

Site monitoring report

Please find detailed below the report for the site monitoring undertaken. If you should have any queries or require any photographs taken on [enter site name here], please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: Sandon Quarry, Southend Road, Chelmsford.

File Ref: 23 421 03

Operator: Robert Brett and Sons Ltd

Site Representative: Karol Podkomorzy (KP) – Brett.

Also attended by Almudena Quiralte (Essex Landscape Officer)

Visit no: 1 of 4

Date: 10/06/24

Time on site: 11:00

Time off site: 12:45

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: As above Tel No:

Permission no's:

ESS/08/16/CHL: Northern quarry void and plant site including the restoration of the Northern quarry void using inert materials (superceded by ESS/114/22/CHL) .

ESS/40/17/CHL: The continuation of the infilling with inert waste to allow an extension in time for completion of restoration by 31 December 2026 in the southern quarry void.

ESS/41/17/CHL: Installation and operation of an inert waste recycling facility to produce secondary aggregate in the southern quarry void.

ESS/49/17/CHL: Retention of site office.

ESS/15/19/CHL 43.2m x 2m high fence along the haul route.

ESS/114/22/CHL – Infilling and relocation of site offices. Resolution to approve subject to completion of legal agreement.

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry**/ Negligent wind/Windy / Rain/Snow
- Noise
(Officer perception): **Acceptable**/ Not acceptable / N/A
- Approach roads: **Dry** / Dusty /Damp/ / Wet / Muddy/ Flooded
- Ground: Mix of: **Dry** / Dusty / Wet / Damp / Muddy in places / Flooded
- Access: Obstructed / Not Obstructed / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery
(See inspection report below)
- Wheel cleaning: **Washer** / Spinner / Sweeper / none N/A
- Hose: In use / Not in Use / **N/A**
- Machinery: **Working** / Not working
- In correct position: **Yes** / No / N/A
- Stockpiles: Height = **Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed /**Weeds** / NA

Actions from last site visit: **Actions remain open**

- Clarity on actions taken to achieve adjustments to be undertaken to ensure wheel wash effectiveness and elimination of carry out to remove further need for sweeping and washing of the haul road. **Update: Still awaited**
- Maintain vigilance on sheeting of vehicles. **For monitoring by site operator.**
- State of haul road integrity to be monitored. **For monitoring by site operator.**
- Clarity on management and maintenance programme for landscaping. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Outstanding Conditions need addressing immediately. **Update: Operator has been addressing these.**
- No further work in northern void until southern void restored as per planning conditions. **For noting by site operator.**
- Ensure all permissions and schemes held in both site offices for quarry and recycling operators. **For noting by site operator**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Haul road from site entrance through to office clean. HGV's visiting principally Bushcade livery coming in from Beaulieu area.
- Compensation area not visited as no works carried out since last visit. No evidence of cattle grazing on land.

- Within southern void levels have been brought up to just below topsoil level along western side. Final marker pegs about 0.5 ish short of final level.
- Grading of material being undertaken in south eastern void corner. Overburden being utilised from bunding on eastern side of northern void location. Grading also undertaken along northern edge of void adjacent haul road. Stockpile of soil/overburden stockpile still present just off haul road lying in a north – south orientation through southern void.
- Previous recorded that it was estimated two/three months to complete infilling to subsoil level. KP considered infilling not likely to be completed now this year.
- Approach to bridge continues to have metal fencing to filter pedestrians past bridge entrance and along public right of way. Further steel fencing runs either side of the bridge between it and the surrounding vegetation. Skip remains positioned near bridge this appeared to have cardboard material visible inside.
- Reptile fencing along eastern edge of southern void and within the former processing plant area now mostly obscured by vegetation. This needs cutting back to allow effectiveness of fencing to be achieved.
- KP advised that JKS presence on site now terminated as company appears to have gone out of business. Site offices empty; no site activity other than for front loader shifting processed onsite material into stockpiles within the recycling area. Crushers and hoppers parked up throughout site.. Stockpiles quite high through out site but appear to be at permitted height when viewed against visual site markers.
- KP advised that the contract/future site presence of the stocks etc under active consideration within the company.
- Row of ISO containers, and mobile crusher unit, continue to be sited to the east side of recycling parcel and adjacent the site offices. Metal fencing stored on top of containers.
- KP advised that Bioscan had been on site recently and that membrane now ready in next few weeks to be laid within 4 of the scrapes/low areas identified for holding water.
- A number of low mounds about 1 -1.5 metres high of what appears to be vegetation and top layer scrap material located north of the former processing plant footprint awaiting to be lifted and used as cover for the hibernaculams located immediately behind the stockpiles and comprising stock of branches and roots to house wildlife. This work to be carried out by onsite staff.
- The two short sections of insitu concrete paving along the old processing plant haul road still remain. KP advised that Bioscan asked for this to be left insitu and buried.
- Conservation area continues to establish with ground vegetation..
- Tipping stopped in northern void whilst the aforementioned overburden removal being undertake with 360 excavator and 2 dumptrucks.
- Access tracks remain in place along both the north eastern and south eastern banks allowing access to the floating electric pump and monitoring locations.
- Most recent of the Newt ponds holding water. Tree planting undertaken on failures in planting areas have visible herbicide spraying around their base. Grass growth within

the fenced areas as well as across the wider field is long. Recent presence of sheep evident across the open field.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/49/17/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 13 Landscaping

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Submission of scheme within time period.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 11 – Ecological Interest

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: No ground disturbance until scheme approved.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 12 – Construction Environment Management Plan

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: No ground disturbance until scheme approved. Scheme discharged.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 13 – Wildlife Sensitive Lighting Design

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: No site preparation works. Operator unlikely to require.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 14 – Ecological Interest

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Scheme discharged.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 16 – Archaeology

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Scheme discharged.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 17 – Processing Plant

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: No processing plant on site until redundant plant removed.

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / No

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Clarity on actions taken to achieve adjustments to be undertaken to ensure wheel wash effectiveness and elimination of carry out to remove further need for sweeping and washing of the haul road.
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- Clarity on management and maintenance programme for landscaping.
- Outstanding Conditions need addressing immediately.
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Report Date: 11/06/24

Date of Next Meeting: 10/09/24 @ 12:30

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.