

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

September / October 2023

Neighbours & Community:

1. Complaints.
Direct site number – 01636 529494 – is shared with Parish Council is also on the website.
A total of 30 complaints in September and October were received, (both EA and directly reported to site), of which 2 (6%) were verified by site, all of which associated with raw material trailer movements. 3 were noise complaints none of which we can validate as from the site.
We have had 1 visit from the Environment Agency in the period to look at our compliance and adherence to Best Practice Techniques for effluent and wastewater treatment. This included a site tour, and higher-level management from the EA.
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/>. Our last update was on 12th September about the CHP plant outage at Low Marnham undergoing its next maintenance outage from 18:00 on Sunday 22nd October to 18:00 Friday 27th October. Further work by National Grid is anticipated in late January 2024.

Completed Improvements

1. A planned servicing of the CHP plant was completed during October to undertake grate and superheater maintenance. The next planned CHP outage is planned for April 24.
2. Further work has been completed to allow more reuse of treated water at the Low Marnham site.
3. The Product Storage warehouse at High Marnham is nearing completion and is now being for use as a store of MBM and meal products.

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 now arrive by the end of November 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. 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 still ongoing, to enable the pre-commencement planning conditions to be completed.

Planning

1. As mentioned, National Grid are planning an outage at their High Marnham sub-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 taking place on the 19th February 2024 for 5 days. This later date coincides 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.
2. Update on planning applications at the High Marnham site.

- a. We have submitted a paint colour to the Council to clear the planning condition relating to the security fence. The fence will be painted when the condition is cleared by the Council.
- b. The application for the green hydrogen generation plant and demonstration ammonia cracker project have now been split into 2 separate applications. The Council deemed the Ammonia Cracker to be EIA Development (there is no de-minimis for inorganic chemical manufacturing in the EIA regulations), hence the reason to split so as not to hold up the Green Hydrogen Planning application.
 - i. The Green Hydrogen plant was approved in mid-October.
 - ii. The Ammonia Cracker plant application is currently under consideration, we await an committee date from BLDC.

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.

One Earth Solar Farm

We would like to confirm that the One Earth Solar Farm does not have any connection with JG Pears other than that they will require access through our land to connect to the National Grid Substation.