

# 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, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Site Name:** Wivenhoe Quarry (area west of Keelars Lane), Alresford Road, CO7 9JU

**File Ref:** 14.421.27

**Operator:** Tarmac

**Site Representative:** Daniel Congdon – Quarry Supervisor, Tarmac

Kelven Nichols - Tarmac

**Visit no:** 2 of 2

**Date:** 05/11/24

**Time on site:** 11:45am

**Time off site:** 12:30pm

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**Site Co-ordinator:** Shelley Bailey                      Tel No: 03330136824

## Permission no's:

ESS/80/20/TEN – Continuation of quarry restoration to part agriculture, part nature conservation and part open water, without compliance with conditions 1 (approved plans), 44 (landscape scheme), 49 (completion by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020), 50 (restoration by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020) and 53 (Construction Environment Management Plan) attached to planning permission ref ESS/43/19/TEN to allow for an extension of time to complete restoration and for the permanent retention of the access onto Alresford Road.

ESS/80/20/TEN/NMA - Non-material amendment to permission ref ESS/80/20/TEN to provide a new area of reed bed and altered areas of species rich grassland and open mosaic habitats, as approved under Conditions 1 and 44.

ESS/80/20/TEN/NMA2 - Non-material amendment to permission ref ESS/80/20/TEN to provide a new ephemeral waterbody.

ESS/80/20/TEN/NMA3 - Non-material amendment to permission ref ESS/80/20/TEN to allow a revised timescale for a scheme for improvements to the quarry access under Condition 55.

**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**
- Access: **Gate locked**
- Wheel cleaning: **Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / none N/A**
- Hose: **In use / Not in Use / N/A**
- Machinery: **Working / Not working N/A**
- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles: **Height = N/A**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed / Some weeds / N/A**

**Actions from last site visit:**

- Alresford Road access works to be finalised and implemented.
- Poned area alongside Keelars Lane restored tunnel to be regularised.
- Surface stones to be picked.
- Tarmac to ensure that all seeding and planting has been carried out in accordance with the restoration plan, prior to the first aftercare visit.

**Inspection Results Summary:**

- Since the last visit, decision ref ESS/80/20/TEN/NMA2 has been issued to regularise the ponded area adjacent to the restored tunnel under Keelars Lane.
- Decision ref ESS/80/20/TEN/NMA3 has been issued to allow the submission of a revised timescale for improvements to the Alresford Road access. Accordingly, a scheme has been submitted within the deadline but has not been progressed due to lack of detail within the submission.
- Surface stones have not been picked since the last visit.
- With regard to restoration and planting/seeding, as discussed on site, there are still tracked areas across the site (providing access to pumps for example) that are not shown on the restoration drawings. The site should mostly be seeded to 'neutral grassland with areas of open mosaic habitats' and in my view there are too many areas still disturbed.

'Woodland block D' does not appear to have been maintained since the last visit, it was largely overgrown with no evidence of weed control. Tarmac should be monitoring this area to ensure that any specimens that have failed are replaced. As per the previous report, Tarmac must ensure the site has been seeded and planted in accordance with the approved restoration plans prior to the commencement of aftercare (See Conditions 2 and 44 of permission ref ESS/80/20/TEN).

- The planning status of the northern access requires investigation and it is requested that Tarmac liaises with the MPA in this regard.
- It is noted that the site office remains in place and is not permitted once the site is restored.

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

- Tarmac to submit a finalised version of the scheme for access improvements under ESS/80/20/TEN/NMA3. Note the NMA3 revises the wording of Condition 55 to:

*'Within 39 months of the restoration date (30 June 2021) a scheme for the improvement of the priority junction off Alresford Road and internal access road, as indicated on drawing W319\_00039-2\_Wivenhoe - Old Plant Site Access Rev A dated 04/24, shall be submitted to the Minerals Planning Authority for its approval in writing.*

*The scheme shall clearly show the kerb radii, carriageway width and footway provision where appropriate. The scheme shall include a timetable for implementation. The junction and access road shall be completed in accordance with the approved scheme.'*

- Tarmac to arrange for surface stones to be picked to ensure the surface material complies with Condition 34.
- The planning status of the northern access requires investigation and it is requested that Tarmac liaises with the MPA in this regard.
- Tracked areas to be seeded/restored in accordance with the restoration drawing.
- Woodland Block D to be checked for failings, replanted if necessary this season, and maintained in accordance with the permission.
- The site office should be removed to accord with the approved restoration drawings.

**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.**