

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

September / October 2025

### Neighbours & Community:

1. Complaints.

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

Complaints received were 50 in September and 5 in October, almost all of which were associated again with rotting meat odours in the detail which had been given. A very large proportion of those complaints through the EA did not contain any description of the odour characteristic. Complaints mainly originated from either North or South Clifton.

Of the complaints, none were substantiated through JGP's own extensive offsite audits in the villages. In September and October, we picked up some slight cooked meat odours in Low Marnham but these odours were not detected further afield in High Marnham or North & South Clifton. We did detect manure, bonfire, sewage and egg odours in the latter villages which were not of JG Pears origin.

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. Biofilter 2 is in the process of a scheduled bed turnover.
2. We have had 2 visits from the EA on 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October, one of which included a high-level Area Director familiarisation tour.
3. Our thermal oxidiser (back up for odour abatement for the CHP plant) is undergoing regular servicing in mid-November.

### In Progress

1. The upgrade of the feather line continues with the milling and drying installation stages now complete and detailed commissioning ongoing. The new drier plant is now fully commissioned, the remaining old equipment is in the process of being removed, and the balance of plant will be installed ready to commission as planned in Q1 next 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 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 confirmation of how they propose to acquire the land to do this.
4. The Hydrogen production is now nearing completion at High Marnham with full commissioning expected in late Q4 this year. All significant equipment has now arrived on site. A regional hydrogen summit was held at site in October, with news of a planned pipeline linking Hull to Derby, passing through the High Marnham site.

## **Planning**

1. Update on planning applications at the High Marnham site.
  1. We are continuing 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 later this year.
  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 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.