

Site monitoring report

Please find detailed below the report for the site monitoring undertaken on 17th April 2024.

Site Name: Elsenham Quarry, Hall Road/Henham Road, Elsenham, Essex

File Ref: 11 421 12

Operator: Brett Aggregates, Valencia and BP Mitchell

Visit no: 1

Monitoring Officer: Tom McCarthy **Tel No:** 03330 320943

Permissions:

ESS/47/14/UTT – Portable cabin for use as office, welfare and storage

ESS/38/14/UTT – Winning and working of mineral and subsequent restoration (variation to ESS/39/11/UTT, ESS/13/08/UTT and ESS/51/03/UTT)

ESS/49/10/UTT – Waste recycling and shredding and composting of waste until 10/05/2029 (variation to ESS/55/98/UTT)

ESS/52/07/UTT – Site office

Constraints:

Weather:	Dry / Windy / Rain / Snow
Noise:	Acceptable / Not acceptable / N/A
Approach roads:	Dry / Dusty / Wet / Muddy / Flooded
Ground:	Dry / Dusty / Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded
Access:	Obstructed / Not obstructed
Wheel cleaning:	Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / Not working
Hose:	In use / Not in Use / N/A
Machinery:	Working / Not working
Stockpiles:	Height = Various
Bunds:	Profiled / Grassed / Weeds / Soil

Inspection results summary:

Operations continuing within phase 3, with the material that was temporarily stored to the north of the void (in the wet weather) now transferred into the void and deposits again taking place directly.

Phase 4 was walked as part of this monitoring visit. It appeared as if some additional material had been spread here. Whilst it is acknowledged that further works are needed to fully restore this area, it was noted that the surface of Phase 4, in places, contained quite a bit of rubble. It is considered that these areas may need to be picked before any further material is deposited to ensure successful restoration to agriculture in due course.

Operations, otherwise, generally appeared to be progressing well and as per the approved permission.

The CPA recently had received some enquiries/complaints about operations on-going or more specifically the number of HGV movements going to / coming from the site. This was discussed with the operator who denied exceeding the vehicle limit, imposed as part of the extant permission, and provided copies of their weighbridge records, over a couple of random recent weeks, as evidence to collate this.

The operator also confirmed the site gates are not opened before 7am and was therefore surprised by the suggestion of BP Mitchell vehicles being seen on the roads in the locality as early as 5:30am.

No significant signs of debris were noted on the roundabout at the site access. Some debris/verge damage was noted along Hall Road/Henham Road. However, as per previous monitoring reports, there are a number of sites in the vicinity and as such it is accepted that this damage may be resulting from other sites.

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

None

Note: The actions noted in this report are required in order to ensure adequate progress is made and to avoid potential enforcement action against a breach of planning control.