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**City of Nedlands cracks down on rogue insect laboratory**

The City of Nedlands is working to enforce regulations and has scheduled a prosecution hearing against the Floreat-based Arvella in Perth Magistrates Court on November 22.

Following the Council consideration of a retrospective development application the City has acted swiftly in addressing the unauthorised use of the land and its negative impacts on the local community.

The City of Nedlands Council recently denied a retrospective development application from the Arvella research laboratory, an experimental insect lab located at UWA-owned number 1 Underwood Avenue Floreat.

The matter was raised at the September 24 Ordinary Council Meeting, following concerns raised by neighboring residents about noxious smells and escaped insects from the facility, which had been operating without Council land use approval for many years.

Despite the objections of Council and the multiple approaches by officers, the research lab has continued to operate without approvals, effectively snubbing its nose at the local authority and irate residents.

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