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**MEDIA RELEASE
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**BABERGH ACTS SWIFTLY TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE HADLEIGH POOL
ON SAFETY GROUNDS**

Babergh District Council has today instructed Leisure Connection Ltd. to temporarily shut Hadleigh's swimming pool pending further investigations into higher than expected chlorine levels in the water. Leisure Connection Ltd. manage Hadleigh Pool on behalf of the Council.

Babergh's Environmental Health team was called at 1.41pm today by a member of the public who was experiencing eye irritation after having swum in the pool earlier in the day. Two Babergh officers immediately went to the pool and on discovering higher than acceptable levels of chlorine in the water immediately requested the closure of the pool as a prudent measure pending further investigations. Accordingly, the pool was shut by 2.45pm.

"The most likely symptom of higher than average levels of chlorine is short term minor irritation to the eyes" said John Rainer, Babergh's Senior Environmental Officer. "However, if anyone using Hadleigh pool this morning is worried about this, we would ask them to contact us in the first instance on (01473) 825764 during normal office hours."

Babergh's Environmental Health team will continue its investigations and Leisure Connection will inform all clubs and other users of the pool once the facility is able to re-open. ENDS

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