

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 site, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: Tiptree Quarry

File Ref: 13.421.14

Operator: Aggregate Industries

Site Representative: None

Visit no: 1 of 2

Date: 10/06/24

Time on site: 09:00

Time off site: 09:35

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: as above Tel No:

Permission no's:

ESS/42/07/COL – Inworth Grange with revised HGV movements (lapsed)

ESS/02/13/COL - Extended time period for infilling and restoration until 31st December 2013. (Lapsed)

ESS/64/17/COL – Importation of soils (completion within 2 years of commencement of infilling) Permission lapsed.

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/ Windy / Rain / Snow**
- Noise

(as perceived by officer): Acceptable/ Not acceptable / **N/A**

- Approach roads: **Dry / Dusty / Wet /Damp/ Muddy / Flooded**
- Ground: Combination of: **Dry / Dusty / Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded**
- Access: Obstructed / **Not Obstructed** / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery

- Wheel cleaning: Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / No/ N/A
- Hose: In use / Not in Use / N/A
- Machinery: Working / Not working/ N/A
- In correct position: Yes / No / N/A
- Stockpiles: **Height = Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed / Weeds/ NA**

Actions from previous visit.

- A planning application needs to be submitted to accommodate the reinstatement of the land. **Update: Application being held pending Biodiversity Net Gain information.**

Kept on from previous reports:

- For Inworth land site meeting to consider future progress towards getting the land back into a suitable programme to achieve aftercare progression/signoff. **Update: Likely to still be required; landowner needs to confirm how they want to proceed.**
- For Inworth Grange follow up with landowner/Essex Wildlife Trust to progress suitable land management package. **Update: As above the landowner would be encouraged to address their future aspirations for this land parcel.**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Main entrance off public highway remains hardcored surface. Most potholes graded out.
- Access track past Basketworks parcel continues to have extension of outside private space to the two residential properties extending onto adjoining land and demarcated off by temporary fencing.
- Former infilled land comprising the Inworth Grange land parcel is now completely weed covered and overgrown.
- Along access track just short of meeting public rights of way crossing track new site fencing (about 1.5 metres high with 45 degree angled fencing extension placed on top and facing out) has been erected around the eastern most lakes, which appear to be used now for fishing.
- Villa Farm proper continues to lie dormant. The insitu soil mounds are weed vegetated with mix of bramble and rush type plants.
- Ground cover across the site has similar vegetation with clumps of bramble making passage difficult. Long grass ideal for ground rodents and insects to move about.
- Beneath the vegetation the presence of concrete kerbs; blocks occurring across the parcels surface. Programme will be required in the forthcoming application to deal with reinstatement process.
- Large number of tree spirals remain insitu along eastern hedgerow.

- Landfill monitoring points across the site remain insitu for recording purposes. Monitoring reports are presumably being kept by the operator.

Compliance with Conditions:

ESS/64/17/COL - Not commenced within specified timescale.

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / No

Proposed Mitigation Measures:

- A planning application with supporting Biodiversity net gain requirements needs to be submitted to accommodate the reinstatement of the land.

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

Submission of planning application with associated Biodiversity net gain to address infilling/restoration.

Date of Next Meeting: **TBC for around Feb 2025.**

Date of Report: 11/06/24

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.