

# 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: St Clere's Hall Pit, Main Road, Danbury**

**File Ref: 23 421 16**

**Operator: Danbury Aggregates Limited**

**Site Representative:** Dave Nurcombe (DN); Simon Chaffe (SC) – agent.

**Visit no:** 2 of 4

**Date:** 24/09

**Time on site:** 10:30

**Time off site:** 11: 15

**Monitoring Officer:** T Burns (TB) Tel No: 03330136440

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

**Permission no's:**

**ESS/59/06/CHL** – Increase traffic movements

**ESS/63/10/CHL** – Infilling and Recycling

**ESS/12/13/CHL** – Western Extension.

**ESS/31/16/CHL** – Continuation of extraction.

**ESS/32/16/CHL** – Importation.

**Constraints:**

- Weather: combination **Dry**/ Windy / light Rain / Snow
- Noise

(as perceived by officer): **Acceptable**/ Not acceptable / N/A

- Approach roads: **Combination of 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 / Wheel bath available but not being used at time of visit. /No/ N/A**
- Hose: **In use / Not in Use / N/A**
- Machinery: **Working / Not working (1 dozer behind site office grading out infill.**
- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles: **Height = Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed /Weeds / NA**

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

- Addressing tree management/weed control aspects of the landscaping. **Update: No change from previous visit. Landscaping management/maintenance needs to be in place and being implemented first available season. One worker today strimming around exclusion fencing within western extension land.**
- Clarifying programme for the void infilling/consultants actioning steps. **Update: Kept on as reminder once permit received for the operator to update on the infilling programme.**
- Stockpiles behind site offices growing in footprint and height. This is not a stocking area and heights will be breaching outside viewpoints. **Update: No action being taken by operator. 8 Stockpiles of varying nature present.**

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

- Site approach road and bellmouth mainly clean but evidence of tracking on the highway.
- Internal haul road was clean, no bowser in evidence at time of visit.
- Site quiet at time of visit. Two HGV's vehicles visited site during visit importing inert materials.
- Western extension land continues to establish with natural regeneration.
- As per last visit tree planting on bund alongside haul road remains poor. Management arrangements for this and the western land area questioned. Weed growth now dominant.
- Stockpiling area behind site offices accommodating some 8 main stockpiles (sands; crushed rubble/stone; soil making materials. Larger stockpile of sand situated on northern side of maintenance building split into two from loading shovel action.
- Along with trailer storage and site plant. HGV and trailer continues to be parked on western side of maintenance building.
- Infilling platform extending further out into void. Fresh imported tipped material on surface of platform being levelled dozer out into void. Water levels in lake still high. Two access tracks remain in place from rim of void down to water level. One track

on eastern and one western side track. The latter now appears to have been extended since last visit.

- Opposite side of void evidence of large slippage below which some face excavation where appears a track has been created down to water level.
- Processing plant area quiet. Stocks below conveyor arms small.
- As reported previously adjoining yellow hopper and two conveyor arms with gravel/stone stockpile of about 2/3 metres high. Behind was parked a red crusher unit.
- Across on eastern side was a hopper/conveyor arm. Hopper and conveyor arm sitting to its east. Stockpile of processed mineral located opposite on bend in haul road and behind the storage building.
- Main stocking area continues to accommodate the perimeter stored old ballast mounds which have vegetation establishing on their surfaces. Sand stockpiles being reduced and some dark processed material resembling soily pea sized particles stocked just off haul road
- 4 trailers and one derelict dump truck continue their presence parked on eastern side of stockpiling area above the lake.
- Access track around eastern side of lake in place.
- Crushing area quiet. Evidence of a redundant excavator buried in spoil appears to have had attempts to dig it out.
- Some 20 plus cabs/trailers and full units continue to accumulate as part derelict plant/parked HGV's that occupy the wider yard area.
- Use of land in the hollow for the activities taking place (storage/parking/processing) status remains on the reports as their activities will be affected with infilling activities taking place.

### **Compliance with Conditions:**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/63/10/CHL Conditions 13 (Noise); 24 and 25 (Soils notifications); 33 (Aftercare); 40 (Access alteration) and 41 (Removal of Structures)

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: By operator within set timescales as set out in the permission.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/12/13/CHL Conditions 8 (Soil Placement notification); 13 (Lighting provision) and 15 (Aftercare scheme).

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken:

Action to be taken by Operator or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/31/16/CHL Conditions 7 (Ecological Interest); 14 (Noise Monitoring); 22 (Aftercare) and 37 (Restoration).

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: As set out in permission.

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

**Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:**

- Yes / **No**

**Proposed Mitigation Measures:**

- As per conditions

**Actions to be taken before next site visit:**

- Addressing tree management/weed control aspects of the landscaping.
- Clarifying programme for the void infilling/consultants actioning steps.
- Stockpiles behind site offices growing in footprint and height. This is not a stocking area. Revisions to working plan may be required to accommodate revised site layouts.

Date of Next Meeting: 12:15 on 18th December 2024 then onto Royal Oak

Date of Report: 24/09/24

**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.**