

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: Rayne Quarry, Broadfield Farm, Dunmow Road, Rayne, Braintree, CM77 6SA

File Ref: 12. 421. 37

Operator: Ingrebourne Valley Limited

Site Representative: Victoria Harris (VH); Stuart McMurdock (SM); Kieron Vicary (KV).

Also attended as part of the Essex Development Management Team Richard Greaves; Claire Tomlin; Tom McCarthy; Shelly Bailey; Phil Dash; Tom Sycamore; Rachel Edney; Chloe Budd; Emma Robinson.

Visit no: 3 of 4 (2024/25)

Date: 11/12/24

Time on site: 12:15

Time off site: 13:30

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: As above Tel No:

Permission no's: **ESS/19/17/BTE:** Mineral extraction

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/ Windy / Rain / Snow**
- Noise
(officer perception) : **Acceptable/ Not acceptable / N/A**
- Approach roads: Dry / Dusty / **Damp/Wet / Muddy** / Flooded
- Ground: **Combination:** Dry / Dusty / Wet / **Damp / Muddy** / Flooded
- Access: Obstructed / **Not Obstructed**/ Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery
- Wheel cleaning: Washer / Spinner / Sweeper/ water bowser/ Hose (used/not used at time of visit) /**none** N/A –

- Machinery: **Working / Not working**
- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A – see report**
- Stockpiles: **Height = see report/Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed / Weeds/ NA**

Actions from last site visit:

- To check what the commitment was for planting provision on/near perimeter ditches.
Update: Options and programme for North eastern planting areas to be considered at next meeting.
- Planting areas to be advised on by County Landscape Officer at next meeting.
Update: This will be addressed in Spring.
- Useful for clarity on method of weed suppression on tree planting locations.
Update: VH confirmed mulching/spot weeding and strimming.

Inspection Results Summary:

- Site access clear and unobstructed. VH raised landowners wish to continue hedgerow planting across front of entrance up to green metal posts and just in front of wooden fence.
- Grass short throughout site.
- Site walked anticlockwise.
- Eastern tree planting area now complete and SM advised that landowner would have access to this land. Potential for sheep grazing.
- Trees not fully inspected. SM noted one hare found in one of the planting parcels. Rabbit guards are in place around the outside of the three planting parcels. Evidence of rabbits attempting to dig under fencelines.
- Northern unworked areas still in agricultural use.
- Some wind blow of tree tubes on northern perimeter. Ponding of water around the north eastern tree plantings. This area and potential remedial measures to be considered next visit in consultation with Landscape Officer.
- Hedge translocation area had been trimmed down and site operator was working along hedge doing pruning.
- Archaeological investigations complete for Phase 2.
- Extraction continuing in Phase 1. Sub Phase 1c and 1d comprising western half of the larger phase will be next extraction series. Phase 1c has had some mineral extracted through as this was the base of the former silt lagoon. SM intention to align both c and d faces before extraction continuing westwards
- Lagoon in Phase 1a has now stabilised its water level.
- Processing plant location quiet with machinery being hosed down. No mineral being removed and the site to be working off stockpiles.
- Lagoon system operational.
- No HGV's visiting during monitoring period.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition ESS/19/17/BTE No: 14 Topographical Surveys

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Periodic surveys

Action to be taken by Operator: Periodic surveys as required by the condition

Permission/Condition ESS/19/17/BTE No: 15 Vehicle Routing

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: See decision notice

Action to be taken by Operator: Recording of HGV movements

Permission/Condition ESS/19/17/BTE No: 22 Need for Ecological Surveys prior to Phase entry.

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: See decision notice

Action to be taken by Operator: Prior survey confirmation needed prior to entry into Phases.

Permission/Condition ESS/19/17/BTE No: 27: Lighting

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required if external lighting required

Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme prior to Lighting needs.

Permission/Condition ESS/19/17/BTE No: 40: Fixed plant and buildings etc

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Details required for ancillary needs.

Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme prior to ancillary needs.

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- To check what the commitment was for planting provision on/near perimeter ditches.
- Planting areas to be advised on by County Landscape Officer at next meeting.

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 @ 13:15

Report Date: 12/12/24