

Site monitoring report

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

Site Name: Crown Quarry, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh

File Ref: 14 421 37

Operator: SRC

Visit no: 2

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

Permissions:

ESS/57/04/TEN – Extraction and Reservoir

ESS/57/04/TEN/NMA1 – Changes to the plant and operations area incorporating improved visual screening and increased areas for stockpiling

ESS/57/04/TEN/NMA2 – Enlarged stockpiling area; further bunding/screening; revised access to the silt lagoon area; re-alignment of the landscaping along the north-east boundary; and revised phasing for working

ESS/07/17/TEN – Secondary aggregate production

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 / None
Hose:	In use / Not in Use
Machinery:	Working
Stockpiles:	Height = Various
Bunds:	Profiled / Grassed / Weeds / Soil

Actions from last site visit:

Officer comment/update: Application ref: ESS/07/20/TEN – ‘Continuation of winning and working of minerals associated with the construction of a public water storage reservoir without compliance with condition 2 (approved details), condition 34 (restoration/permission end date) and condition 39 (no additional buildings, fixed plant or machinery) attached to application ref: ESS/57/04/TEN to allow changes to operational areas, the phasing of the development and the shape and capacity of the completed reservoir; an additional period of time to complete the development; the provision of an additional car parking area; a new workshop building; and the installation and use of a bagging facility’ has now been resolved to be granted planning permission subject to the completion of a Deed of Variation to the legal agreement pursuant to Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) secured as part of the determination of ESS/57/04/TEN. Discussions in this regard are on-going between the Council’s legal team and the operator.

Inspection results summary:

The access point to the site off Old Ipswich Road and the haul road were clean. The current definitive route of Footpath 19 remains closed, with a diverted (eastwards) route around the reservoir signposted as a replacement. An application has been made to Essex Highways – Public Rights of Way team in respect of this and this is currently on public consultation.

With regard to the site, and operations on-going, stockpiles of sand and gravel within the processing area and stockpiles associated with the recycled aggregate operation were well contained.

The concrete plant and bagging facility were both operational at the time of visit but both tidy.

Excavation works have been continuing in Phase J, with this phase now at its full extent of working (towards the Wick Lane boundary) and works progressing into Phase I.

No significant issues or areas of concern noted.

Compliance with conditions:

On-going requirements:

- Noise monitoring (condition 15 of ESS/57/04/TEN and condition 10 of ESS/07/17/TEN); and
- Annual water monitoring (legal obligation of ESS/57/04/TEN).