

Community Newsletter

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Landfill operator's commitment to residents



Residents have been reassured that the new owner of the landfill sites at King's Cliffe and Thornhaugh will respect the local community and the local environment.

John Huntingdon, CEO, Augean PLC

The reassurance came in a letter to local community representatives from John Huntingdon, Chief Executive of Augean PLC, which purchased the sites from Atlantic Waste Holdings late last year.

"I recognise that the actions of any waste disposal business may have a material impact on the communities in which it operates and I have always taken, and will continue to take, that responsibility seriously," said Mr Huntingdon.

"We will be open, transparent and honest in all that we say and do. We respect the environment and will invest time and resource in protecting it.

"For example, we are working to create a sanctuary for the great crested newts who populate the local landscape. We are also working to improve the visual aspect of the sites."

A view over the fields

Augean South has acted quickly to improve the view across the site for residents at Thornhaugh. The previous owner of the landfill site had built up part of the site next to the A47 road higher than the agreed landform.

Augean started to excavate the waste and reduce the level of the landform on 31st May, to provide residents with a better view of the countryside from their homes over the road.

The work will be carried out in accordance with a method agreed with the planning authority and the Environment Agency, and Augean is working to complete this work as soon as possible.

Did you know?

Only solid waste is allowed to be deposited at the hazardous landfill sites at Augean South. That means no liquids such as oils, sewage, liquid paint and other chemicals are allowed to be deposited here.

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Tyres recycled

Thousands of old tyres from cars and lorries which had been stacked up in piles have now been shredded and used for lining landfill cells at Thornhaugh and King's Cliffe. These tyres act as a drainage blanket and are approved for use by the Environment Agency.

Sanctuary for great crested newts

A nature reserve has been built by Augean South to make sure that the landfill operations at Thornhaugh do not impinge on local wildlife. Over the spring, a team of conservationists have moved several hundred Great Crested Newts to a new sanctuary specially designated for them.

"The sanctuary is formed out of a piece of limestone, complete with pond and vegetation specifically planted to provide a suitable habitat," says Paul Blackler, Operations Director of Augean PLC. "We are proud of our population of Great Crested Newts and we expect them to live here for many generations to come!"

Million pound machine overhaul for a quieter, cleaner community

Augean has recently started a significant replacement programme of the machinery on its sites at King's Cliffe and Thornhaugh. This huge project, costing over £1 million, will introduce machines that are more environmentally friendly, quieter and cleaner in the local community.

Profile: Paul Blackler

Paul Blackler is the Operations Director for Augean PLC. Aged 35, he is a qualified chemist with a BSc Honours degree.

Paul is passionate about disposing of society's waste products in the safest possible manner. "We don't just run a business here," says Paul. "We perform a vital public service too."

Should you want to contact Paul, please call or write to him on the address below.

Cricket club donation

Augean is proud to be helping King's Cliffe cricket club by recently donating £1,000 to purchase new equipment and replenish the playing kits of both teams.

Andrew Pick, Chairman of the club said: "We are extremely grateful for this donation, which will enable us to improve facilities and equipment necessary to run a senior league team as well as a junior team."

Contact details

Augean welcomes feedback, and should you wish to contact John or Paul or have a general query, please either call or write to:

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