

APPENDIX CRN

Correspondence, Electronic newsletter, news media statement and newspaper coverage of further extension to period for receipt of responses to consultation until 15 February 2021.

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Subject: Consultation extension ENRMF

Hi Annabel,

Thanks for your call earlier, as discussed please find attached the advertisement of the consultation extension.

We have had a similar request for extension from another resident and our response to that request is attached, as you can see we will accept and consider late submissions to the consultation, as we discussed this is also the pre-application consultation and there will be further formal consultation following submission of the application. I trust this helps, please give me a call if you need any further information and I will give you a call next week to discuss the meeting with Tom Pursglove and Barrie Galpin.

Have a good weekend

Best Regards

Pete

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Augean Statement regarding extension to consultation deadline

8 December 2020

Augean public consultation on the extension to the East Northants Resource Management Facility

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Peter Oldfield, Augean, Head of Planning said: “We had hoped to present the proposals for the extension to the ENRMF together with information about the site and its operations in physical exhibitions held locally, however this has not been possible due to current Covid-19 restrictions. We recognise that in the current circumstances members of the local community have had other concerns to deal with and may need further time to respond. I’m pleased to say that although the formal consultation deadline is 14 December 2020, Augean will take account of any further consultation responses received before 8 January 2021.”

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Copies of the consultation documents maybe inspected free of charge using online facilities only at Stamford Public Library and Oundle Public Library. Please check the opening times as these are subject to change due to the current circumstances.

Email response to Collyweston resident regarding consultation:

Dear,

Thank you for your comments on the preliminary environmental information regarding our proposals to extend the ENRMF facilities. We are evaluating the responses we have received and will provide you with a detailed response in due course but for now I wanted to clarify the availability of exhibition materials regarding the proposed extension of the ENRMF.

As you will see from the attached copy of the public information leaflet that was circulated at the beginning of November there were no plans for any exhibitions at Stamford or Oundle Public Libraries; only the Preliminary Environmental Information Report and its supporting documentation was going to be available through that service. We would normally provide a paper copy of all the application documents to the library so that anyone without access to the internet can visit the library and review them. However due to Covid-19 protocols at the libraries it was requested by the library services team that the documentation should only be available electronically (ie on a memory stick) and accessed on their computers. The opportunity to view a hard copy on request has been available via our telephone helpline or email.

As explained in the leaflet it had been Augean's intention to hold public exhibitions in various locations at this pre-application stage of consultation. This approach had been agreed through the preparation of a Statement of Community Consultation which was discussed with members of the Kings Cliffe Liaison Group, Parish Councils and District and County Councillors representing the area. When it became clear over the early autumn that because of increased restrictions due to Covid-19, it would not be possible to hold exhibitions in person all of the consultation materials were made available online or in hard copy by request. This was also the subject of discussion with local representatives as above.

You can gain access to the online exhibition and all of the documents by going direct to www.augeanconsultation.co.uk or following the link given in the leaflet www.augeanplc.com/enrmf-planning/. This online exhibition and the hard copy exhibition pack have been available to the community since the beginning of November.

A hard copy of the exhibition pack has been posted to you which I hope you will find helpful.

You will also see from the leaflet and on the exhibition website that we have offered the opportunity for public participation in some presentations on a choice of topics: Ecology and Restoration; Hydrogeology; Site Design and Engineering or Radioactive Waste. If any of these are of interest to you or any of your contacts, please let us know and we will advise you when the events will take place.

The current formal consultation deadline is only for comments on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report which is the pre-application and the first stage of the process. This deadline is not absolute, and we shall continue to take into account submissions after this date and in fact at all stages of the process. There will be further formal opportunities to discuss the application and provide comments later in the year. Furthermore, as soon as restrictions are lifted and we are able, we will offer open days or visits to the site at which the application can be discussed in person and comments provided in person. Once the application is submitted you will be able to register your interest with the Planning Inspectorate who will carry out their own consultation to which you can respond directly.

Kind regards

From: "PURSGLOVE, Tom" [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@parliament.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@parliament.uk)>

Date: Saturday, 9 January 2021 at 10:13

To: John Rauch <JohnRauch@augeanplc.com>

Cc: "EDMUNDS, Hattie" <EDMUNDSH@parliament.uk>

Subject: King's Cliffe Site

Dear Mr Rauch,

I recently spoke with representatives of the Friends of Fineshade Wood, on behalf of their organisation and wider local residents, who are concerned about the plans to expand the Augean site at King's Cliffe.

As such, I am emailing to request a meeting with a senior representative of Augean, Councillor Annabel De Capell Brooke and Barrie Galpin of the Friends of Fineshade, regarding the proposals at the earliest convenience. In order to facilitate this, I have copied my Senior Parliamentary Assistant, Hattie, into this email and I would be grateful if you could liaise regarding this. Essentially, we are keen to speak to raise a number of concerns about the ecology and environmental aspects of what is proposed and a potential solution as to how this could best be mitigated – ensuring the expanded site would be the very best neighbour possible to local residents.

Moreover, I understand that a public consultation on the expansion was due to end yesterday (8th January 2021). However, in light of the current Coronavirus restrictions and the difficulties this presents for everyone, I would ask that the date for this consultation be formally extended to mid-February, which would come into line with when the Government reviews the restrictions. I believe this is the appropriate course of action to take given the situation we find ourselves in nationally and the impact the 'lockdown' is having on everyone and I am sure that you will want to maximise the local feedback you receive in any event.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope you will be agreeable to this request.

With best wishes,

Tom

Tom Pursglove MP

Member of Parliament for Corby & East Northamptonshire

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Subject: Re: King's Cliffe Site

Dear Tom,

Augean ENRMF Western Extension

Thank you for your letter proposing a meeting with you, Annabel and Barrie and your comments on further extending the consultation period. I have discussed this with my colleague Dr Gene Wilson who is the Director in charge of the project and provide a response below.

As you may be aware from correspondence sent to your office, Augean identified the plans to extend the operational area of the East Northants Resource Management Facility (ENRMF) in the scoping report circulated in early July 2020 and has been consulting on the more detailed proposals since the end of October 2020. We fully recognise the importance of giving the local community the opportunity to engage and help inform the proposed development before the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) is finalised and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. We therefore extended the consultation period to 8 January 2020 allowing a 10 week consultation as opposed to the statutory 28 days. We have explained to members of the local community that have made enquiries about the deadline that we are happy to take into account any submissions that are made after this date, and indeed throughout the entire DCO application process. That is an approach that we would take anyway and is not just to reflect the current evolving changes in national circumstances. However, if you feel that it would be beneficial to have that ongoing arrangement formalised, we will be happy to agree to a mid – February deadline; we suggest Monday 15 February - and we will communicate that to the local Parish Councils and our Register of Stakeholders.

It may help to explain that the DCO application process allows for a number of stages of consultation with the local community and that the current formal consultation period, which requests comments on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report, is only the first stage of the wider consultation process. There will be several other opportunities to provide comment both to Augean and directly to the Secretary of State through the Planning Inspectorate in the coming months once the application has been submitted. As soon as Covid -19 restrictions are lifted sufficiently and we are safely able to, we will be able to recommence our programme of Open Days that we hold annually as well as offering visits to the site by arrangement as part of our Open Door policy that will provide additional opportunities for the local community to discuss the application with us and make further comments.

The DCO process has an objective to be discursive in its nature rather than adversarial which is very much in accord with how Augean tries to communicate and work with the local community through a number of ongoing methods such as membership of the Liaison Group and the Augean Community Fund and ENRMF Fund grant giving group; wide distribution of regular newsletters and electronic newsletters, and in normal circumstances, holding Open Days and promoting an open door policy where we welcome members of the public to visit the site so they can gain an understanding of what we do and how we do it. We try to maintain a good relationship with the local community and hope that they are confident that they can raise any issues they have regarding both operational and planning matters with us at any time and receive a timely and constructive responsive.

You may be interested to know that we have been regularly speaking to Barrie Galpin about ecological matters relating to ENRMF and Fineshade since he first visited our site at an Open Day in 2017; after we made an announcement about the option agreement on the fields to the west of ENRMF; at the scoping report stage in July 2020, and most recently we were able to welcome him on a short notice site visit and discussion about the proposals at the beginning of December 2020. We have also agreed to have a technical discussion with Barrie and other interested parties on the ecological aspects of the proposals in the coming weeks.

Without wishing to pre-empt a wider conversation in a future meeting, which we are happy to arrange with Hattie, it is important for you to know that the aspiration of developing fields to the south of the site has never been a viable alternative to the extension into the western fields, as the land has not been, and we understand, will not be, for sale. The only viable extension to the site is the development of the land to the west on which we have an option agreement which will only be implemented once a DCO is in place. If that should fail, the land will remain as the currently commercially farmed agricultural fields. From the surveys we have conducted there appears to be very little existing ecological interest in the field or connectivity between Fineshade and Collyweston Great Wood because of the ongoing cycle of farming activities. We are informed by the landowner that in the event the application is refused the land will continue to be used for commercial farming. The development and subsequent restoration of the site presents a realistic opportunity and the only way to fulfil what is our understanding of the ecological aspirations of the Friends of Fineshade in a relatively short period of the life of the site.

As part of the preparation of the DCO application we have been developing a restoration scheme in conjunction with our ecological consultants, which will also take account of the views of the statutory consultees and the Friends of Fineshade, with the objective of enhancing the biodiversity of the area and connecting the two pieces of woodland as soon as is practicable which we will be happy to discuss with you in greater detail in our meeting. We welcome your wider knowledge of the views of the community and hope that our discussions will be productive.

I hope that this information is helpful to you. Meanwhile Eleanor will liaise with Hattie to arrange the meeting with yourself, Barrie and Annabel.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries.

Best regards
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12 January 2021



ENRMF Consultation Extended

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Yours sincerely

Gene Wilson

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Subject: Augean ENRMF - Further Consultation Extension

Dear Chris/Kelly

Please see below a news release from Augean about a further extension to the consultation for the ENRMF

If you have any questions please give me a call on either of the numbers below.

Kind regards

Eleanor

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Consultation extended for East Northants hazardous and low-level radioactive waste landfill expansion

The deadline for residents to voice their views has been extended again

By Alison Bagley

Tuesday, 12th January 2021, 11:24 am

Updated Tuesday, 12th January 2021, 11:28 am

Members of the public are being urged to take part in the public consultation for a divisive landfill site that could expand near to an East Northants beauty spot.

East Northants Resource Management Facility (ENRMF)'s owner Augean is currently preparing an application for a Development Consent Order for an extension onto fields next to the existing site, that could extend the time it will be active as a landfill site by 20 years, and double the landfill site's area.

[Augean had been consulting about its proposals to extend the operational area](#) of the East Northants Resource Management Facility (ENRMF) since the end of October with the consultation due to end on January 8, but the deadline has been extended.

The proposal could see expansion of the deep pits, where hazardous waste and low-level radioactive waste are disposed of, into fields

between the present landfill site and Fineshade Woods, north of Kings Cliffe.

Dr Gene Wilson, Augean, head of environmental planning, said: “We have explained to members of the local community, that have made enquiries regarding the end of the formal consultation on January 8, that we are happy to consider any submissions that are made after this date and indeed throughout the entire Development Consent Order (DCO) application process.

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The current site outlined in red and the proposed new expansion highlighted in yellow.

Members of Friends of Fineshade Woods had encouraged residents and users of the ancient woodlands to voice their opinions on the expansion plans.

Members have been urging Augean to consider expanding the landfill on to different fields to allow the wildlife a green corridor between Collyweston Great Wood and Fineshade Wood where there is a rich diversity of wildlife and threatened species including populations of adders, dormice and newts.

Dr Wilson added: "The DCO application process allows for several stages of consultation with the local community and that the current formal consultation period is only the first stage of the wider consultation process.

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How the site could look in 2046 after restoration

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EDUCATION

Homeschool help is arriving by rickshaw

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A tuk-tuk driver is delivering refurbished laptops to help schoolchildren with their home learning.

Prem Gyani's wedding business has ground to a halt since the start of the pandemic, but his trusty tuk-tuk Tara is still being put to good use.

When he heard about the shortage of technology in schools, Prem was keen to help and knew his background in IT would be useful.

He read an article about Google's free software to convert old laptops to Chromebooks and within two days of asking around his home village of Helpston, Prem had collected a dozen devices.

He said: "There is an urgent need for families to have devices so the children can participate in their online lessons.

"It's a nightmare for parents who are trying to log into work calls while the children need to access their school work.



Prem Gyani hands a laptop to Annabelle Post, 12, a pupil at Arthur Mellows Village College in Gilton

"Each day a child does not have one, they lose out on their education."

Although his own children are grown up, Prem is a governor at John Clare Primary School in Helpston. He has already delivered some laptops to the school and others to Wittering Primary School. "These were all laptops

that people had sitting in cupboards, garages or under their beds which can now be put to huge community benefit," he said.

After getting the go-ahead for his journeys from the police, Prem has collected laptops from around the area but is keen to set up drop-off points to reduce his travel time.

He is also approaching companies for donations.

Anyone who would like to donate or host a collection point can contact Prem on 07770 833 999 or email: premgyani@gmail.com. He might even arrive on Tara.

Prem added: "It's fun to use her but it has been really cold, so she will only come out on the better days!"

PLANNING

More time for say on hazardous waste

People have been given more time to voice concerns over plans to extend a landfill site for hazardous and low level radioactive waste.

Waste management company Auegan wants to extend its site at King's Cliffe into two neighbouring fields of about 40 acres. Its new boundary would fall within a mile of Duddington.

Auegan announced the

plans in October and put its consultation deadline back to January after concerns covid restrictions denied people access to the plans.

On Monday the company announced a second extension up to February 15 before plans for a Development Consent Order are sent to the Government's Planning Inspectorate agency.

The site opened in 2004 for hazardous and low level radioactive waste and as a treatment facility.

Auegan's consent to operate lasts until 2026, but the expansion would provide 25 years' capacity.

Neighbouring villagers and woodland conservation group Friends of Fineshade have raised concerns.

Plans and consultation

forms are at www.aueganconsultation.co.uk or call 01904 654989 for a hard copy.

Dr Gene Wilson, Auegan, head of environmental planning said the current consultation period is only the first stage of the wider consultation process, which would continue in the coming months once the application is submitted.

Covid could delay county elections

Elections set to take place in May could be delayed, some for a second time, due to fears over the spread of the coronavirus.

Elections due to take place are for the county's police and crime commissioner (PCC) and 70 seats on Lincolnshire County Council. The May date is under review, although reports suggest the elections could be moved to October this year.

Drugs seized during woodland walk

A man stopped and searched in a wooded area in the middle of the night was found to be carrying a bag full of cannabis.

The 18-year-old was found by Huntsman Drive, Oakham, shortly before midnight on Saturday, January 9. The matter was resolved by a community resolution. He handed over the cannabis and was given advice about the dangers of drug use.

Vehicles burned in barn fire

Residents were told to keep windows shut on Wednesday night after vehicles in a barn caught fire in Deeping St James. Fire crews from Market Deeping, Bourne, Crowland, Spalding and Holbeach attended the blaze in Stowgale, which was reported at 8.45pm. They wore breathing apparatus while tackling the fire.

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More time for say on hazardous waste

People have been given more time to voice concerns over plans to extend a landfill site for hazardous and low level radioactive waste.

Waste management company Augean wants to extend its site at King's Cliffe into two neighbouring fields of about 90 acres. Its new boundary would fall within a mile of Duddington.

Augean announced the

plans in October and put its consultation deadline back to January after concerns covid restrictions denied people access to the plans.

On Monday the company announced a second extension up to February 15 before plans for a Development Consent Order are sent to the Government's Planning Inspectorate agency.

The site opened in 2004 for hazardous and low level radioactive waste and as a treatment facility.

Augean's consent to operate lasts until 2026, but the expansion would provide 25 years' capacity.

Neighbouring villagers and woodland conservation group Friends of Fineshade have raised concerns.

Plans and consultation

forms are at www.augeanconsultation.co.uk or call 01904 654989 for a hard copy.

Dr Gene Wilson, Augean, head of environmental planning said the current consultation period is only the first stage of the wider consultation process, which would continue in the coming months once the application is submitted.