

Site monitoring report for aftercare sites

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

Site Name: Wivenhoe Quarry (Keelars Farm South only)

File Ref: 14 421 17

Operator: Tarmac

Site Representative: Enrique Moranmontero and Polly Baines, Tarmac; Mark Hanson on behalf of the Duttons

Visit no: 1 of 1

Date: 11th June 2024

Time on site: 10am

Time off site: 12:30pm

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Planning Permission no's:

ESS/80/20/TEN - Continuation of quarry restoration to part agriculture, part nature conservation and part open water, without compliance with conditions 1 (approved plans), 44 (landscape scheme), 49 (completion by 30th June 2020), 50 (restoration by 30th June 2020) and 53 (Construction Environment Management Plan) attached to planning permission ref ESS/43/19/TEN to allow for an extension of time to complete restoration and for the permanent retention of the access onto Alresford Road.

Inspection Results/Actions from last site visit:

- Next aftercare visit to be scheduled for a similar time of year so that flowering plants can be easily identified.
- Aftercare report to be amended to include points discussed on site.

Inspection Results Summary:

- This should be the last aftercare visit; however the final version of the aftercare report from the Year 4 visit (June 2023) has not been formally submitted. This should be updated quickly to include the existing mature oak between the hedgerows on the drawings, the seeding of the area where the new irrigation pipe is to be included, together with the time of year this was carried out. There were some questions around management of the vegetation on the island which should be resolved.
- The sulphur amendment was not carried out in October, the second year this hasn't been carried out. This should be noted in the Year 5 aftercare report and proposals to resolve this included.
- It was noted during the visit that the lowland heath (acid grassland) appears more like neutral grassland.
- Channels were due to be cut in the wetland area last autumn but this has not been done. It was very wet on site this visit in contrast to last year which was exceptionally dry.
- There were some plastic guards that are ready for removal across the site.
- The southern enclosure is showing more progress with heather germination than the northern enclosure. It was recognised during the visit that there is a need to graze competing plants (more heavily with sheep) to ensure the heather can grow, but that there is also a competing need to accommodate nesting birds. It is unlikely that both could be successfully accommodated in the same area.

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Year 4 report to be submitted asap.
- Year 5 report to be submitted asap.

The site cannot be signed out of aftercare until these reports have been properly updated and discharged.