

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

September / October 2024

Neighbours & Community:

1. Complaints.

Direct site number – 01636 529494 – is shared with Parish Council is also on the website.

A total of 8 complaints in September and 20 in October were received, most of which were associated with either raw material or gassy type odours. Complaints mainly originated from Normanton, and South Clifton with a few from Low Marnham, one Fledborough and one Grassthorpe.

Of all the complaints, 17% were substantiated through JGP's own extensive offsite audits.

This had been notified on the Community Liaison section of the website.

These issues were all reported by JG Pears to the Environment Agency and the EA have been to site to discuss the issues again and inspect our raw material handling procedures.

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 September and October period was on the 23rd of August informing that the power plant was scheduled for its next planned outage from 14th October for 2 weeks. This involved a major refit of several key components, including the steam generator. Further works have taken place on 10th November for 3 days to finalise the works, and this was posted on 8th November.

Completed Improvements / upcoming projects.

1. The damaged electrical equipment will have a permanent fix over the coming months to replace the temporary fixes that have been installed. These have currently added additional potential points of failure in the electrical systems which we want to remove. 80% of the electrical supply cables have now been permanently repaired. The Control system permanent repair is planned for early in the New Year.

In Progress

1. Work to upgrade the feathers processing operation are continuing, the Installation of milling equipment is now complete. The main support frame for the new equipment and some of the new equipment is currently being installed, the new drier is expected to be in place by the end of the year ready for wiring and commissioning in Q1 25.
2. Scoping and planning on the detail of the solar project at High Marnham is currently on hold whilst we wait to hear from National grid about their plans. As you will be aware National Grid have submitted an EIA screening request and carried out some consultation meetings regarding their plans to install a new substation on part of the solar farmland, we need to see how this National Grid project will affect the solar project going forward.
3. The UK Government funding for the HyMarnham Hydrogen project was reannounced during the recent budget in October. Civils for the hydrogen plant at High Marnham are now well underway and the first of the electrolyzers have started to arrive and be installed. We aim to start commissioning the first of the new electrolyzers at High Marnham in Q4.

Planning

1. Update on planning applications at the High Marnham site.
 1. Hazardous substance planning consent is still awaiting determination, HSE have completed their review with a positive consultation response to BLDA, we now hope BLDC will now determine the application shortly. This consent is required to allow more than 3 tonnes of Hydrogen to be stored onsite. The plant can operate without this consent as long as the volume of Hydrogen onsite does not exceed this limit, delay to this consent will therefore not delay commissioning of the plant.
 2. No new planning applications submitted or others in planning matters in the period.

High Marnham – Security and Access arrangements for Sustrans users

1. 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. Or would something by the Brownlow with access to the Sustrans route via the riverbank be a better option? This is something we could suggest to National Grid if there is community support.