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UPDATE TO RESIDENTS ADJACENT TO FOXGLOVE OVAL

Foxglove Oval – Advice of landfill gas detected at two local homes in Gloria Close

As you may know, we have been regularly monitoring landfill gases from the former landfill site which closed more than 40 years ago.

During in-home monitoring earlier this week, elevated levels of landfill gas were detected at two homes adjacent to the Oval. As per protocols, Hornsby Shire Council notified Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) who attended the homes, and also notified the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA). FRNSW exercised caution and requested that the families vacate their homes until it is safe for them to return. Council has found these families alternative accommodation and is maintaining close contact to ensure all their needs are met.

Previous monitoring had shown elevated gas levels in the below ground wells on Foxglove Oval, but this is the first time the tests have returned elevated levels at resident's homes.

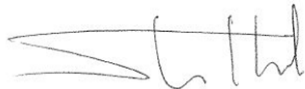
Safety of residents is Council's absolute top priority, far beyond anything else. We are working closely with GHD our environmental consultants, the NSW EPA and an independent auditor. Our goal is to identify what might be the cause of these elevated levels, what actions we must take to manage any potential risks going forward and to enable affected residents to return to their homes.

We remain committed to keeping you informed of these actions over the coming weeks.

We encourage you to contact Council if you would like to discuss any issues or concerns you might have regarding this program of work. We'll also be holding a drop-in information session at Foxglove Oval this Friday, 26 March, from 4-6pm and welcome you to stop by and speak with us.

We thank you for your patience as we continue with our monitoring and management program.

Kind regards



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