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## Buncefield: naughty list...

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Jean, (a local 61 year old), told us that it was a very busy day and because of the smoke they had to shut the m1. She also went on to talk about what affects the smoke caused.

"The smoke was loud and very big, I thought terrorists were coming to invade the area!" As well as this she was explaining how her bedroom door fell off the hinges. On the other hand we also went and spoke to PC Jones, (a local police man), explained how people should stay inside. "The smoke is deadly, people aren't following the rules as everyone was going outside to see the explosion even though we said to stay inside!" police Jones explained. Lastly, we spoke to firefighter Smith.

"We wasn't allowed to enter the scene so we took selfies on selfie sticks." He also went on to say that it is the biggest explosion he has ever seen since been working on this job for nearly 30 years!