

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, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: Blackley Quarry, Gt Leighs, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 1QP

File Ref: 23 421 31

Operator: Frank Lyons Plant Services (FLP)

Site Representative: Tony Pearmain (FLP)

Visit no: 4 of 4

Date: 10 June

Time on site: 9:30

Time off site: 11:15

Monitoring Officer: Claire Tomalin

Tel No: 03330 136821

Site Co-ordinator: Claire Tomalin:

Permission no's: ESS/42/17/CHL – Variation to ESS/46/16/CHL to allow amendments to planting timing, bunding and condition wordings. Decision issued and implemented.

ESS/96/21/CHL – Variation to plant details and new workshop, awaiting determination.

Constraints:

- Weather: Dry/ Windy / **Rain** / Snow/ Fog
- Noise: **Acceptable**/ Not acceptable / N/A
- Approach roads: Dry / Dusty / **Wet** / Muddy / Flooded
- Ground: Dry / Dusty / Wet / **Damp** / Muddy / **Flooded**
- Access: Obstructed / **Not Obstructed** / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery
- Wheel cleaning: Washer / **Spinner (non-operational)**/ Sweeper / none N/A
- Hose: In use / **Not in Use** / N/A

- Machinery: **New s and g plant working**
- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles: acceptable.
- Bunds: Profiled / Grassed / **Weeds / NA**

Inspection Results Summary:

Access road – Concrete access roads needs to be swept.

Original site overview – The MPA has been advised that the original Blackley site has been sold to John Holmes/the Racecourse and Frank Lyons to vacate by May 2025. MPA seeking to make contact. With new owners.

Land adjacent to weighbridge office – redundant plant machinery and vehicles are being stored in this area, this should be removed by end of summer 2024, to enable restoration.

Processing plant original site - Since the quarry is no longer utilising the fresh water lagoon water levels have risen particularly with recent heavy rain. The old plant area still partially flooded. Redundant plant being removed.

As raised stockpile has been largely cleared and excavated below natural ground levels and has flooded.

Sand stockpile has been significantly reduced

Dry screener relocated to phase 6 of A38. Some poor quality sand and gravel still stored north east of plant area.

Original silt lagoons - I am concerned that the silt lagoons at present are very high in comparison with surrounding outside levels, which will require a lot of silt material to be moved around to achieve the restoration levels. This is of concern as silt is difficult to move until very dry.

PRoW. The fencing to prevent entry to the silt lagoons from the PRoW needs repairing to prevent accidental/unauthorised entry to the silt lagoon area from the PRoW.

Original site areas restored - The restored area is in grass, but has not been cut. The grass should be cut, to prevent becoming rank.

The bund adjacent to Helvellyn unchanged from last visit. Upon removal of the redundant plant, this bund is required to be removed (condition 78).

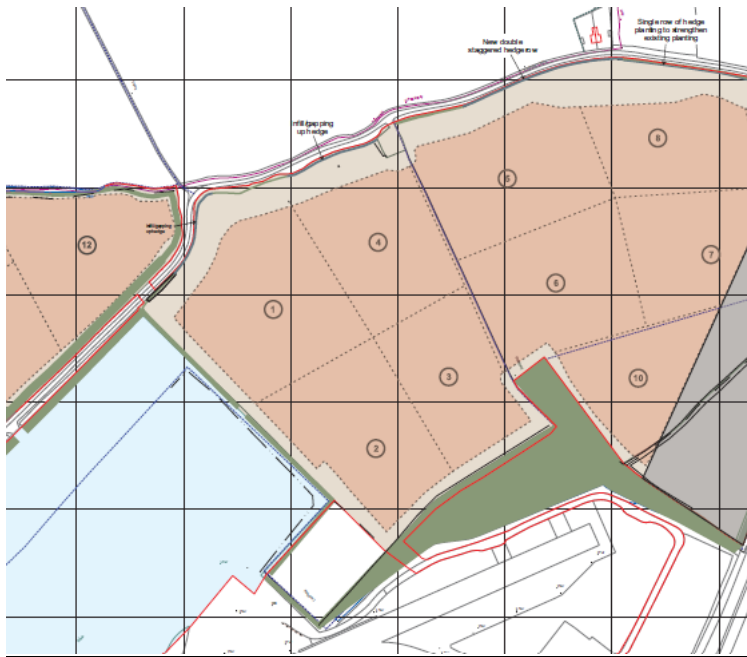
A38 Extraction area

Extraction continuing in phase 5, some slope failure on north face, moving into 6. Dry screener located in phase 6.

New plant operational, however, at this stage does not have planning permission, application still outstanding awaiting additional information on landscape and noise.

Sand stockpile in Phase 2

Stand-off to Blackley Cottages from the excavation face was being maintained



Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:Yes

Proposed Mitigation Measures:

No major adverse effects were identified.

Actions carried forward from last visit:

1. An existing access into site A39 on Moulsham Hall Lane was proposed to be planted across on Moulsham Hall Lane remains. The land owner is reluctant for this access to be planted and therefore it remains unplanted. This matter needs to be addressed.

Comment No progress.

Submit outstanding details with respect to conditions 48 (bund maintenance), 50 (soil storage locations), 60 (dewatering), 62 (surface water drainage), 64 (groundwater monitoring scheme).

Comment: No progress.

2. Replace PRow fencing
Comment : TP to follow up with contractor.
3. Remove old redundant plant
Comment: Redundant plant starting to be removed.
4. Dry screener to be operated at lower level
Comment: Still visible above screening bunds.
5. Progress outstanding application
Awaiting additional information on noise.

6. Sweep access road

7. Cut grass when weather permits in restored areas of original site

Actions from this visit

- See previous outstanding actions above.
- Need to progress Environmental Permit for inert landfill, such that operator in a position to be able to import inert waste and start reinstatement when phase 5 ready for restoration

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.