# Fire at Forest Hill shop prompts large-scale emergency response and community disruption



A major fire erupted at a shop in Forest Hill, south London, prompting a significant emergency response involving approximately 100 firefighters and 15 fire engines. The blaze started around 6:30 pm at a ground-floor commercial property with residential flats located above. Towering flames and a thick plume of smoke were visible as firefighters battled the fire from multiple angles using a 32-metre turntable ladder, which served as a water tower to tackle the blaze from above.

The London Fire Brigade received the first of 49 emergency calls at 6:27 pm and swiftly mobilised crews from Forest Hill, Lewisham, Beckenham, West Norwood, and other nearby stations. In response to the scale of the incident, a 25-metre safety cordon was established around the scene, and residents in the area were advised to keep their windows and doors closed due to the large amount of smoke produced by the fire.

The incident led to the closure of Forest Hill tube station, with Transport for London (TfL) urging commuters to re-plan their journeys as significant traffic disruption was expected in the surrounding area. Authorities also evacuated approximately 15 people from nearby buildings as a precaution, although there have been no reports of injuries at this stage.

The exact cause of the fire remains unknown, and investigations are ongoing. Emergency services are continuing their efforts to extinguish the blaze fully and manage the resulting disruption in the Forest Hill community.

This fire stands as a stark reminder of the challenges faced by the London Fire Brigade when dealing with conflagrations in mixed-use buildings, combining residential and commercial spaces. It also underscores the importance of swift coordination across multiple fire stations and related agencies to protect lives and properties in densely populated urban areas.

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