

Augean Acquisition Completed

Following a bidding process for the company, Augean are pleased to report that the acquisition of Augean PLC by a consortium of Ancala Partners and Fiera Infrastructure was completed in late October 2021. The company is no longer quoted on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) and has reverted to the status of a private business. The business will be known as Augean and consequently you may notice some small branding changes to the website, email addresses etc.

Ancala and Fiera Infrastructure are long term experienced investors in the waste management sector. Ancala's experience in the sector includes Biogen, the largest owner and operator of anaerobic digestion plants in the UK. Fiera Infrastructure's involvement in the sector includes its investment in Cory Group, one of the UK's leading waste management, recycling, and energy recovery companies.

Although the ownership of the company has changed, the day to day management at a local level will remain unchanged. Augean's management team will remain in place and the company will continue to ensure that its services are delivered in a safe and compliant manner with due regard to its undertakings in respect of the communities in which it works and the environment. This ethos is shared by the new owners who are committed to provide the company with further necessary financial, technical and strategic support to maintain and improve Augean's high standards.

Laboratory Improvements

The Laboratory at ENRMF is an integral part of the infrastructure of the site, allowing us to analyse small samples of waste to confirm that it is as described. This ensures that we know the exact make-up of wastes before they arrive and that they are suitable to be accepted at the site.

Augean have recently invested significantly in a new Total Organic Carbon (TOC) analyser which has now been successfully installed in the lab. TOC is an analytical test that measures the total percentage of organic carbon in a waste. This is an important capability to have in the laboratory as there is a limit of how much

organic matter there is in a waste when it is disposed of in a hazardous waste landfill cell.

The new instrument no longer requires the acidification of samples for preparation. With the removal of the acid preparation stage, the total time it takes to complete the test of a waste sample can be reduced by a day or two. As with any laboratory setting, health and safety risk is always a vital consideration. As there will no longer be the handling of acid, the risk of spillages or gas leakage, while already minimal, is reduced. The instrument itself should be more robust as acidic samples will no longer be put through it, reducing corrosion

on metal parts and therefore potential downtime and repair.

The new instrument will also allow us to analyse elemental (inorganic) carbon separately.



New Appointments at Augean

Augean would like to introduce John Rauch who has been appointed as the company Chief Executive Officer. While new to the role, he is not new to Augean as he has been our Chief Operating Officer since 2016 and has already helped shape the company we are today. His existing knowledge of Augean and his extensive business experience mean that he is excellently placed to steer the helm as we go forward.

Many of you will have known Simon Moyle, who was the Site Manager at ENRMF for many



years, but who is no longer with the company. Therefore, we would also like to introduce James Wathen, who has been appointed as the Interim Site Manager. James is an experienced senior manager, with over twenty years of operational, environmental and Health and Safety experience. He will now be the primary contact at ENRMF for the local community until a permanent replacement is recruited.

For those of you who are following the progress of the ENRMF Development Consent Order (DCO) application, there is a detailed update which can be found on Page 3 of this newsletter.

The Augean Revenue and Small Capital Grants Fund

The ENRMF Fund was set up as part of the planning consent to accept Low Level Waste at the ENRMF site and was formerly administered by Northamptonshire County Council. Due to the changes to local government in the area, the responsibility for the ENRMF Fund has been transferred to North Northamptonshire Council and has been renamed and rebranded as the Augean Revenue and Small Capital Grants Fund.

North Northamptonshire Council has also taken the opportunity to review how the fund is administered. Applications to the fund will now be assessed in three rounds of funding per year. A new application form has been created which will give details of these rounds, there will be a clear process and dates will be provided for when an applicant can expect to receive a response.

In 2020/2021, over £37,000 was contributed to community projects or organisations from the fund. Grants will be available up to £5000 for capital costs and, unlike the Augean Community Fund, applications can also be made to cover running costs up to £10,000. Those within a 10-mile radius of the ENRMF site are eligible to apply, but with a preference to applications from within a 5-mile radius.

The next round of funding, with the simplified and clearer application process, is expected to begin in early March with a deadline for applications by the middle of May. The assessment of applications will also be brought into closer alignment to that of the Augean Community Fund. North Northamptonshire Council will be widely announcing the exact details of this very shortly. Please contact local Councillors Charlie Best or Helen Harrison for more information or to register your interest.



ROUND ONE

Applications open
MARCH 2022

Deadline for applications
18 MAY 2022

Applications
considered

Grants paid to applicant upon
receipt of signed grant agreement

Applicant hears of outcome
of application **MID JULY 2022**

Oundle Mencap Holidays

One of the beneficiaries of the Augean Revenue and Small Capital Grants Fund in 2021, with a grant of £5000, was Oundle Mencap which provides a week-long residential summer holiday for children and young people with learning disabilities aged 8 to 18.

Each year, for the last 35 years, Oundle Mencap Holidays have provided an enjoyable, safe and stimulating experience for 40 young holiday makers through a range of activities, visits and days out from fully catered accommodation in Oundle. These holidays rely completely on around 80 volunteers, with junior volunteers being paired with each of the holiday makers for the week to provide one-on-one care, overseen by experienced senior volunteers.

While the holiday gives a fun and interesting learning experience for the holiday makers, it also allows their families to have a much-needed break from the day to day responsibilities of providing direct care. For the volunteers it can also be a fundamentally changing experience, altering preconceptions and giving insight and understanding of disability.

While there is a charge for these holidays, they are kept low with the majority of costs being subsidised through donations, fundraising and grants, such as the one from the Augean Revenue and Small Capital Grants Fund. To find out more about Oundle Mencap and their work, or to give them your support as well, please visit www.oundlemencap.co.uk



Augean Community Fund

The Augean Community Fund in 2021 helped fund over £385,000 for community projects within a 10-mile radius of ENRMF in Northamptonshire and Thornhaugh Landfill near Peterborough. A further £170,000 of unallocated funding from 2021 is still currently available. There are two rounds of funding each year that allocate grants of approximately £500,000 per annum in total, up to a maximum of £50,000 for each project. The closing date for the next round of applications is **18 May 2022** and eligible projects will be informed of the decision by the end of **August 2022**.

Here are some examples of projects that have benefited from the Augean Community Fund in the last round of applications.

Benefield Village Hall Grant: £32,134
Kitchen and wet rot refurbishment.

Ketton Sports Cricket Club Grant: £30,893
Renovation of the all-weather practice facility.

Nassington Village Hall Trust Grant: £11,000
New windows, improved access and general refurbishment of the Village Hall.

Easton on the Hill Parish Council Grant: £21,075
Playing field improvement project.

Edith Weston Recreation Ground Grant: £48,000
Provision of a new playground.

Barnack Primary School Grant: £50,000
Multi Use Games Area with shared use for both the school and the village.

The fund is managed by Grantscape with qualifying projects decided by local community volunteers on the Kings Cliffe Environmental Association (KCEA) and the Thornhaugh Environmental Association (TEA). To see if your project could qualify for funding through the Augean Community Fund please contact: Grantscape, Office E, Whitsundoles, Broughton Road, Salford, Milton Keynes MK17 8BU Email: info@grantscape.org.uk Tel: 01908 247630 or visit www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/augean-community-fund/

ENRMF DCO Application Update

The process of examining the application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the western extension at the ENRMF is continuing and the Planning Inspectorate have announced the schedule for hearings and the Examining Authority's accompanied site visit.

You may remember that the application was made to the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on his behalf in September 2021. Registration of Interested Parties then took place before the deadline of 9 December 2021.

The hearings, which will take place virtually rather than in person, are taking place in March at the dates, times and locations set out in the table below.

Date	Hearing Type	Time	Place
Tuesday 29 March 2022	Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1): on the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)	10.00am (Arrangements conference starts at 9.30am)	Virtually via Microsoft Teams
Tuesday 29 March 2022	Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2): Environmental matters (part 1)	12:00pm (Arrangements conference starts 11:30am)	Virtually via Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 30 March 2022	Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2): Environmental matters (part 2 - if required)	10.00am (Arrangements conference starts at 9.30 am)	Virtually via Microsoft Teams

The Planning Inspectorate have noted that part 2 of the ISH 2 - Environmental matters hearing will not take place if all matters are concluded in part 1. If part 2 is cancelled this will be notified in the banner on the National Infrastructure Planning website and no other formal notice will be given.

If you wish to attend any of the above hearings please can you let the Planning Inspectorate Case Team know at the contact details below by **Tuesday 22 March 2022**. Joining instructions will be issued via email in advance of each hearing to parties who notified the Planning Inspectorate of their wish to speak at the hearings.

Alternatively, if you just wish to observe the proceedings but do not wish to take an active part in the examination hearing, the Planning Inspectorate publish a livestream link to the hearing which is available to the public shortly before each hearing commences on the project page the details of which can be found below.

ACCOMPANIED SITE INSPECTION

In addition to the above hearings, the Examining Authority has arranged a site inspection in the company of interested parties on **Tuesday 5 April 2022**.

The site inspection will commence from **10am**. Participants who have registered their interest to attend are asked to assemble at the Site entrance ready for a prompt departure at 10am to commence the accompanied site inspection. A final itinerary for the accompanied site inspection will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's project website on or before **Wednesday 30 March 2022**.

If you wish to attend the site inspection please contact the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team, no later than **Tuesday 22 March 2022**.

If you would like any further information, please contact the Augean Telephone Helpline: 01904 654989 or by Email at ENRMF@augeanconsultation.co.uk.

You can contact the Planning Inspectorate by Post: The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure, 3K, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN, Email: ENRMFextension@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or Telephone: 0303 444 5000.

Please quote the Application reference number **WS010005** in any correspondence about this Scheme.

Further information regarding the DCO application process can be found on the National Infrastructure Planning website at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>

All the application documents are available on the Augean website (www.augean.co.uk) and on the PINS dedicated project page:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/east-northants-resource-management-facility-western-extension/>

The DCO application area



Nature Conservation and Habitat Creation

Augean has an ongoing commitment to maintaining and enhancing the diverse habitats that surround ENRMF and monitoring the rare and protected species that can be found there. With the help of an independent ecology specialist, we have achieved great success in protecting the species and habitats present, which are also attracting exciting new species to colonise.



Hairy dragonfly

Habitat improvements include new ponds that have been created or restored in adjacent grassland, primarily to provide a resource for great crested newts, a specially protected amphibian. Nationally the populations of this species have been in decline as ponds and surrounding habitats are lost but the annual ecology surveys carried out at ENRMF have shown that these newts return to breed in these ponds year after year. Restoring and providing new breeding ponds will ensure that this continues. The ponds also support other amphibians such as the local palmate newt, smooth newt and a range of invertebrates including many damselflies and dragonflies.



Great crested newt



The Northern slope

The ponds are close to an extensive slope that forms the northern boundary of the site. This northern slope was struggling to establish sustained vegetation, so steps were taken to rectify this. Terraces filled with topsoil were created over part of the slope that were then seeded with a carefully selected mixture of plant species. Within just two years the slope was transformed from bare ground to a mosaic of grasses and wildflowers. Some important patchily vegetated areas were also retained to provide a foothold for further natural colonisation by local plant species and scarce invertebrates.



Male slow worm

A range of reptile species are also present including the common lizard, slow worms and grass snakes. The elusive adder can also be found, the only venomous snake to be found in the UK. Reptiles have also benefitted from the habitat enhancements, with the margins of the ponds providing excellent basking and foraging opportunities and on the northern slope common lizards are already being recorded.

KEEPING YOU UPDATED

Would you like to be kept informed about Augean news and other events such as site open days, engineering days and other information you might find useful? So that we can advise efficiently on information, events and activities, which may be of interest to people living nearby, Augean has established a Register of Stakeholders, which has been developed from existing contacts with whom we have already corresponded. If you would like to sign up to receive updates by email or by post please contact us at ENRMF@augeanconsultation.co.uk or telephone us on 01904 654989. It will be possible to unsubscribe from these updates at any time.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding our ENRMF or Thornhaugh sites or if you would like to arrange a site visit please get in touch with the Site Manager:

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