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Resolving the **impacts** of mining

Statement – Thorpe Hesley Pumping Tests.

Thorpe Hesley residents may notice an increase in activity over the coming months from Coal Authority personnel and its operational contractor, Severn Trent Services, as part of on-going mine water investigations.

The Coal Authority, which is based in Mansfield, is in the very early stages of investigations to support its work with mine water recovery within the South Yorkshire coalfield. Its approach to underground mine water is vitally important in protecting the local environment and aquifers across the local coalfields.

Ian Osborne, Project Manager for the Coal Authority, said the former Thorpe Hesley pumping site off Wentworth Road has been chosen due to its location within the coalfield area and its possible good underground connections between former mines.

He added: “No decision has been made yet, but we may carry out pumping tests at the site in the future to help us further understand the mine waters within the South Yorkshire mining block. If those tests do go ahead we will keep local residents and local landowners/ stakeholders fully informed of our plans.”

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