

# 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 site, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Site Name:** Martell's Landfill, Slough Lane, Ardleigh

**File Ref:** 14.421.12

**Operator:** OPES MRF 2013 Ltd

**Site Representative:** Chris Morton (CM)

Also attended by Shaun Long Enforcement Officer Essex County Council.

**Visit no:** 2 of 4

**Date:** 22/08/24

**Time on site:** 10:15

**Time off site:** 11:25

**Monitoring Officer:** T Burns                      Tel No: 03330136440

**Site Co-ordinator:**      As above                      Tel No:

**Permission no's:**

**ESS/30/16/TEN:** Continued restoration.

**ESS/42/22/TEN:** Gas flare

**Constraints:**

● Weather:                      **Dry/** Windy / Rain / Snow

● Noise

(officer perception):                      Acceptable/ Not acceptable / **N/A**

● Approach roads:                      **Combination: Dry/Damp / Dusty /** Wet / 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
- In correct position: Yes / **No** / N/A
- Stockpiles: Height = Perimeter mounds acceptable
- Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed / **Weeds**/ NA

#### **Actions from last site visit:**

- Topographical Survey to include identifying and characterising on site stockpiles and their quantities. How this resource meets the remaining restoration material shortfall/surplus when set against the approved Pre Settlement Plan. **Update: Still outstanding under extant permission.**
- Working programme setting out defined timescale for achieving site reinstatement. **Update: Still outstanding under extant permission.**
- Amenity Aftercare scheme outstanding. **Update: Still outstanding.**
- scheme outstanding.
- Outstanding schemes required by planning permission ESS/42/22/TEN. **Update: Still outstanding**
- Clay/waste mixing in north eastern corner of the clay stockpile needs to have the waste material returned to the waste cell. **Update: Still outstanding**
- Overtipping on the eastern site area to be removed in line with Environment Agency requirements. **Update: Still outstanding**

#### **Inspection Results Summary:**

Stiff breeze mainly from south west.

Site weighbridge and office removed and land being used by adjacent operator for groundworks access. Rumble strip now back in place.

Tracking marks of vehicles visible as HGV's turn left from site entrance and from SRC activities.

Again, as reported at last monitoring visit, no commitment to progress restoration of the land has progressed since July meeting on site.

Box scraper still parked up along haul road and one down by the flare.

Flare due its emission check and has scaffolding erected around its top. Flare was active at time of visit although no apparent heat haze visible from flare top.

Construction of gas compound footprint has ceased and CM confirmed the applicant now awaiting planning determination. Once work starts they would be rectifying the over cut of the gas compound base which has impinged southwards into the clay stockpiling area.

Strong gas smells across northern parts of the landfill despite the breeze. Direction of wind was away from picking up any smells emanating from the SRC fines in the landfill and storage areas.

Other than monitoring wells being enclosed in soil mounds to allow future monitoring access there has been little other visible groundwork across the site since the last visit.

TB questioned state of pal with the provision of site scenarios to support the present extension of time application. CM confirmed that planning consultant to provide these by end of the week.

Rest of site walked, northern land where clay slippage had occurred onto neighbouring land partially cleared although dividing fenceline has not being reinstated.

Contaminated material in north eastern end of clay stockpile remains insitu.

Pipe work and ISO containers (3 no) and fuel/water tank located adjacent clay stockpiles eastern edge.

Rest of northern part of the site now having birch springing up across the cover surface and gorse on the land to the south.

Compliance with Conditions:

**Planning Permission ESS/30/16/TEN whilst time expired had ongoing commitments to achieve restoration and these were expected to be progressed.**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/30/16/TEN; 8

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: See decision notice relates to ecology check prior to cell entry.

**Action to be taken by Operator: Operator needs to assess the submission of the next ecological submission.**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/30/16/TEN; 10

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Submission of topographical surveys

**Action to be taken by Operator: Survey submission is outstanding.**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/30/16/TEN; 43

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme for Amenity Aftercare

**Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme to be submitted.**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/42/22/TEN; 5

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: No ground disturbance until approved scheme to address Biodiversity Method Statement.

**Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme required.**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/42/22/TEN; 6

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Within 6 months a scheme for Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy.

**Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme to be submitted**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/42/22/TEN; 7

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: No site preparation works until approved scheme for Protecting Existing Trees and Vegetation.

**Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme to be submitted**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/42/22/TEN; 10

Within 2 months of date of permission a scheme for Restoration and Landscaping.

**Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme to be submitted**

**Actions to be taken before next site visit: These actions have been requested for some time and not been addressed.**

- Up to date Topographical Survey to include identifying and characterising on site stockpiles and their quantities. How this resource meets the remaining restoration material shortfall/surplus when set against the approved Pre Settlement Plan.
- Working programme/s setting out defined timescale for achieving site reinstatement.
- Amenity Aftercare scheme outstanding.
- Outstanding schemes required by planning permission ESS/42/22/TEN.
- Clay/waste mixing in north eastern corner of the clay stockpile needs to have the waste material returned to the waste cell.
- Overtipping on the eastern site area to be removed in line with Environment Agency requirements.

**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.**

Date of Next Meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024 @ 10:15

Report Date: 22/08/24