

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 on the Elmstead Hall site, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: Elmstead Hall

File Ref: 14.421.39.2

Operator: David Hunter

Site Representative: David Hunter (DH).

Visit also attended by T McCarthy (TM) (ECC)

Visit no: 2 of 4

Date: 22/08/24

Time on site: 12:15

Time off site: 13:15

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: As above Tel No:

Permission no's:

ESS/105/21/TEN

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry**/ Windy / Rain / Snow
- Noise (Officer perception) - **Acceptable**/ Not acceptable / N/A –
- Approach roads: **Dry / Dusty** / Wet / Damp/Muddy / Flooded
- Ground: Combination of: **Dry / Dusty** / Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded
- Access: Obstructed / **Not Obstructed** / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery
- Wheel cleaning: Washer / Spinner / Sweeper /**none** N/A
- Hose: In use / Not in Use / **N/A**
- Machinery: **Working** / Not working (**1 no excavator, dumptruck in extraction area**).

- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles: Height = Acceptable - **see appraisal**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed / Weeds / NA**

Actions from last site visit remain the same as from last monitoring visit:

- Condition 7 requires action. **Update: No action.**
- Condition 13 and 30 requires action each period/as notified. **Update: Kept on as reminder.**
- Separation of stockpiles from perimeter soil bunding. **Update: One stockpile nearest entrance now infringing onto site perimeter bunding.**
- Overburden/stockpiles heights to be monitored. **Update: To be monitored by operator.**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Tipped aggregate near weighbridge.
- Site entrance with bellmouth clean at time of visit.
- Internal haul road in good condition.
- Perimeter mounds around site now infested with thistles.
- Lagoons on far western side now continue to have establishing vegetation both within and on perimeter banking.
- Lagoons in central area of site comprises principally two larger main water holding areas and one smaller to the west. Western most lagoon now having significant vegetation growth in its base. Central extended lagoon has vegetation within its western side and exposed silt to the east. New lagoon created in eastern most void base and now filled with water.
- Evidence of sand martin/rabbit holes in northern facing bank of unworked mineral.
- Excavations have now been completed within the eastern side of the footprint and excavations moving westward.
- Backfilling along the eastern boundary has been completed and a buffer of backfill extends out some 6-8 metres.
- Sump on far eastern side partially filled with water.
- Central graded stockpile of overburden remains in place with further loose tipped overburden in piles placed on its western side near processing plant.
- DH thought another 18 months working of reserve left.
- Within processing plant area, plant producing gravel/stone product.
- Sand stockpile adjacent processing plant now holding more sand than previous visit.
- Central band of mineral remains to be worked.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No:7 Boundary Markers

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Operator required to peg out extraction areas and maintain pegs during site operating period.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No:13 Topographical Surveys

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Surveys to be provided every 12 months.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No:30 Noise Monitoring

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Operator required to submitted surveys on three monthly basis.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No:53 Annual Report

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Operator to submit scheme when soils moved for restoration purposes.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / No

Actions to be taken before next site visit and carried over from last visit:

- Condition 7 requires action.
- Condition 13 and 30 requires action each period/as agreed.
- Overburden/stockpiles heights to be monitored.
- Ensuring highway cleanliness from material carry out/tracking marks.
- Pulling back stockpiles to avoid contamination of the perimeter mounds.
- Clearance of tipped aggregate near weighbridge.

Date of next scheduled monitoring visit: 21st November 2024 @ 12:00

Date of report: 22/08/24

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.