

# 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, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Site Name:** Blackley Quarry, Gt Leighs, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 1QP - Original site only i.e. not including MLP sites A38 and A39

**File Ref:** 23 421 31

**Operator:** Great Leighs Estates

**Site Representative:** No representative from Great Leighs Estates – visit unannounced.

**Visit no:** 3 of 4

**Date:** 9 Dec 2024

**Time on site:** 10:15

**Time off site:** 12:00

**Monitoring Officer:** Claire Tomalin

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**Site Co-ordinator:** Claire Tomalin:

**Permission no's:** ESS/42/17/CHL – Variation to ESS/46/16/CHL to allow amendments to planting timing, bunding and condition wordings. Decision issued and implemented.

ESS/96/21/CHL – Variation to plant details and new workshop, awaiting determination.

## Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry**/ Windy / Rain / Snow/ Fog
- Noise: **Acceptable**/ Not acceptable / N/A
- Ground: Dry / Dusty / **Wet** / Damp / Muddy / Flooded
- Access: Obstructed / **Not Obstructed** / **Mud on Road** / Ice / Slippery
- Stockpiles: acceptable.
- Bunds: Profiled / Grassed / **Weeds** / NA

## **Inspection Results Summary:**

Original site overview – The MPA has been advised that the original Blackley site has been sold to Moulsham Hall Estates/the Racecourse and responsibility for compliance with conditions relevant to this part of the site now lies with Moulsham Hall Estates.

Frank Lyons Plant have removed all processing plant from the site.

There are some stockpiles of hardcore for tracks and dry screened sand within the original stocking area, which Frank Lyons Plant still needs to utilise/sell or move into MLP Sites A38 and A39. There remains also some mobile plant and an ISO container within the north east of the site.

Original silt lagoons – The silt lagoons have ceased to be used in association with the mineral extraction and therefore available for restoration.

PRoW passing through the original site - The fencing to prevent entry to the silt lagoons/site from the PRoW needs repairing to minimise accidental/unauthorised entry to the site/silt lagoons.

Original site areas restored - The restored area is in grass but has not been cut. The grass should be cut, to prevent becoming rank.

Bund to Helvellyn - The bund adjacent to Helvellyn unchanged from last visit. Now the processing plant has been removed, this bund is required to be removed (condition 78 of ESS/42/17/CHL).

Original site unrestored areas - Now mineral operations have ceased within the original site, restoration of this area can commence. It is understood Great Leighs Estates may wish to vary the approved restoration scheme, extract below of the approved scheme for the original site. A pre-application request is advised to progress this matter.



**Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:**Yes

**Proposed Mitigation Measures:**

No major adverse effects were identified as part of the EIA.

**Actions carried forward from last visit:**

Submit outstanding details with respect to conditions 48 (bund maintenance), 50 (soil storage locations), 60 (dewatering), 62 (surface water drainage), 64 (groundwater monitoring scheme) – relevant to whole site.

Comment: No progress. Frank Lyons planning agent aware, but Great Leighs Estates will need to address these for the original part of the site.

Replace PRoW fencing adjacent to redundant silt lagoons

Comment : No progress

Remove old redundant plant

Comment: Redundant processing plant removed

Cut grass in original site where restored to grassland when weather permits

Comment: no progress

### **Actions from this visit**

- See previous outstanding actions above.
- Progress restoration in accordance with approved restoration scheme or seek advice/planning permission for a revised restoration scheme

**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.**