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Huncote Leisure Centre to remain closed

On 2 November Blaby District Council closed Huncote Leisure Centre and the surrounding area due to the discovery of elevated levels of landfill gas, whilst undertaking routine works on the site.

To monitor these elevated levels, contractors installed landfill gas monitoring and extraction wells to the rear of the leisure centre.

As a result of this further gas monitoring and exploration work, it was identified that additional monitoring wells were needed at the front of the leisure centre, and this work has just been completed. This will ensure we can collect accurate measurements of the landfill gases across the site.

It is important that any decisions made as to whether any more gas mitigation measures may be needed on the site are led by the data. We will now need to collect and analyse several weeks of gas measurements coming from the monitoring wells. Only then will our contractors be able to advise if any further steps need to be taken to make the site safe. This may include further landfill gas ventilation being installed on site.

Based on this update from our contractors, we can confirm that Huncote Leisure Centre and the surrounding site is unlikely to reopen until early Spring.

We want to reassure residents living around the site that there is no immediate risk to property. Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service have confirmed that residents no longer need to keep their windows and doors closed. However, we will regularly monitor the landfill gas levels of those properties within the vicinity of the site, whilst any work continues.

The results of the monitoring in early 2022 will enable us to make an informed decision about the timescales involved with reopening the site safely and it maybe that we can reopen some parts of the site sooner than others.

We would once again like to thank everyone in the local community, leisure centre users and those who use the site for their patience in this matter. The work we are undertaking is thorough and important to ensure the long-term safety of the site, and to minimise any need to undertake this level of work and site closure again.

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