

# 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:** 2 of 4

**Date:** 2 September 2024

**Time on site:** 10:00

**Time off site:** 12:00

**Monitoring Officer:** Claire Tomalin

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**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. As the office has now moved adjacent to the concrete access road, the overall length of haul road has shortened and there is more dirt being carried along the access road. The wheel wash should be brought into operation.

Original site overview – The MPA has been advised that the original Blackley site has been sold to Great Leighs Estates/the Racecourse and Frank Lyons to vacate.

Weighbridge office – the weighbridge and office have been relocated into site A38 some of redundant plant, machinery and vehicles have been removed, this should be completed by end of summer 2024, to enable restoration. The parking area next to the new location for the weighbridge, needs fencing/barriers on the quarry void boundary.

Processing plant original site - Plant area now dry, water pumped to old as raised area. The majority of the old plant has been removed. The flock plant remains to be relocated to the new processing area. Last stockpiles being removed. Racecourse pumping water from the fresh water lagoon to the lake in the racecourse.

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).

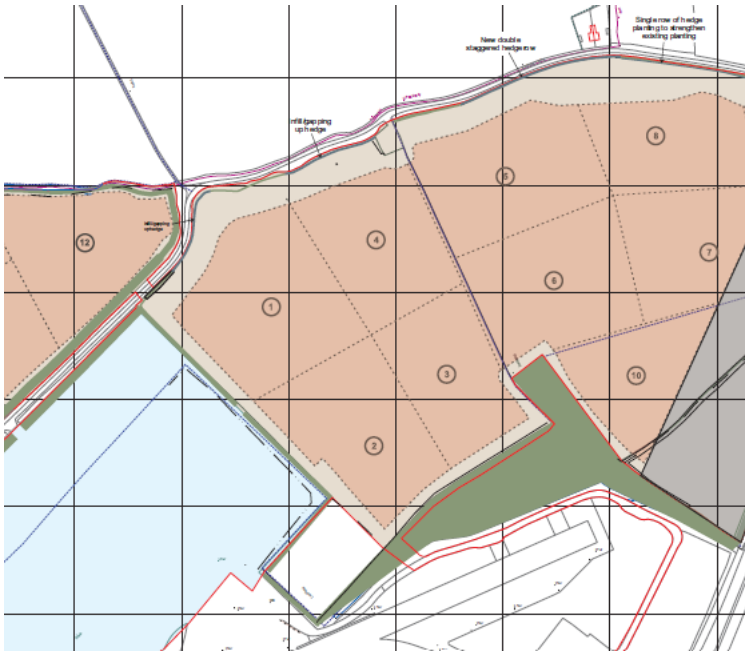
### A38 Extraction area

Extraction continuing in phase 5, some slope failure on north face, moving into 6. Overburden removal being placed on alignment of original footpath to aid its relocation in readiness for moving to phase 7 and. 8. Dry screener and some plant being stored in phase 3.

New plant operational, however, at this stage does not have planning permission, application still outstanding awaiting additional information on 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 largely removed, flock plant remaining

4. Dry screener to be operated at lower level  
Comment: not operational at time of visit
5. Progress outstanding application ESS/96/21/CHL  
Comment: Awaiting additional information on noise.
6. Sweep access road – this needs to be regularly undertaken and should include the slip onto the A131.
7. Cut grass when weather permits in restored areas of original site  
Comment: no progress
8. Need to progress Environmental Permit for inert landfill, such that operator in a position to be able to import inert waste and start reinstatement of completed extraction phases and all overburden utilised.  
Comment: TP advised no progress

### **Actions from this visit**

- See previous outstanding actions above.
- Barrier/fence required next to parking area for weighbridge.
- Bring wheel wash into operation and remove ISO container
- Take action to prevent pooling of water on the access road where it turns into the site from the racecourse.
- Replant gap created in hedge during weighbridge relocation

**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.**