

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

March / April 2024

### Neighbours & Community:

1. Complaints.  
Direct site number – 01636 529494 – is shared with Parish Council is also on the website.  
A total of 27 complaints in March and April were received, (both EA and directly reported to site), of which 10 (37%) were verified by site, which were associated predominantly in March with odorous raw material trailers incoming to site, and a need to open doors temporarily to effect large equipment repairs. These were all reported by JG Pears to the Environment Agency on Schedule 5 notifications. 3 were noise complaints of which we can validate one as from the site, caused by the CHP tripping.
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 in March / April period was on the 19<sup>th</sup> March about the planned CHP maintenance outage in mid-April.

### Completed Improvements

1. Cleaning and maintenance to the CHP plants has been completed to allow running to the next outage. The next planned CHP outage is planned for September 2024 and is expected to last at least 10 days for a major replacement of steam generation equipment.
2. The Product Storage warehouse at High Marnham has been completed for use as a store of MBM and meal products, and an existing weighbridge at the site has been reinstated for use until the new security lodge is built.
3. The fence at High Marnham is painted green.

### 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 now complete. The main process installation has recommenced, with the project transferring drying and milling to other existing facilities which is allowing the removal of the old drying and milling plant. Following this, the installation of new process equipment will start.
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. However, as you will be aware National Grid have now publicly announced the possible location a new substation on part of the solar farmland, therefore we now need to see how this National Grid project will affect the solar project going forward.
3. Planning conditions for the hydrogen plant at High Marnham has all been submitted (and several of them cleared) ready for works to start of the project in the next few months.

### Planning

1. As mentioned before, National Grid carried out an outage at their High Marnham sub-station site to maintain and upgrade switchgear. This lasted for a week at the end of February and beginning of March and entailed the JG Pears Low Marnham site relying on energy produced by its CHP plant. Unfortunately, this was cut short, and some additional work was discovered (which requires a crane). The remainder of the works (around 3 to 4 days) are planned for the beginning of June now.

2. Update on planning applications at the High Marnham site.
  - a. The planning condition requiring the fence at High Marnham to be painted has been dealt with and the fence is now painted.
  - b. The application for the extension to the green hydrogen generation plant has now been approved by BLDC, works on civils for the project are expected to start within a month.

#### **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. – Now that National Grid have announced their intention to build a new substation at High Marnham, perhaps there is a better solution if some monies can also come from the Nget Community Grant fund?