

Sarval Rendering Plant - Citizen space (Update for June 2023)

We are sorry to hear that residents have experienced problems with malodour from this site. Please be assured we are working with the operator and our partners to resolve these issues. We have created this page in response to the increase in incident reports that occurred during Summer 2022 and we aim to keep residents updated on our regulation of the site. This page will be updated monthly.

Site background

Sarval (Hartshill) Limited operate the animal by-product rendering plant on Mancetter Road in Hartshill. This was formerly known as De Mulder & Sons Limited. The Company take animal by-products from the meat processing industry and produce processed animal proteins for pet food products and high-grade fats such as tallow to be made into biofuel. The rendering process generates odorous exhaust gases that need to be abated to prevent nuisance.

The Environment Agency (EA) regulates this site under an Environment Permit, which was issued in 2006. This permit controls emissions from the site into the environment, it includes maintenance, management, and amenity conditions.

A copy of the Environmental Permit for the site can be viewed *here*, however please be aware that this information is not immediately available with a licence for use. Please contact us if you want to know if, and under what conditions, we would be able to license you.

Latest update (to 30 June 2023)

Eleven odour complaints were received by the Environment Agency in June 2023 that may have been attributable to the operation of the plant.

The Company are carrying out daily odour checks at various times of day around the area and have visited residents to discuss odours. They have encouraged residents to call them directly about any concerns so that they can respond quickly and help identify and resolve any issues. For example, one of the transient odours was linked to the timing of a delivery of raw materials. The Company followed up reports from residents received at the beginning of June on 13 June and were informed that the situation had improved.

A Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) was issued following odour checks in the Area on 8 June 2023. The officer detected a faint rendering odour at the junction of Charnwood Drive/Cherry Field close, at Ashbrook Rise and at the Canal footpath adjacent to the site, however these odours were not at a level that was considered to be causing pollution and did not constitute a permit breach. Whilst the officer was at the factory, they identified normal operational odours from the rendering process and odours from a lorry bringing in raw materials. A sewage odour was also detected which was thought to be from the nearby Severn Trent Water sewage works. None of these odours were detected outside of the permit boundary at any offensive level at this time.

We are being regularly updated by the Company regarding their operations.

Forward look;

We will continue to carry out odour checks on an ad-hoc basis or following reports of any concerns. We will continue to regularly inspect the facility and will require the operator to take actions where necessary to ensure compliance with the permit.

We understand that reporting incidents is time consuming and frustrating, however the information that you provide is invaluable for us to understand the impact that the plant is having on the community and to be able to investigate and take action. Please continue to report incidents to us using our hotline number 0800 807060.

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

We have produced a FAQ document for the site, which you can read [here](#). This document will be added to and updated if we received further queries that are not already included. Please read through this page and refer to this FAQ document in the first instance if you have any questions.

For any concerns regarding the operational life of the site, hours of operation and traffic movements to and from the site, please contact Warwickshire County Council at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/reportaproblem>

Odour reports about the site

We have received a total of 158 odour notifications between 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2023 that were alleged to be attributable to the operations at Sarval. Incident reports remained very low between September 2022 and May 2023.

During June 2023 we received 11 reports regarding odour nuisance that were detected by residents on the following dates;

1, 7, 8(x2), 10(x2), 12, 13(x2) June from 6 residents of Hartshill Village and 24 & 25 June from 2 residents at Atherstone Road.

Update on health

A report titled 'Investigation into the potential health impact of odour release in Hartshill in August 2022' has now been published by UKHSA and Warwickshire County Council. The Executive Summary is available in February's update in the below archive.

If anyone would like to contact UKHSA regarding the report or incident, please email wmehpu@ukhsa.gov.uk quoting reference number 392152.

Report an incident

We want to hear from you if you have an environmental incident or concern to report, including any odour concerns.

To do this, call our free 24-hour incident hotline on 0800 807060.