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

September / October 2026

Neighbours & Community:

1. Complaints.

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

   In September there were 50 complaints - 12% validated – originating mainly from Normanton of cooked meaty odours, and in October there were 19 complaints. Of these 21% were validated and were predominantly cooked meaty odours, which were traced to damage to a large roller door by winds, and the treatment efficiency on the Biofilters. A refurbishment of both beds and reseeding is underway after a difficult summer.

   All of the complaints have been investigated, and the EA had previously visited site on the 29th July with CAR responses completed, other than some points regarding hot weather plans which are being discussed at a national level.

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. Effluent Balance Tank A is being completely refurbished; it is currently empty. We are still awaiting roof parts. Once done the other balance tank will be scheduled. This is part of the ongoing asset care plan.

2. The planned CHP outage was completed during 7 days in mid-October. The next will now be in February 27.

3. We are currently planning “10 year” maintenance for the thermal oxidiser for Q1 27 in preparation for next summer.

In Progress

1. The upgrade of the feather line continues. Installation phases are complete with snagging ongoing.

2. National Grid are progressing with developing the site of their new substation on fields to the right of the entrance of the HyMarnham Green Energy Business Park. The main gate to the rest of the site will be moved once security arrangements and land transfer are completed. JGP will give no further update on this National Grid project, as National Grid will soon own the site of the proposed new substation and be in full control of that project.

3. Construction works on “Unit B” at High Marnham has now commenced following determination of all the pre-construction planning conditions.

Planning

1. We are continuing to work on a solar project in the Darlton area, to replace what is lost by the National Grid Substation at High Marnham. This application currently in planning with BLDC. The Council have requested further archaeological investigation work which has been completed and submitted. We anticipate a decision from BLDC early in the New Year.

2. We are working on 2 other solar projects to the north of the A57, both of which have been submitted to BLDC. These are in a similar planning position to the Darlton Project with all additional requested documentation now submitted.

3. HyMarnham Power Ltd (the hydrogen production business at High Marnham) already have Hazardous Substances Consent to produce hydrogen at High Marnham Green Energy Park for the storage of up to 4.9 tonnes of gaseous hydrogen. We are now seeking a variation of this Hazardous Substances Consent to store produced hydrogen on site of up to the limit of 49 tonnes and applications are about to be submitted for this. There will be no changes to the material structure of the site, the hydrogen will still be stored in MEGC's (road going trailers) on the adjacent cooling tower bases prior to dispatch.

   This will bring the site under lower tier COMAH and will require a permit from the HSE. HyMarnham Power Ltd will also be submitting this application concurrently with the Hazardous Substance Consent application.

   A consultation exercise on these two applications will take place in either Normanton or Low Marnham Parish Hall shortly, date to be advised.