

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); Phillip and Conna Stanley (PS; CS)

Also attended by Megan Cowell (Essex Landscape)

Visit no: 3 of 4

Date: 18/12/24

Time on site: 14:15

Time off site: 15:45

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: Mast removed and fixtures now attached to top gantry of silo.**

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 mostly with sands. Front loader serving customers.
- 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.
- Waste recycling area quiet, two crushers on site. Large stockpile of grey coloured material next to the smaller blue tracked crusher unit. Large stockpile of reddish hoggin situated between the recycling plants.
- Yard operating area clean. Concrete batching plant operational with one mixer truck active at time of visit.
- Restored area in south eastern corner (horse paddock) walked. Horses in fields. Furthest water body now covered with reeds and water present. Some wind blown plastics evident. Surrounding soil mound heavily rabbit infested.
- Main northern most water body similar to the earlier one with reeds and plastic wate. Both water bodies have electric fencing surrounding them.

- Eastern boundary tree planting line varying success rate of tree survival.
- Replacement water body positioned mid way on the eastern site perimeter formed and lined and beginning to fill with surface water.
- Dozer operating in far northern edge of site grading through infill. Clay liner now around northern perimeter and extending through western side following haul road.
- Some mineral yet to be won from beneath western soil bunds. Excavator extracting mineral from strip of land formerly the haul road as they work their way out of the northern area.
- Central lake area water level beginning to reestablish still some metre plus below vegetation growth on central island.
- Silt lagoon on former Phase 7 now finished and once dry will be graded out. Rest of land in this corner now gaining some vegetation growth.
- Set of 4 lagoons operational with the eastern most now refilled after clean. Silt establishing itself within the main lake west of the haul road.
- Main stockpiling yard had very little stock.
- 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.

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. **See comments below.**

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 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. For clarity and post the monitoring visit query as to whether this was the same as the annual returns made to the Waste Planning Authority this requirement is separate to the annual waste returns. The planning condition requires the following:

Details of the amount of waste deposited and remaining void space at the site shall be submitted to the Minerals Planning Authority for the period 1 January to 31 December each year. Such details shall specify:

- a. The type of waste deposited at the site during the year;**
 - b. The quantity and type of waste deposited at the site during the year in tonnes;**
 - c. The volume in cubic metres (m³) of the remaining void space at 31 December**
- Clearance from infringement of eastern stockpile hedgerow.
 - Clearing stockpiles of various items of machinery etc from central reservation opposite weighbridge.

Report date: 18/12/24

Date of next meeting: 27/03/25 @ 10:00

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.