Wigton Risk Profile		Incidents 2009/10 - 13/14		Incidents 2010/11 - 14/15		Incidents 2011/12 - 15/16		Incidents 2012/13 - 16/17		Incidents 2013/14 - 17/18	
		2014/15 Risk		2015/16 Risk		2016/17 Risk		2017/18 Risk		2018/19 Risk	
Score	Risk Grade	Risk Score	No of LSOAs	Risk Score	No of LSOAs	Risk Score	No of LSOAs	Risk Score	No of LSOAs	Risk Score	No of LSOAs
>=76	High	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35- 75	Medium	0	0	38	1	40	1	42	1	80	2
<=34	Low	198	8	170	7	176	7	182	7	148	6
TOTAL		198	8	208	8	216	8	224	8	228	8

The map of Fire Risk below shows levels of Fire Risk by LSOA, with the last 5 years of primary fire incidents clustering within Wigton town centre.

² Lower Super Output Areas are geographic areas created by the [Office for National Statistics](#) to support statistical analysis at a more detailed geographical level . Each LSOA is designed to have similar population sizes of up to 1,200 households.

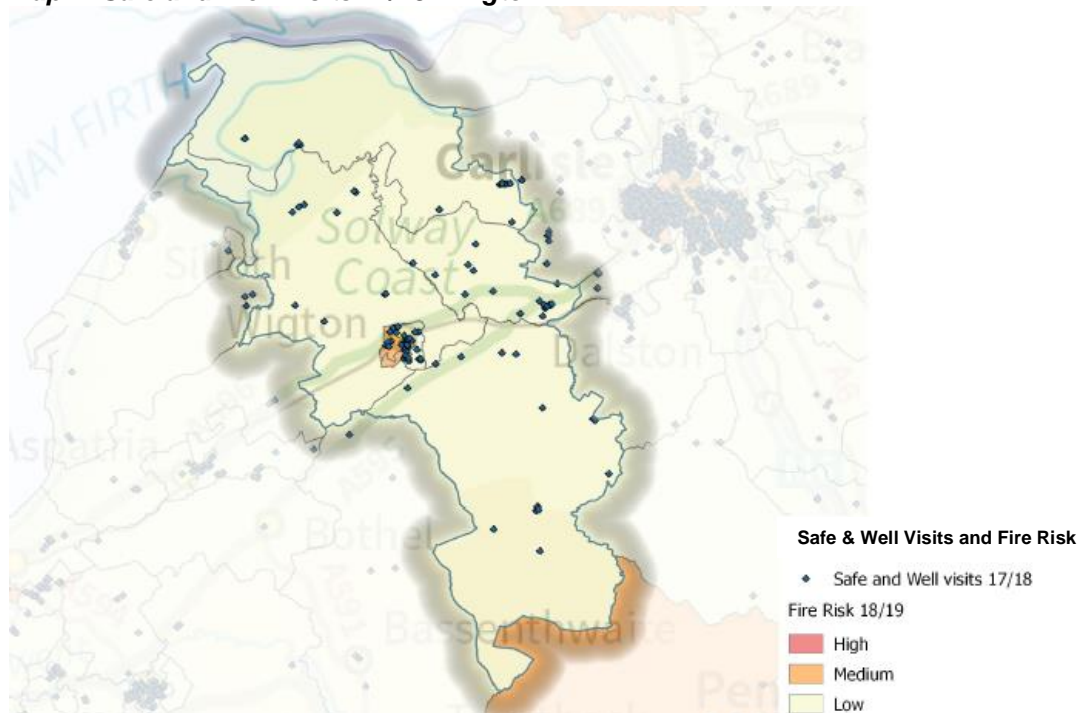
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Prevention and Protection Activity

In April 2017 CFRS implemented their new Safe and Well visits. These are targeted at individual households that are high risk, rather than areas of high risk as previously targeted in the Home Safety Visits. In 2017/18 CFRS conducted 10,432 Safe and Well visits across Cumbria.

Map 2: Safe and Well Visits 17/18 – Wigton



Injury Road Traffic Collision Response Profile

Incident and Risk Profile

The Injury RTC risk modelling shows an increasing rate of risk for Wigton Fire Station area. There are two LSOAs that are high risk in 2018/19. The overall risk score increases from 516 in 2014/15 to 584 in 2018/19 – an increase of 13%

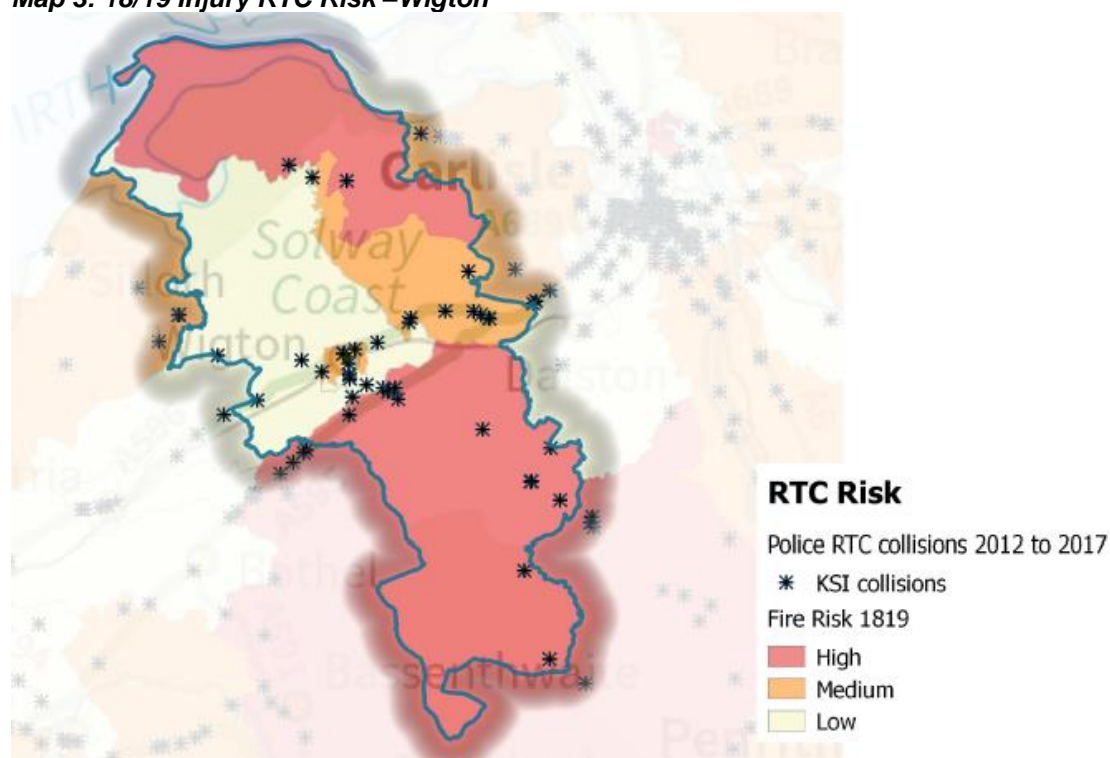
Table 3: 18/19 Injury RTC Risk – Wigton

Wigton Risk Profile		Incidents 2009/10 - 13/14		Incidents 2010/11 - 14/15		Incidents 2011/12 - 15/16		Incidents 2012/13 - 16/17		Incidents 2013/14 - 17/18	
		2014/15 Risk		2015/16 Risk		2016/17 Risk		2017/18 Risk		2018/19 Risk	
Score	Risk Grade	Risk Score	No of LSOA	Risk Score	No of LSOAs	Risk Score	No of LSOAs	Risk Score	No of LSOAs	Risk Score	No of LSOAs
100	High	200	2	300	3	200	2	200	2	200	2
24-100	Med	240	3	80	1	288	4	220	3	240	3
<=24	Low	76	3	136	4	52	2	120	3	144	3
TOTAL		516	8	516	8	540	8	540	321	584	8

Datasources: Cumbria Constabulary RTC Data, FireCore Incident data

The map below shows the risk levels by LSOA for Cumbria, overlaid with Killed/ Seriously Injured (KSI) incidents between 2012 and 2017.

Map 3: 18/19 Injury RTC Risk – Wigton



Prevention and Protection

CFRS provide Road Awareness Training (RAT) sessions targeted at drivers aged 18 to 25 years, as these are at highest risk of being involved in a collision. We also currently provide RAT sessions targeted at those aged 55 years and older.

In Allerdale District, 27 RAT sessions were provided throughout 2017/18 to a total of 305 attendees.

Table 4: Number of RAT sessions 2017/18 by District

Road Traffic Awareness Training Sessions completed 2017/18		
District	Number of RATs	Number attended
Allerdale	27	305
Barrow-in-Furness	7	257
Carlisle	24	629
Copeland	11	329
Eden	3	120
South Lakeland	10	507
Cumbria	82	2,147

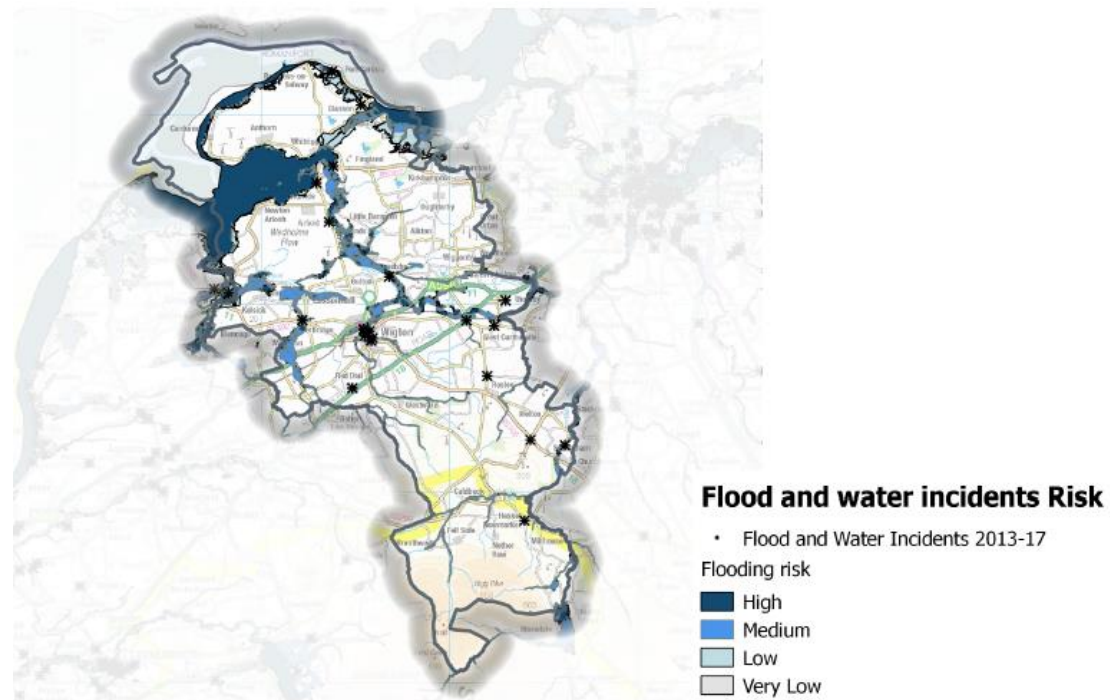
Datasource: CFRMIS

Flooding and Water Rescue - Response Profile

Incident and Risk Profile

Flood Risk is taken from the Environment Agency's Risk of Flooding from Rivers and Seas (Aug 2018). The risk of flooding is categorised into high, medium, low and very low areas. Incidents responded to by CFRS between 2013 and 2017 are overlaid on the risk areas.

Map 4: Risk Map of Flooding based on Rivers and Seas (Aug 2018) - Wigton



Prevention and Protection Activity

The [Environment Agency's Cumbria Flood Action Plan](#) (1 June 2016) details 65 areas of action for implementation across Cumbria, Eden, Derwent and Kent and Leven Catchment areas. These proposed actions fall into five key themes

- Strengthening Defences
- Upstream Management
- Maintenance
- Resilience
- Water Level Management Boards

Full details of the Cumbria 2015 Flood Events are available in the [Flood Impact Assessment](#) Dec 2015.

Other Risk information

The town of Wigton is located half way between the Lake District National Park and the upper Solway Firth coast to the northwest of the County and has a population of approximately 5,500. 2007 data indicated Wigton was the fastest growing town in Cumbria. The main risk is associated with Innovia where they handle large quantities of solvents and corrosives in the manufacturing process.

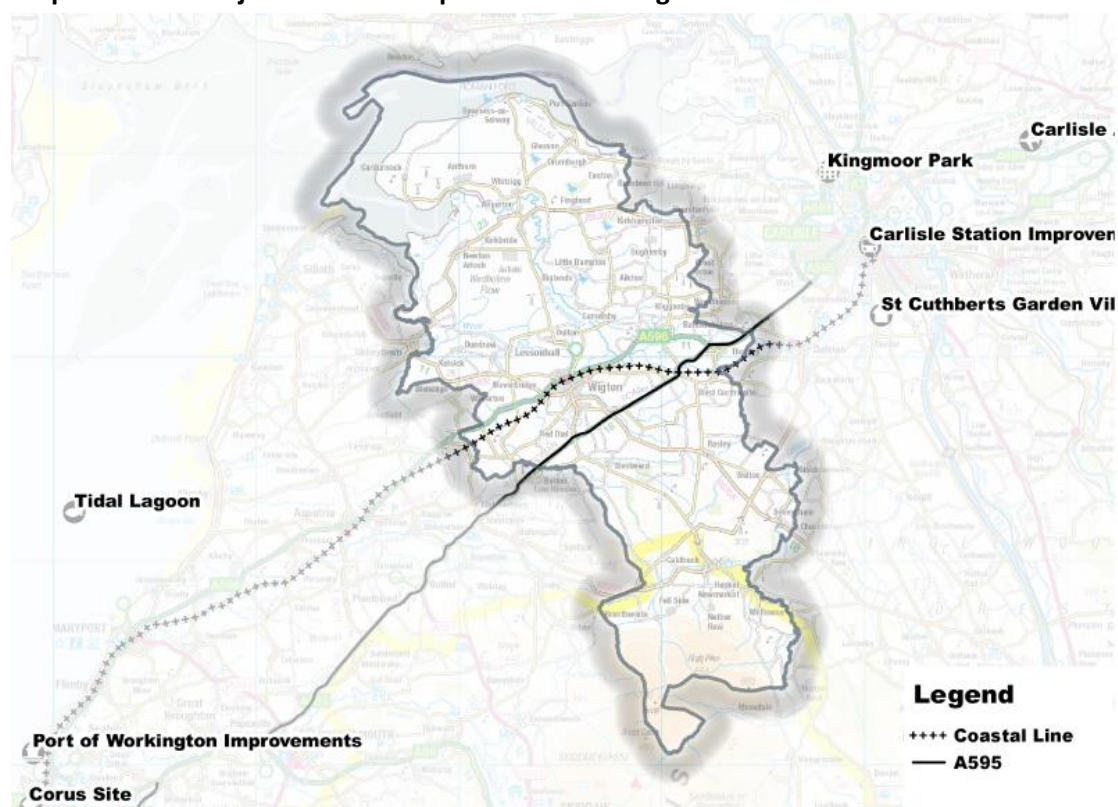
Other risks are associated with residential properties, large volumes of traffic on the predominantly 'B' type roads and the busy A595 and A596 trunk roads running through the station area, which results in significant numbers of serious road traffic collisions. Open farmland brings the danger of barn fires, heath and moorland fires, as well as livestock rescues.

Wigton	Risk in station area
Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howk Bobbin Mill, Caldbeck <p>Grade I listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church of St Andrew, Aikton • Church of All Saints, Boltongate • Drumburgh Castle, Drumburgh • Ireby Old Church, Ireby <p>Grade II* listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church of St Michael, Bowness • Church of St Kentigern, Castle Sowerby • Church of St Kentigern, Caldbeck • Church of St Mary, Churchtown • Sebergham Hall, Churchtown • Fingland Farmhouse and adjoining barn, Fingland • The Ashes, Highbridge • Aisle columns west of Ireby Old Church, Ireby • Church of St Bride, Kirkbride • Warnell Hall (including Courtyard range and gatehouse with barn adjoining), Warnell • Meadow Bank Farmhouse, West Curthwaite • Fiddleback, West Woodside • Islekirk Hall, Westward • Church of St Mary, Wigton • Hesketh Hall Farmhouse, Hesketh Newmarket
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Sites of Specific Scientific Interest
Site Specific Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovia Films Ltd • Futurama, Wigton
Rurality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the 8 LSOAs 3 are designated 'Town and Fringe' according to DEFRA Urban/Rural classifications and 5 'Village and Hamlet'

Horizon Scanning

Risk and demand are constantly evolving across the county, and as such necessitate an evolving service to optimise efficiency and effectiveness. In the short to long-term a range of infrastructure and economic projects are anticipated across the county. Those that are planned within the Wigton Fire Station area are shown below.

Map 5: Future Projects and Developments within Wigton Fire Station Area



There are two key infrastructure projects within Wigton Fire Station area:

- A595 Corridor Enhancements – improvements to the A595 to support economic growth across West Cumbria, leading to a projected increase in traffic within the station area
- Cumbrian Coastal Railway Enhancements – Improvements to the railway to increase capacity, usage and resilience of the line through the area.

Based on economic and housing projects across Cumbria, Allerdale district's population is expected to remain relatively stable with projections of growth between -1% and +4% by 2023, which would lead to primary fires dropping by 3 or increasing by 24. This would have no projected impact on fire casualty rates by 2023.