

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

November / December 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 November and 20 in December 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/>.

Completed Improvements / upcoming projects.

1. The damaged electrical equipment from the fire last year 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. 100% of the electrical supply cables have now been permanently repaired. The Control system permanent repair is planned to be changed over on the new system over three weekends, one in Jan, one in Feb and one in March.

In Progress

1. Work to upgrade the feathers processing operation are continuing, the Installation of milling equipment is now complete. The new drier is installed, currently being wired and is due to be ready for commissioning in March, the remaining old equipment will then be removed and the balance of plant will be installed ready to commission in Q2.
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. We understand that national grid will be coming out with their latest consultation shortly.
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 now have power to the site at High Marnham and expect to start commissioning the Hydrogen electrolyzers in the next few weeks.
4. A replacement cover for Biofilter 2 has been ordered, this is expected to be installed in early Q2. The new cover includes a stainless-steel frame which will replace the existing galvanised frame that is failing.

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., we continue to push Bassetlaw to get this finalised.
 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.