

Sarval Rendering Plant - Citizen space (September 2022)

We are sorry to hear that 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 September 2022)

Odour complaints reduced significantly in September. We have not detected any offensive odours originating from the site during our checks this month.

Our formal investigation of the incident in August is continuing. Our next stage of the investigation will be to audit the operation of the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) facility.

Sarval (Hartshill) Ltd have appealed the findings of the Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) relating to the incident that we issued on 2 September 2022. This appeal is currently being considered.

Sarval (Hartshill) Ltd have updated their 6 point plan and provided this to us on 16 September. Some of the points have already been implemented such as reducing inputs of raw material to decrease the loading on the plant and removing high strength effluent by tanker from the process before this reaches the plant. Significant volumes of condensate ceased to be tankered off site during the week commencing 10 September and raw material diversion ceased in the week commencing 22 August. More remedial works on the tanks are planned for November. The Company are also planning to make a significant investment in the facility to install a Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) for the aeration system to improve the treatment process.

We met with the Company and your elected representatives Marcus Jones MP and Councillor's Margaret Bell and Marli Parker on 16 September. A further meeting to discuss progress with the improvements and relay any concerns is planned for November.

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 140 odour notifications between 1 January and 30 September 2022

In September we received 6 reports regarding odours from the site (4 of these were received on 1 September).

On 1 September we visited the locality to check odours from the site following the increase in the incidents reported. An odour was detected which was transient and of low intensity, but was identified as arising from the Sarval plant.

On 14 September we visited the area to check for any odour nuisance and to assess progress with the ETP improvements. Odours were low intensity and localised to the site boundary.

On 16 September following the meeting with the MP and Local Councillors at the site, we checked the locality for any odour nuisance. A minor odour was noted at Grange Road immediately outside the site boundary.

Odours assessed by our officers during these checks in September were found to be minor and not at a level for the permit to be breached.

Update on health

We have met with our colleagues at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and health professionals from the Local Authority.

UKHSA 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.