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Air Products  
Air Separation Plant

Dear Resident,

**Re: Air Products – Erection of Air Separation Unit, Craigward Road, Alloa – Planning Application Ref. 24/00211/FULL – Notification of Alteration to Construction Hours**

Following the approval of the recent Section 42 application at the above site (application ref. 24/00211/FULL), we are writing to inform you of the intention to commence the extended construction working hours on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Planning permission ref. 24/00211/FULL is now the consent which takes precedence for the completion of the construction of the development and allows 24 hour working for 6 days of the week (Monday to Saturday) subject to certain conditions, construction practices and limitations on works which can be undertaken during the evening and nighttime period (19:00 to 07:30).

All approved plans and documents, as well as the Decision Notice are available to view online via the Clackmannanshire Council planning portal:

<https://publicaccess.clacks.gov.uk/publicaccess>

**Extended Construction Working Hours**

The construction works have been ongoing since planning permission was granted in 2022 and are expected to be completed by March 2025, with an 'on stream' date of May 2025. This timescale is vitally important in meeting the necessary 'on date' for the provision of oxygen to support OI Manufacturing and is only achievable by utilizing the newly consented 24 hour, 6 days a week, construction working practices (planning permission ref. 24/00211/FULL). The consented construction working hours are as follows:

- 24 hours a day Monday to Saturday (inclusive); and
- No construction work on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.

These construction working hours will be implemented for a period of 6 months from the date of the Section 42 decision notice issued by the Council (dated 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025). Should further unexpected project delays occur, construction works beyond this 6-month period would need to either revert to the previously consented construction working hours

or seek consent via a further Section 42 variation. These previous consented construction working hours are noted below for reference:

- 07:30 and 19:00 Monday to Friday (inclusive);
- 08:00 and 17:00 on Saturdays; and
- No working on Sundays, Bank or Public Holidays.

### **Evening and Nighttime Works**

There are two consented noise assessments which are of relevance to the undertaking of construction activities at the site, namely:

- **Noise Impact Assessment (V7)** – Consented under planning permission ref. 22/00012/FULL – this relates to all daytime construction activities (07:30 to 19:00) and the operational noise of the plant; and
- **Construction Noise Impact Assessment – Extended Construction Working Hours (V4)** – Consented under planning permission ref. 24/00211/FULL – this relates to the construction activities which are allowed to be undertaken during the nighttime period (19:00 to 07:30).

Construction works undertaken during the evening and nighttime period (19:00 to 07:30) will be limited to those specified within the consented Construction Noise Impact Assessment - Extended Construction Working Hours (V4). These are works which are either internal to the buildings (as constructed) on site or the following external works: electrical cabling and instrumentation installation and testing works, piping works including welding, bolt installation (with manual tools), flanged connection works, pressure testing, and radiography / NDT testing.

Temporary site lighting may be required for specific activities to ensure safe working conditions, during periods of limited natural light. It is intended the type of lighting would be non-intrusive and specifically designed to negate or minimize any effect to local properties and any other environmental considerations. Any external lighting used shall be orientated and shielded if required to ensure the light fittings are not directed towards the nearest residential properties and will be installed or deployed at as low a physical height as possible while maintaining a safe environment.

In accordance with Condition 5 of planning permission ref. 24/00211/FULL it should be noted that an updated Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) (V9) has been submitted to the Council for approval and would be the basis of best working practices on site for the duration of the remaining works.

As detailed above, copies of the two noise assessments and CEMP are available online via the Clackmannanshire Council planning portal.

## Residents Meeting

Given the above, we would welcome the opportunity to hold a residents meeting at the site entrance at **10.00am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. This would be attended by members of the Air Products team, whilst both the Planning Officer and Environmental Health Officer from Clackmannanshire Council will also be invited to attend.

## 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
Public Liaison	Gillian McKee	07857853135 <a href="mailto:mckeeg@airproducts.com">mckeeg@airproducts.com</a>
Construction Manager Air Products	Ben Eaden	07552 268151 <a href="mailto:eadenb@airproducts.com">eadenb@airproducts.com</a>
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Environmental Health Clackmannanshire Council	Stephen Ballantyne	01259 452541 <a href="mailto:ehhealth@clacks.gov.uk">ehhealth@clacks.gov.uk</a>
Planning Clackmannanshire Council	Keith Johnstone	01259 452540 <a href="mailto:planning@clacks.gov.uk">planning@clacks.gov.uk</a>

The Public Liaison Contact will be responsible for keeping a log of all queries, comments and complaints raised about 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 trust that the above provides you with sufficient information regarding the proposed extended construction working hours. We would welcome the opportunity to actively liaise with the local community where any queries or concerns arise – the principle contact for this purpose is Gillian McKee as the Public Liaison contact. Gillian's contact details are provided above.

We'd like to thank you for your continued understanding and support and we'll endeavor to limit disruption to residents as much as possible.

Yours sincerely,  
Ian Holmes  
Air Products

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