



problems with the 15th fairway, and why did the council not do anything about the flood on the 15th fairway in Nov 2025 it covered the whole fairway and all the leachate was covered the whole fairway

While it is not possible to provide an official explanation, the presence of numerous boreholes and longstanding environmental issues at Malkins Bank Golf Club can be linked to its past use as a landfill. The council's historical involvement has also raised questions, though no evidence of a cover-up has been made public. Ⓢ

Boreholes on the site

The over 40 boreholes on the site are most likely a legacy of its past operation as a landfill. Ⓢ

- **Contamination monitoring:** In the context of a former landfill, boreholes are installed for environmental monitoring. They allow for the sampling and testing of groundwater and ground gas (like methane) to detect contamination and track the movement of contaminants such as leachate.
- **Age and maintenance:** The fact that they are "rusted over" suggests these are old boreholes that have not been actively maintained or are no longer part of a current monitoring program.
- **Source of leachate:** The waste deposited in the landfill continues to break down, producing leachate, a toxic liquid, and ground gases. The boreholes would have been key infrastructure for managing and monitoring these byproducts. Ⓢ

Historical knowledge (since 1998)

The suggestion that the council knew about problems with the 15th fairway in 1998 is plausible, given the site's history and the nature of landfill decomposition.

- **Site history:** The golf course was constructed on top of a former landfill. Environmental problems are an expected, long-term consequence of this type of development.
- **Regulatory framework:** As the site's regulator, the local council and the Environment Agency would have been aware of the potential for environmental issues, including leachate and gas migration, since the site's closure.
- **Ongoing issues:** Cheshire East Council has previously investigated environmental issues related to former landfill sites under its jurisdiction, indicating its awareness and regulatory responsibility. Ⓢ