

CASE STUDY

Trust, confidence and collaboration between regulator and manufacturer help innovation



TMUK based at Burnaston in Derbyshire employs around 3,000 people and has the capacity to produce over 200,000 Auris and Avensis models each year.

The high-tech manufacturing and on-site vehicle painting process means that an Environmental Permit must be issued for the company to comply with UK and EU environmental laws. The often complex conditions of the Permit require expert understanding and changes to the Permit can have a huge impact on operations and investment.

Jointly, South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) who issue the Permit and ensure compliance, work with TMUK staff to enable the company to respond to rapidly changing market conditions within a complex and often unclear legal framework.

“ *There have been numerous occasions when I have requested advice from SDDC in the interpretation of environmental law or guidance and SDDC have always provided this clearly and quickly. I greatly value the local knowledge SDDC have of our operation as this allows a permit to be site specific, reflecting current business conditions and investment cycles.*

- Keith Martin, TMUK Senior Environmental Engineer

KEY POINTS

- Trust and confidence building between business and regulator enables inertia from legal uncertainty to be overcome.
- The collaboration of different skill-sets offered by businesses and regulators can lead to innovation.

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