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8th October 2024

Dear Resident,

A blue banner with white text that reads "Air Products Air Separation Plant" set against a background of a blue sky with white clouds.

Air Products
Air Separation Plant

Re: Air Products – Erection of Air Separation Unit, Craigward Road, Alloa – Planning Application Ref. 24/00073/FULL (formally 22/00012/FULL) – Notification of Proposed Request for Alteration to Construction Working Hours

We are writing to inform you of our request in seeking agreement from Clackmannanshire Council for an extension to the construction working hours at the above site.

As you will be aware, the above planning application (reference 22/00012/FUL) was determined at Planning Committee on 3rd November 2022, with the Decision Notice, granting planning permission, being formally issued by Clackmannanshire Council on 7th November 2022, and subsequent Section 42 application to further amend our construction working hours granted on 19th August 2024 (reference 24/00073/FULL).

Further information regarding both the permanent Section 42 application and temporary agreement in writing request are outlined below.

Existing Construction Working Hours

The existing construction working hours are outlined within the CEMP V7 (FINAL V2.2) that forms part of the planning approved documents. The current 'as approved' construction hours are as follows:

- 07:30 to 19:00 Monday to Friday; and
- 08:00 to 17:00 on Saturdays.

Air Products has sought to adhere to the 'as approved' construction hours since works started at the end of November 2022 (and as subsequently updated). Unfortunately, there have been a number of occasions where it has been necessary to request non-standard working hours at the site for distinct elements of work; these have either been approved or refused by Clackmannanshire Council on a case-by-case basis.

Permanent Extended Construction Working Hours

The forthcoming Section 42 application will seek permission to extend the construction working hours to 24 hours Monday to Saturdays. Following on from our previous consultation letter and taking into account the feedback received from residents, please note that alterations to the construction working hours on Sundays, Bank and Public Holidays will not be requested.

It is intended that these extended construction working hours would be in place until the completion of the construction phase of the project which is estimated to be April 2025 (subject to the extended hours being approved). However, to provide assurance to local residents should any further delays to the construction programme occur, our submission will seek the imposition of a condition which allows the extended construction hours for a period of 6 months from the date of any permission being granted. After this time, should construction still be occurring, Air Products would need to either revert to the currently consented construction hours or seek consent via a further Section 42 variation.

Given the more formal nature of the Section 42 application, local residents will be consulted by the Council and it will require a formal decision notice to be issued (if approved) prior to the extended construction working hours being used on site.

Reason and Rationale

We do acknowledge and apologise that the construction of our facility is taking longer than we expected and we are doing our utmost to complete construction with the least amount of disturbance possible in the shortest time as possible. The proposed extended construction hours will allow for some level of flexibility in working practices on the site; including pipe installation, welding, bolt installation, flanged connection works, non-destructive testing, pressure testing and other sensitive works to be undertaken with the minimal number of operational staff on site as feasibly possible.

Furthermore, and more importantly, without this extended construction working, the construction works will be further prolonged and will fail to meet the necessary start-up date required by O-I Manufacturing Limited in upgrading their furnace(s). Delays to the start-up date of the Air Products facility would present a significant business risk to O-I Manufacturing Limited.

In support of the proposed extended construction working hours, an updated CEMP (V8), a Construction Noise Impact Assessment – Extended Construction Working Hours (V4), a High Level Project Programme and a letter from OI Manufacturing Limited explaining the importance of the need to achieve the 'start-up date' has been submitted to the Council. It should be noted that the Construction Noise Impact Assessment provides confirmation that the extended construction working hours can be undertaken within the necessary threshold values for both residential and environmental (ecological) receptors.

Drop-in community meeting in relation to Air Products' development on Glasshouse loan

We would like to invite you to our drop-in consultation which will take place on Thursday 17th October 2024 at The Royal Oak Hotel, Alloa between 6pm – 8pm.

Air Products will be available during this time to assist with any questions or to listen to any concerns you may have in relation to the project. We have also invited O-I Manufacturing to attend to address any questions you may have for them.

We will have some refreshments such as tea, coffee and a buffet on offer and we look forward to meeting with you.

Contact Details

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding the ongoing construction activities, please find below contact details for both the Air Products' development team as well as relevant contacts within Clackmannanshire Council:

Role	Name	Contact Details
Site Admin / Public Liaison	Gillian McKee	07857853135 mckeeg@airproducts.com
Construction Manager Air Products	Ben Eaden	07552 268151 eadenb@airproducts.com
Environmental Health Clackmannanshire Council	Stephen Ballantyne	01259 452541 health@clacks.gov.uk
Planning Clackmannanshire Council	Keith Johnstone	01259 452540 planning@clacks.gov.uk

The Public Liaison Contact will be responsible for keeping a log of all queries, comments and complaints raised with regard to the ongoing construction activities and what remedial actions (where appropriate) have been undertaken. The log will also include any planning, enforcement or contamination related issues raised by Clackmannanshire Council during the construction period. This log will be made available to Clackmannanshire Council upon request.

Closure

We'd like to thank you for your ongoing support with the project. We hope that the above provides you with sufficient information regarding the proposed extended construction working hours. We would welcome the opportunity to actively engage with the local community for any queries or concerns that may arise – the principle contact for this purpose is Gillian McKee as the Public Liaison Contact. Gillian's contact details are provided above.

Yours sincerely,

Gillian McKee

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cc.	Keith Johnstone	Clackmannanshire Council	(via email)
	Stephen Ballantyne	Clackmannanshire Council	(via email)
	Grant Baxter	Clackmannanshire Council	(via email)