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Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letter of 4 April about the Automatic Fire Sprinkler Pilot Project.

I was interested to learn about your plans for a pilot project for the installation of automatic fire sprinklers systems in the planned new domestic developments in Kent and other areas in the South East Region. I welcome the proposal. In the first instance, I think it is appropriate for Kent Fire and Rescue Service to lead on this initiative, in partnership with other FRSs within the South East area. This approach would very much accord with the principles of IRMP.

I would like to be kept informed on the progress of this pilot, and would welcome an update report in due course.

Yours sincerely

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