

## **Tim Moss: Comments on Trimpell: January 2019**

While doing some private on-line research on WWII UK locations I came across your website after googling "Trimpell", a name I remembered from my youth at Lancaster Royal Grammar School in the early sixties. While there we were taken on a works visit to Trimpell. We were shown the "Hangar" you have in the background of a photo of the plant on your website, which you say was of unknown purpose. We were told that it was designed to mimic the shape of a pile of the fertiliser granules made on site and was used for their bulk storage to ease its handling.

As well as the fertiliser plant there we were also shown a plant for making methanol, where the control room was in a blockhouse in the centre of the plant - a totally unacceptable approach by today's safety standards! The process was controlled by manually adjusting dozens of valves whose spindles projected through the walls of the blockhouse.

I have visited the site much more recently, to assess the environmental management systems of a solvent recovery plant on the site, now operated by Tradebe. The offices of the plant occupy what was the control room block of the oil refinery part of the Trimpell plant. The concrete bases of the refinery storage tanks are still visible on their site.