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West Melton community hall closed for earthquake assessment

The West Melton Community Hall is to be closed after invasive testing has shown it could be potentially earthquake-prone.

Council has had engineers on the site drilling holes in blockwork to look at whether it has been reinforced. The Council has decided to take a cautious approach and close the hall until further detailed engineering investigations are completed.

"We know this is going to be difficult for local residents who use the hall regularly, but we feel it's better to be safe, as we have done with other halls and public buildings," Asset Property Coordinator Karen Bartlett says.

"We're expecting a preliminary report from the engineers within the next fortnight and we will then make a decision about what needs to happen with the hall."

The hall committee has been advised of the situation and they will be contacting hall users. Council will provide regular updates to the committee.

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For more information, contact Selwyn District Council Asset Property Coordinator Karen Bartlett, 347 2815.