

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

May / June 2025

### Neighbours & Community:

1. Complaints.

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

A total of 68 complaints in May and 60 in June were received, which predominantly duplicate as both direct complaints and then through the EA. Most were associated with rotting meat odours. Complaints mainly originated from Normanton on Trent.

Of the complaints, a small percentage were substantiated through JGP's own extensive offsite audits in the villages, sometimes at many and multiple different times in the day. These relate to the biofilter upgrades that have been ongoing, but now largely complete, as outlined below.

We have asked if further details can be supplied through a complaints form, submitted through the Parish Council recently.

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-liason/>.

### Completed Improvements / upcoming projects.

1. We had an unannounced audit from the EA on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July to review our hot weather raw materials procedure, in which they were happy that procedures were being followed but they have asked us to update our procedure to include more documentary evidence of where trailers are stored at times through the day.
2. A replacement cover for Biofilter 2 was installed by end of May. The new cover includes a stainless-steel frame which has replaced the galvanised frame that was removed earlier this year. In the meantime, the Biofilter was deep cleaned, particularly the plenum chamber to improve airflow and abatement efficiency. Further media is being added to complete the project, and the bio-enhancement system updated.
3. Hydrogen production plant installation continues at the High Marnham site, this is expected to be completed and fully operational by the end of the year.

### In Progress

1. Work to upgrade the feathers processing operation are continuing. The new drier is installed, and has been commissioned atmospherically, with vacuum commissioning currently taking place. Once the new drier plant is stable, the remaining old equipment will be removed, and the balance of plant will be installed ready to be commissioned later this year, with the aim to have the project completed by the end of the year.
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 final 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. National Grid have now published their latest consultation, and we are awaiting conformation of how they propose to acquire the land to do this.

## **Planning**

1. Update on planning applications at the High Marnham site:
  1. We are starting to work on a solar project in the Darlton area, to replace what we expect to be lost by the National Grid Substation at High Marnham. we expect this application to be submitted in the next few months
  2. We plan to start clearing the planning conditions on some of the approved planning at High Marnham, now that we think we understand where National Grid plan to build the new substation.
  3. No new planning applications submitted, or other planning matters have been raised 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.