

# Explorer Forum CASE STUDIES

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## Explorer Forum — Agri-Tech E Week Event



### Activity

- Kick off event of Agri-Tech E's Agri-Tech Week
- [Field applications and opportunities using genetic technologies](#)

### Description

Presentations by Nick Talbot (TSL), Penny Hundleby (JIC), Darren Heavens (EI), Tim Teece (MKAI), followed by panel discussion

### Objectives

- Discuss the innovative possibilities that the application of genetic technologies has, when combined with continued developments in AI and automation, to enable sustainable agriculture and productivity
- Networking across sectors

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## Explorer Forum – Johnson & Johnson

**Activity**

- Visit of J&J colleagues to Norwich Research Park

**Description**

- Meeting with J&J to discuss areas of interest (AOI) with key Park colleagues
- AIP provided overview of Park, enterprise strategy and development plans
- Tour of Park facilities

**Objectives**

- Establish J&Js AOI in Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA)
- Establish J&Js model for early-stage collaboration in EMEA and the resources that J&J can provide
- Provide an overview of Norwich Research/Introduce key Park colleagues working in J&J AOI
- Update J&J on the new Park-wide Enterprise Strategy and highlight future development opportunities/plans
- Explore potential opportunities for collaboration



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## Explorer Forum – Silverstone Technology Cluster

**Activity**

- Norwich Research Park colleagues visit to Silverstone Technology Cluster

**Description:** Teams call in Oct 22 between STC and NRP where collaborative opportunities identified. Following subsequent visits from two STC colleagues to NRP, a reciprocal tailored visit to STC companies was completed.

**Objectives**

- Visit curated STC companies
- Strengthen existing connections, explore new connections and collaborative opportunities.
- Areas of collaboration: Additive manufacturing (metal/food/pharma/medical), Automated/vertical farming, Biomaterials, Battery technology












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 **Explorer Forum – Gene Editing Facilitated Workshop**

**Activity**

- Explorer Forum workshop - 'Gene Editing in Sugar Beet'
- Facilitated by [Downstream Innovation](#)

**Description**

Facilitated all-day face to face creative workshop for 15 pre-selected academic and industry leaders to explore the opportunities of using gene-editing in the sugar beet industry. Covering current challenges, new approaches and early future opportunities

**Objectives**

- Help researchers understand and relate to challenges faced by the Sugar Beet industry
- Help industry understand the knowledge, capabilities and IP in the field of GE at the Park
- Identify "sweet spots" where a challenge can be identified to address together leading to a new opportunity
- Define how the opportunity can be pursued with a tangible plan and practical next steps for moving forward




             

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 **Explorer Forum – Norfolk Rural Economic Strategy Meeting**

**Activity**

Norfolk Rural Economic Strategy Steering Group

**Description**

- Mutual familiarisation with Norwich Research Park capability and scope of shared interests.
- Understanding of the role the group has in steering Norfolk County Council policy

**Overview**

- Presentations and discussion between steering group, EI, JIC, AIP, plus QI tour.




             

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### Activity

Exploratory visit to Fen Farm Dairy and Flint Vineyard

### Description

Afternoon and early evening escorted visit and tour to a local dairy and vineyard/winemaker

### Objectives

Explore the application of Norwich Research Park research to these industries

