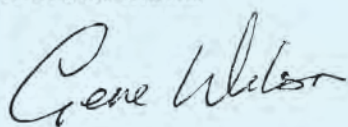


Dear Resident

In September 2009 Augean plc celebrated its 5th birthday. Since it was first formed in 2004, we have continued to grow organically and through the acquisition of other companies and the development of our sites. During this period Augean has moved to the forefront of the modernisation of our sector, with high standards of operation and investment in new technology. We currently own more than eight million cubic metres of void space, seven waste treatment and recycling centres and employ over 200 people at our eleven sites across the country.

As the UK's leading waste management company for hazardous waste, Augean is constantly looking at new ways to provide our customers with safe and comprehensive treatment and disposal of their waste. Our latest newsletter highlights some of the latest technologies that we employ to recover waste at a number of our sites, as well as news from our operations in the local area. I trust you will find it of interest.

With best wishes.



Dr Gene Wilson
Group Technical Director

Cannock Physico - Chemical Treatment

Inorganic liquid waste must undergo various treatments in order to ensure safe disposal. We have constructed a state of the art physico-chemical treatment plant at our Cannock Treatment and Transfer Centre and are able to offer a wide range of treatment processes for aqueous wastes, including neutralisation, precipitation and stabilisation.

ITD at Port Clarence

Our new Indirect Thermal Desorption (ITD) technology, based at our Port Clarence Waste Recovery Park, heats soils and sludges to evaporate organic contaminants, from which vapour is distilled to produce a fuel, leaving the recovered soil. Augean's ITD process was a finalist in the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management Awards for Environmental Excellence in the category of Innovative Practice in Waste Management and Resource Recovery.

East Northants Resource Management Facility (RMF) Planning Application

As you may be aware, Augean submitted a planning application to Northamptonshire County Council in July 2009 to allow the East Northants RMF, which is currently operated as a hazardous landfill and soil treatment centre, to also accept waste with very small amounts of radioactivity. These wastes will principally come from the demolition of ancillary buildings, such as offices and laboratories, at power stations in the process of being decommissioned, as well as other sources such as hospitals and science and research facilities.

The Environment Agency is proposing to authorise our application and a final decision will be made after a period of consultation. We understand that a decision will be made by the Council's Development Control Committee in March.

Again, we would like to stress the very low level of radioactivity associated with this waste, which is less than one per cent of the naturally occurring levels locally. This poses negligible risk to the environment, the public and our staff on the site.

If you have not yet visited the East Northants RMF and wish to do so, please contact the Site Manager, Simon Moyle, to arrange your visit. He can be contacted on 01780 444900.

Did you know?

We monitor closely groundwater, surface water, dust and the atmosphere at our sites. These results are sent to the Environment Agency who review the results and put them on the public register.



Augean Passes Achilles Prequalification Assessment

We have recently had further external validation of the high standards of health and safety and environmental management at our sites, having successfully passed the pre-qualification assessment to become an accredited supplier with the Utilities Vendor Database (UVDB) section of Achilles.

Achilles is an independent body that identifies, evaluates and monitors supplier information on behalf of major organisations worldwide. Being listed with Achilles gives assurance to contractors as to the capabilities and processes of suppliers of goods or services. The database compiled by Achilles is widely used by companies such as the power generation, water, telecommunications and gas industries.

Below are our percentage statistics compared with the average percentage scores for all suppliers involved in the scheme:

	Health & Safety %	Environmental %	Quality %
Augean Management Systems Evaluation (MSE)	92.5	95.7	93.9
Site Score – East Northants RMF	98.4	99.3	100.0
Average MSE Scores – All Suppliers	82.0	69.8	78.9
Average Site Scores – All Suppliers	83.6	73.9	85.1

School Links

Augean believes that the key to society taking responsibility for the wastes it generates is through education. Since its inception we have developed links with a number of schools and universities across the country.

Since 2006 we have been running a model competition with the Kings Cliffe Endowed School. Each year members of the East Northants RMF team visit the school and give a presentation on waste awareness, the local facility and aspects of waste management to the year 5 class. The children are set the challenging task of building a model associated with the landfill or waste management using only recycled products. Each year the models produced are more elaborate and also the materials used are becoming more diverse.

The Augean team have the difficult task of judging the array of models to pick a winner and two runners up. The winning children receive book tokens as well as the opportunity to visit the landfill facility. Every year the feedback from the children after they have visited the landfill is incredibly positive with all of them wanting to return. The Augean team also benefit greatly from the visits often learning how people outside of the industry perceive landfill.

Schools from further a field also come to visit; this year being the third year in a row that GCSE and A level students at Long Eaton School will visit our site for an insight into waste management

Augean are keen for other schools to benefit from the opportunity to learn more about how the UK manages its waste. If you would like to nominate a school for a similar project or just a visit we would be happy to hear from you.

Did you know?

No hazardous waste is accepted at our landfills without being subject to a full technical assessment. Any waste arriving at the sites without being booked in is rejected or quarantined and the Environment Agency informed.

Landfill Communities Fund

The Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) established in 1996 provides an opportunity for Auegan to claim tax credits to help fund community projects in the areas where we operate. In 2009 Auegan contributed over £120,000 of funding to the local community.

Funding through this scheme is allocated by Kings Cliffe Environmental Association (KCEA) and Thornhaugh Environmental Association (TEA) who are voluntary steering committees of representatives from the relevant village. They allocate modest funding to community groups wishing to make environmental improvements to public amenities, biodiversity, conservation or heritage projects. Projects within a ten-mile radius of the two landfill sites may apply for grants that meet the requirements for eligibility.

The communities that have had projects supported through this scheme since 2004 are:

Thornhaugh

Bedford Purlieus National Nature Reserve - Conservation, restoration and enhancement of ancient woodland.

Total Funding: £77,000

Kings Cliffe

- Community Hall - Internal repairs and upgrades to the hall and provision of curtains, carpets and chairs
- Cricket Club - Purchase of equipment for Cricket Club to enable them to expand their activities
- Horsewater Pond - Restoration of an ancient pond
- Leisure Centre - Land purchase for developing sports and recreation facility to benefit the wider community. Land preparation and drainage for sports pitches
- Memorial Hall - Repairs, maintenance and improvements including disabled access and other facilities. Staging and sound installed
- Resource - Computer equipment for community education.

Total Funding: £437,000

Aerial view of new sports pitches, Kings Cliffe.



Easton on the Hill

- All Saints - Repairs to undercroft of Grade I listed church
- Bowls Club - Repairs to bowling green surface
- Cricket Club - To fit hot water system throughout, replace doors and fit double glazing.
- Restoration of the pond in Pocket Park
- The Priest's House - Interpretation and displays
- Village Hall - Restoration and refurbishment. Repair bell and supports to bell in village hall. Grade II listed.

Total Funding: £27,000

Other Villages

- Harringworth - Village Hall extension and repairs
- Lutton - Village Hall refurbishment
- Thurning - Village Hall renovation and extension to create kitchen
- Wansford - Sustainable heating system, new kitchen and fencing at Christie Hall
- Wittering - New changing facilities for Harriers JFC
- Yarwell - Village Hall renovations.

Total Funding: £411,900

Rutland

Osprey Project - Osprey Information Officer costs for three years. Capital costs for specialist video equipment at Rutland Water Nature Reserve. Interpretation and displays.

Total Funding: £73,500

If you have a forthcoming community project it may be eligible for funding through the Landfill Communities Fund.

For further information please contact:

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Kings Cliffe Environmental Association/Thornhaugh
Environmental Association
Victoria House
51 Victoria Street
Bristol BS1 6AD
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Website: www.sweet-uk.com





A male Great Crested Newt at East Northants RMF

Great Crested Newts at East Northants RMF

Augean completed an area for nature conservation in 2008 on a non-operational part of the East Northants RMF, which is now the home of one of Britain's largest newt species. Working closely with Natural England, the translocation project of Great Crested Newts from temporary surface water holding lagoons provides a safe and long-term habitat. The project is monitored on an annual basis and so far it has been hailed a success, with the Great Crested Newts still present in significant numbers and breeding in the area.

Did you know?

Augean has its own chemical laboratory at the East Northants RMF. No waste is accepted at either landfill without being assessed by one of our highly trained chemists.

Youth Club

Augean has supported the Resource Centre since its inception and was disappointed that the facility had to close. However, we are very pleased that we can continue to support some of the facilities offered by the Centre through the Youth Club. Augean has pledged £5000 per year for the next three years to enable this important community facility to continue.

The Youth Club is now open at the Village Hall on Mondays (9 – 11 age group) and Wednesdays (11 – 16 age group). On Fridays those between 15 and 18 years can 'drop-in' for the evening between 8 and 10pm.

Katy Weeks, the Youth Club leader, said, 'Without the funding from Augean we would not be able to run a Youth Club in Kings Cliffe. Their generosity means that young people in the village and further afield can look forward to an exciting future.'

To find out more about joining the Youth Club, please ring Katy on 01780 470125.

If you have any further questions for Augean please contact us at:

East Northants RMF
Stamford Road
Kings Cliffe PE8 6XX
Tel: 0870 041 6452



Cook's Hole

Augean is the owner of around 55 hectares of land immediately south of Thornhaugh Quarry, known as Cook's Hole. The site has the benefit of planning permission for mineral extraction, but this permission has been dormant for many years. Some years ago, the previous owners were required to submit a new list of planning conditions governing the mineral extraction to Peterborough City Council for its approval.

In this connection, under new Regulations, Augean is now required to submit further environmental information to the City Council. Over the next few months we shall therefore be undertaking field studies in respect of ecology, archaeology, geology, traffic, water, noise and landscape to determine the best way to operate the site and minimise any impact.

Until the field studies are complete, we are unable to confirm the extent of mineral working - but we can confirm that the proposals will not involve landfill. When we have prepared our draft scheme we shall arrange a public event to explain our proposals to the local community, prior to submission.

Did you know?

Landfill sites are commonly lined with clay to prevent contamination outside the site. Because of the high quality clay present at Kings Cliffe the landfill lining provides 18 times the level of protection of a normal domestic landfill. The same clay is used to line the Thornhaugh site.