

## Sarval Rendering Plant - Citizen space (Update for November 2022)

We are sorry to hear residents are experiencing problems with odour 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 an increase in reports 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 November 2022)

Odour complaints remained low in November.

Our formal investigation of the incident in August is continuing. As part of the investigation, a further audit of the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) was undertaken on Tuesday 22 November. Following this audit, we requested further information from the Company, which has now been provided. We are currently reviewing this.

The Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) BS5959IE/0435141 relating to the incident in August was issued on 2 September. The Company appealed the findings of this report. The breaches of permit recorded on the CAR have been upheld after review. The Company are proceeding to challenge the findings through our complaints process. The CAR is now a public register document.

The Company have now installed equipment to provide cooling of the effluent tanks. The aim of this is to improve the operation of the treatment system in hot weather. This unit is now operational.

We attended a meeting at the plant with the Company and elected community representatives on 4 November.

### Forward look;

Complete the review of documents provided by the Company and issue a Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) for the audit that occurred on 22 November.

Company liaison meeting including Parish, Ward and County Councillors, and local MP.  
Due January 2023.

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 investigate and take action. Please continue to report incidents to us using our hotline number 0800 807060.

### Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

**We have produced an 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 145 odour notifications between 1 January and 30 November 2022.

In November we received 2 reports regarding odours from the site;

Our officers carried out an off-site odour assessment on 4 November 2022. No odours were detected that were at a level likely to cause nuisance.

### Update on health

UKHSA and Warwickshire are investigating health records and reviewing if there is any correlation to the time of the incident. We are awaiting the outcome of their investigations.

### 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 80 70 60.