

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: Colemans Farm, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall End, WITHAM, CM8 3EX

File Ref: 12. 421.36

Operator: Brice Aggregates Limited

Site Representative: Matthew Ball (MB)

Essex County Council (ECC): Terry Burns (TB)

Visit no: 3 of 4

Date: 11/12/24

Time on site: 09:00

Time off site: 10:10

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: As above Tel No:

Permission no's:

ESS/65/17/BTE: Change of Use of land for Stockpiling

ESS/40/18/BTE: Continuation of Use of Mineral Extraction

ESS/11/20/COL: Ready Mix Concrete Plant

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/ Windy / Rain / Snow**
- Noise
(officer perception) : **Acceptable/ Not acceptable / N/A**
- Approach road: **Combination of Dry / Dusty / Wet / Muddy / Flooded**
(Highway)
- Ground: **Combination /Dry / Dusty / Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded**

- Access: Obstructed / Not Obstructed / **Mud on Road** / Ice / Slippery
- Wheel cleaning: **Washer** / Spinner / **Sweeper** / **Tractor and brush**/none N/A
- Hose: In use / Not in Use / **N/A**
- Machinery: **Working** / Not working
- In correct position: **Yes** / No / N/A
- Stockpiles: Height above permitted height/**Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed / **Weeds** / NA

Actions from last site visit:

- Maintenance arrangement for addressing break up of bellmouth road exit side and public highway. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Wheelwash use reinforced to drivers. **Update: kept on as reminder.**
- Wheelwash drainage to be addressed and contamination of hedgerows from off spill water to be stopped. Provision of sump would assist. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Provision of visual height marker/s in stockpiling area. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Soil bund/stockpiles alongside watercourse to the east of the processing plant to be pulled back from watercourse line to ensure slippages do not enter watercourse. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Demarcation with barriers to restrict encroachment of road material into watercourse and tree root standoffs for crossing near landfill holding area. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Standoff from tree canopy/root protection areas of all tree/hedgerow boundaries. No parking of plant and machinery from these standoff areas. **Update: Area bounding plant site has metal fence barriers positioned to provide hedgerow standoffs.**
- Review is necessary on effectiveness of the CEMP plan. Interim meeting with operators agent/ecology/arbiculturist and invite to Mineral Planning Authority representatives. **Update: Still awaited.**
- As above programme of landscape management to be implemented. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Compliance with the conditions listed above and in permissions/pending permissions/legal agreements. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Arrangement for site ecologist to be present at next monitoring visit to discuss site progress/actions being undertaken. **Update: Agent requested meeting early next year to allow new ecological consultants opportunity to understand the situation on site. TB to canvass dates for next monitoring visit to tie in with joint ecological meeting.**
- Compliance with the conditions listed above and in permissions/pending permissions/legal agreements. **Update: Still awaited see report below.**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Site approach road had debris deposited along highway as well as smearing across the width of the highway. Although a road sweeper and tractor and brush were active at the site at the time of the monitoring visit their presence were not

being too effective in ensuring a clean highway surface only wetting further the smearing of mud.

- Breakup of highway surface continues as reported at previous visit. MB confirmed they have logged an event on the County Highways web page. Road surface also breaking up within bellmouth.
- MB advised that the barrier system remnants to be removed from within the haul road and reinstated with concrete just before site shutdown period,
- Prior to the start of the visit some 5 HGV's (4 tippers and one concrete batching vehicle) drove through wheelwash without slowing enough for the water jets to be effective. The road sweeper was observed correctly actioning the drive through process. Post the monitoring visit similar experience with tippers driving through too quick and one batching vehicle ignore the wheelwash all together.
- MB confirmed that wheelwash company reps visiting site next week to advise on effectiveness measures. Options for placing rumble strips/more advanced concreting of the approach road/provision of ramps to avoid low spots being considered. Ponding of water occurring both on approach and exiting of the wheelwash. Egress of water continuing along with silt build up through to the perimeter hedgerow. Provision of sump had been looked at but appears there are utility lines preventing this provision.
- Visitor car park full of site operators cars. MB noted that only he and site foreman now only operators actually based on site.
- Stockpiling area south of haul road mostly accommodating processed stone with large stock of 10mm.
- Concrete batching plant operational with steady flow of visiting batching HGV's.
- Soil storage bund behind concrete plant cleared of weeds and regraded.
- Crossing point by processing plant has its "LEGO" style barrier although the watercourse was filling with silt. Two main entry points for silt ingress noted. MB to action with provision of barriers to prevent water passage from yard into watercourse.
- Haul road link between both water course crossing points now spreading its width into perimeter ditches and overlapping with soil bunds. Incursions need to be pulled back to ensure diving line between haul road and its boundary extent.
- Watercourse crossing point to recycling area needs similar barrier demarcation to ensure carriageway is constrained as road crosses watercourse.
- Recycling area active with 360 excavator addressing the ongoing supply of inerts. Stock piles were not breaching above the surrounding Phasing boundary levels.
- No activity in western extension land. MB confirmed that remaining northern strip of archaeology to be addressed soon although query over whether the last strip would take place as mineral seam appears to be quite thin. Potential for boreholes to ascertain viability for extracting this last area.
- No further movements within the former Phases 2 and 3 where infill remains positioned within the central parts of the void virtually up to final level.
- Phase 4 at eastern site end remains quiet with no infilling taking place.
- Phase 5 also quiet and has most of its clay base levelled.
- Phase 8 remains soil stripped.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 1

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Notification Dates

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 9

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Surveys

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 10

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Surveys CEMP

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 21

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeological fieldwork post excavation report

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 29

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Periodic noise monitoring

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 38

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Site Lighting

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 57

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Aftercare scheme

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/65/17/BTE Condition 21

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Periodic Noise Monitoring

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/11/20/BTE Condition 7

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Site Lighting

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/11/20/BTE Condition 15

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Noise Monitoring

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/11/20/BTE Condition 18

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Dust Management

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

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 5

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Tree Protection Scheme

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

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 6

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Requirements

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

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 7

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: CEMP

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

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 9

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Biodiversity Enhancement Plan

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 10 months of permission date.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 10

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Skylark Mitigation

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil stripping.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 11

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Landscaping

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 5 years of permission.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 12; 13 and 14

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeology

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

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 15; 16 and 17

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeology

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Post excavation assessment/ Fieldwork Visit/Within 4 months of completion of fieldwork phase.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 19

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Dust

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil strip.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 21

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Soil Handling

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil strip.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 30

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Revised Restoration

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 years.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 31

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Aftercare

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil replacement.

Conditions in red below are those now superceded by ESS/98/21/BTE

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 10; 12

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Requirements

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to commencement/Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 13

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Biodiversity Enhancement Plan

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 10 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 23

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeology

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 6 months of completion in each phase.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 32

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Noise Monitoring

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21BTE Condition 35

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Dust

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 60

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Aftercare

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil replacement.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 10

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Requirements

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil strip.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 11

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: CEMP

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 13

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Biodiversity

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 10 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 23

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeology

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 6 months of fieldwork phasing.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 31

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Noise Monitoring

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 34

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Dust

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 58

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Revised Restoration

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 years.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 59

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Aftercare

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil replacement.

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

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- Demarcation with barriers to restrict encroachment of road material into watercourse and tree root standoffs for crossing near landfill holding area.
- Standoff from tree canopy/root protection areas of all tree/hedgerow boundaries. No parking of plant and machinery from these standoff areas.
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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: 13th March 2025 @ 09:00

Report Date: 12/12/24