

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: Asheldham Quarry, Southminster Road, Asheldham, Essex, CM0 7DZ.

File Ref: 24 421 9

Operator: GB Finch

Site Representative: Lee Finch (LF); Conna Stanley (CS),

Visit no: 2 of 4

Date: 24/09/24

Time on site: 15:25

Time off site: 16:30

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: As above Tel No:

Permission no's: **ESS/16/14/MAL**

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/** Little wind / Rain/ Light drizzle / Snow
- Noise:
(Officer Perception) **Acceptable/** Not acceptable / N/A
- Approach roads: **Dry /** Damp/ Dusty / Wet / Muddy / Flooded
- Ground: Mix 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/**See report**

- Stockpiles: Height = **See report**
- Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed / **Weeds** / NA

Actions from last site visit: First three points remain as per last visit.

- Site notice boards insitu. As noted above provision of these advertisements need confirming with the District Council. **Update: Advertisements need confirming with the District Council.**
- Ecological Management Delivery Plan needs submission. **Update Supporting assessments prepared.**
- Condition 9 Annual survey of waste importation. **Update: Outstanding. Planning condition requirement separate from any Waste Local Plan survey requirements.**
- Clearance from infringement of eastern stockpile hedgerow. **Update: Outstanding.**
- Movement back behind screen bunding of screener/crusher plant. **Update: Screener whilst positioning is close to edge of recycling area there should be no further movement eastwards.**
- Regularising the satellite/antenna mast atop the batching plant. **Update: Outstanding.**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Site entrance and carriageway clean although verge continues with its deterioration outside site.
- Site notice boards insitu. **As noted previously these advertisements need confirming with the District Council.**
- Storage bays in recycling area nearest site entrance filled with stone and some sand. Stocks low.
- Recycling plant operating at time of visit. Various gavel/stone and sand being produced. Low loader feeding hopper. Again noted that majority of the stocks and feed source appears to be virgin mineral/hoggin and stone.
- Yard operating area clean. Concrete batching plant operational with four mixer trucks parked alongside.
- Eastern area of recycling yard has numerous stockpiles of recycleate along with parked up crusher/screening units. Crusher in same location as at last monitoring visit. Another crusher present with some stockpiling around it. Bays have been created to form northern perimeter line and stocks of material in some of these bays.
- Restored area in south eastern corner (horse paddock) dry and not walked on this occasion. Horses in field. Soil bunding within the paddock areas appears to have been strimmed.
- Lake area east of haul road filled with water although slightly lower than last visit. Expanding silt deposits in its north western corner with grass establishing and willow trees some 1.5 – 2metres high.

- Set of 4 lagoons operational with the eastern most drained own and large amount of silt exposed leaving a central elevated silt mound standing proud.
- Rest of the former quarry now backfilled leaving the northern most final phase having clay liner placed along northern and western edges.
- Remaining mineral being extracted from north western corner as excavations begin to start working back out towards the haul road. LF advised that mineral depth is deeper here at about 8 – 10 metres thickness.
- Estimated mineral would last until Spring. Dependant on market the void possibly about three quarters filled by same time.
- Main stockpiling yard had very little stock. Front loader tidying up floor.
- Central area of ground opposite weighbridge and between haul road circulation system has a considerable build up of pumps/piping and other paraphernalia which should be cleared up and stored alongside the maintenance facilities.
- As previously reported in last monitoring report, the erection of satellite dish mast atop the concrete batching plant would also need regularising.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/16/14/MAL (Mineral extraction)

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 9 Annual survey of waste importation.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/125/22/MAL (Recycling Plant)

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 4 Lighting.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: If lighting installed on site.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/125/22/MAL (Recycling Plant)

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 5 Landscaping.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 6 months of date of permission i.e. 15/11/23 scheme of landscaping to be submitted.

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / **No**

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Site notice boards insitu. As noted above provision of these advertisements need confirming with the District Council.
- Ecological Management Delivery Plan needs submission.
- Condition 9 Annual survey of waste importation.
- Clearance from infringement of eastern stockpile hedgerow.
- Clearing stockpiles of various items of machinery etc from central reservation opposite weighbridge.
- Regularising the satellite/antenna mast atop the batching plant.

Report date: 25/09/24

Date of next meeting: 24/09/24 @ 15:15

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.