

Update from JG Pears for NORMANTON ON TRENT WITH MARNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

May / June 2023

Neighbours & Community:

1. Complaints.
Direct site number – 01636 529494 – is shared with Parish Council is also on the website.
A total of 77 complaints in May and June were received, almost all duplicates, of which 16 (20%) were verified by site, and almost all of which were Biofilter related and connected with ongoing improvements.
It is noticeable that there were many complaints in June that were unable to be validated despite frequent visits by trained staff at the times to local villages.
We have had 2 visits from the EA to look at our abatement systems and processes with another planned for next week.
2. Website. To keep people informed, our Community Page on our website is kept up to date with planned works or unusual activity - <https://jgpears.com/community-liaison/>. However, there are no significant planned maintenance operations which could give rise to odour planned in the next 2 months.

Completed Improvements

1. A planned servicing of the CHP plant was completed during June to undertake planned but major (5 yearly) maintenance. The next planned CHP outage is planned for November 23.
2. A successful change to the scheduling and handling of raw material trailers has significantly reduced the numbers of trailers kept outside (and limited the duration for those that are) during recent months.

In Progress

1. Work to upgrade the Feathers processing operation are continuing, the initial civils works have been completed and cooling towers and other associated equipment installed inside the factory, along with preparation works for raw material reception improvements. Installation of milling equipment is ongoing. Long lead time electronic parts should be available in early Q3 to recommence to allow the main process installation to recommence, however if these do not arrive on time then the project will be held until they are available.
2. Work to build the 1st new warehouse at High Marnham is nearing completion and should still be totally completed by the middle of Q3 2023.
3. Scoping and planning on the detail of units and connections for the solar farm in the land around the former High Marnham Power station site is ongoing, to enable the Pre commencement planning conditions to be completed.

Planning

1. National Grid are planning an outage at the old High Marnham Power Station site to upgrade switchgear. This will last a week and will entail the JG Pears Low Marnham site relying on energy produced by its CHP plant, with emergency generator back up. The outage has already been postponed twice due to labour availability within National Grid and is now perhaps postponed until Spring 2024, date to be confirmed. This later date would coincide with some other works to provide power to the former High Marnham Power Station site. During this time temporary diesel-powered electrical generators will be in place as a backup supply, in case the CHP plant must come offline. Alternatives to diesels have been investigated but cannot supply the quantity of electricity needed. - Date will hopefully be confirmed at the next PC meeting in September.

2. Update on planning applications at the High Marnham site.
 - a. One for a building to transfer and hold raw material prior to delivery to the Low Marnham site. – now approved
 - b. One for a building for the storage and packaging of finished product. – now approved
 - c. One for a Gate house for the High Marnham site - now approved.
 - d. A screening opinion for a Hydrogen generation plant to be sited at High Marnham - still no response from BLDC.
 - e. Retrospective planning permission to retain a security fence, now approved, although we are applying to remove the painting condition from this approval and the galvanised finish in the same as the existing fence to the HM site.
 - f. A new application has been submitted for the Green Hydrogen Generation plant and Ammonia Cracker plant (still to be registered by BLDC), this compliments the existing Hazardous Substances Consent application 23/OO748/HAZ that we discussed at the last meeting. A public consultation event was held in Marnham School rooms to discuss the proposals prior to submission.

High Marnham – Security and Access arrangements for Sustrans users

We are still willing to help facilitate a parking solution for the sustrans route close to the entrance to the former High Marnham power station site.