

Site monitoring report

Please find detailed below the report for the site monitoring undertaken on 4th July 2024.

Site Name: Newport Quarry, Chalk Farm Lane/Widdington Road, Newport

File Ref: 11 421 21

Operator: Ingrebourne Valley Ltd (IVL)

Visit no: 1

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

Permissions:

ESS/42/18/UTT – Importation of inert material, installation and use of recycling plant to produce secondary aggregate and the final disposal of inert residues to facilitate restoration of the site to calcareous grassland, together with the continued extraction of chalk reserve

ESS/111/22/UTT – s73 to allow an increase in the permitted number of daily HGV movements

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 / Not Working
Stockpiles:	Height = Various
Bunds:	Profiled / Grassed / Weeds / Soil / Chalk

Inspection results summary:

- The site was open at the time of visit.
- The haul road from Widdington Road was generally in a good state of repair with it understood from the operator that this was recently re-dressed. There was no signs of staining or debris at the junction with the site or on Widdington Road.
- No recycling plant (permanent or mobile) has yet been installed on-site, with the operator currently only allowing clean inert material to be imported.
- In line with the approved phasing plan, restoration works to phase 1 were continuing with material also being deposited within phase 2a. With regard to this, it was noted that over the winter (wetter) months, material had been stockpiled in phase 1 and phase 2a as access across the site/these phases had been difficult for vehicles and machines. Whilst the justification for this temporary stockpiling is acknowledged, the operator is requested to ensure that any such stockpiles are appropriately managed – such that they do not exceed final restoration heights. The stockpile in phase 1 was likely considered higher than the restoration level, as this was visible on approach to the site.

- As a general comment/observation – whilst operations commenced in February 2022, Phase 1 of the site is still quite a long way off being restored. In view that the site is due to be fully restored by February 2032, it is considered that operations or progress is probably slightly behind where it should be. As suggested, this is raised purely as a comment but also as a reminder for the operator in terms of the end restoration date.

Compliance with conditions

Revised details requested:

- Condition 17 of ESS/111/22/UTT – In comparison to the layout of the office and weighbridge area as approved (condition 18 of ESS/42/18/UTT), it was noted that the weighbridge and office, messroom and car park have been constructed/installed in slightly different locations. Whilst no fundamental concerns are raised in respect of this, in context that these facilities are still contained within the wider area identified for this purpose, request is made for revised details to be submitted for formal consideration and approval.

On-going requirements:

- Condition 12 of ESS/42/18/UTT – six monthly progress report; and
- Condition 17 of ESS/42/18/UTT – noise monitoring.