

Site monitoring report

Please find detailed below the report for the site monitoring undertaken on 30th July 2024.

Site Name: Sheepcotes Farm, Sheepcotes Lane, Little Waltham, Chelmsford

File Ref: 23 421 51

Operator: SRC

Visit no: 1

Monitoring Officer: Tom Sycamore **Tel No:** 03330 321896

Permissions:

ESS/01/18/CHL – Construction of an agricultural reservoir

ESS/01/18/CHL/NMA1 – Revised alignment of the site access road

ESS/01/18/CHL/NMA2 – Additional drainage ditch with crossing points

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 / Frozen

Access: Obstructed / **Not obstructed**

Wheel Cleaning: **Washer** / Spinner / Sweeper / Not working

Hose: In use / Not in Use / **N/A**

Machinery: **Working** / Not working

Stockpiles: Height = **Various**

Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed / **Weeds** / **Soil**

Inspection results summary:

The site was walked from the office/weighbridge area to the silt pond and down to the mineral extraction area before finishing at the processing plant area.

Works have now progressed counter-clockwise and have begun on the southeastern area of the mineral extraction area. Activity was also taking place simultaneously in the southwestern area whereby the Boulder and London Clay exposed from the extraction is to be utilised to line the reservoir. Overburden is still stored in temporary overburden storage bund in the correct position as per approved plans.

The internal access track was dry and in an acceptable condition compared with the last visit in January. The adjacent drainage ditches have been cleared of debris blockages and site is actively managing maintenance of ditches and access track.

The silt pond was examined – it has been cleared and functionality has been improved.

The processing plant was in full operation with different grades of material being produced from the extracted mineral (10mm, 20mm, 40mm, sharp sand).

There have been no reported issues from neighbouring properties in relation to visual/dust. Site reported one noise concern was raised from new neighbour. It was discussed that the six-monthly noise monitoring could be reduced to annually after the next submission in December/January. This will be reviewed at the time of the next submission in December/January in light of this complaint.

Deer crossings over the drainage ditches have been maintained and evidence of deer and other fauna were visible.

Operator reported that archaeological work is due to be submitted in approximately February 2025.

Next site monitoring visit will likely be January 2025.

Action to be taken before next visit:

Operator to maintain drainage ditch and internal access track.

Operator to submit noise monitoring report to MWPA in December/January as part of ongoing monitoring requirement.

Operator to ensure stockpiles do not exceed 5 metres in height.

Compliance with conditions:

On-going requirements:

- Noise monitoring (condition 19)