

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 [enter site name here], please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: Sandon Quarry, Southend Road, Chelmsford.

File Ref: 23 421 03

Operator: Robert Brett and Sons Ltd

Site Representative: Karol Podkomorzy (KP) – Brett.

Also attended by Almu Quiralte (Essex Landscape)

Visit no: 3 of 4

Date: 18/12/24

Time on site: 09:00

Time off site: 10:25

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: As above Tel No:

Permission no's:

ESS/08/16/CHL: Northern quarry void and plant site including the restoration of the Northern quarry void using inert materials (superceded by ESS/114/22/CHL) .

ESS/40/17/CHL: The continuation of the infilling with inert waste to allow an extension in time for completion of restoration by 31 December 2026 in the southern quarry void.

ESS/41/17/CHL: Installation and operation of an inert waste recycling facility to produce secondary aggregate in the southern quarry void.

ESS/49/17/CHL: Retention of site office.

ESS/15/19/CHL 43.2m x 2m high fence along the haul route.

ESS/114/22/CHL – Infilling and relocation of site offices. Resolution to approve subject to completion of legal agreement.

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry**/ Negligent wind/Windy / Rain/Snow
- Noise
(Officer perception): **Acceptable**/ Not acceptable / N/A
- Approach roads: Dry / Dusty /**Damp**/ / Wet / Muddy/ Flooded
- Ground: **Mix of:** Dry / Dusty / **Wet / Damp / Muddy** in places / Flooded
- Access: Obstructed / Not Obstructed / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery
(See inspection report below)
- 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
- Stockpiles: Height = **Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed /**Weeds** / NA

Actions from last site visit: **Actions remain open**

- Clarity on actions taken to achieve adjustments to be undertaken to ensure wheel wash effectiveness and elimination of carry out to remove further need for sweeping and washing of the haul road. **Update: Still awaited**
- Maintain vigilance on sheeting of vehicles. **For monitoring by site operator.**
- State of haul road integrity to be monitored. **For monitoring by site operator.**
- Clarity on management and maintenance programme for landscaping. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Outstanding Conditions need addressing immediately. **Update: Operator has been addressing these.**
- No further work in northern void until southern void restored as per planning conditions. **For noting by site operator.**
- Ensure all permissions and schemes held in both site offices for quarry and recycling operators. **For noting by site operator**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Haul road from site entrance through to office clean. Road sweeper active at time of visit.
- Frequent flow of HGV's visiting principally Gordons; Brocks and Bushcade livery.
- Compensation area not walked and likely on site meeting next monitoring visit between interested parties (ECC and Bioscan) on management aspects.

- Within southern void levels have been brought up to just below sub/topsoil level across the site. Final marker pegs about 0.5 ish short of final level. Some temporary soil bunding remain on western perimeter. No further activity given ground conditions within southern void likely now before weather improves.
- Approach to bridge continues to have metal fencing to filter pedestrians past bridge entrance and along public right of way. Further steel fencing runs either side of the bridge between it and the surrounding vegetation. One yellow skip remains positioned near bridge and half filled with site rubbish.
- Within recycling area a front loader active tidying stockpiles. KP advised that Brett are monitoring the marketing of the final on site stocks whilst discussions continue on future third party use of the recycling area.
- One portacabin; three ISO containers and various other smaller items of machinery/plastic tankage remain.
- Within the nature area three scrapes are filled with water; KP advised that similar lining of one of the larger scrapes that forms a “moat” around one of the trees within the central part of the nature area is to be undertaken. This lining will form a kidney shape scrape to avoid damage to the tree.
- Several reptile mounds created out of branches and trunks and positioned in a line adjacent the former plant site require to be covered with soils to create a covered habitat. KP confirmed that as and when they get soils this is being tipped onto the mounds.
- The recently uncovered concreted access track running from the bailey bridge northwards for about 100 metres remains clear and as previously identified this would need to be lifted and the land restored as part of the northern voids restoration works.
- 2 no Dozers within northern void grading out infill within base of the void. Infilling continuing to move south eastwards and with a graded surface to enable drainage during the winter weather. Access for HGV's being maintained through the temporary haul road running through the baes north eastern side and then running westwards about three quarters of way across base width.
- Within the northern land no sheep/cattle in field although KP advised their estates looking at sheep introduction and also horses for the translocation area west of the A130.
- Newt enclosures all have some water in them; the newest is full.
- Tree planting areas need to be looked at in terms of tree survival and replacement species. Appears Hawthorn/Oaks looking more successful than other species.
- Part of fencing has been cut through between tree planting area on eastern most side .
- Most recent of the Newt ponds holding water although this was down and the pond divided into two by the higher ridge of ground now exposed.
- Older newt ponds visible with some water being held but surrounding vegetation obscuring views. Appears Bioscan not wanting strimming in these areas.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 11 – Ecological Interest

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: No ground disturbance until scheme approved.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 12 – Construction Environment Management Plan

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: No ground disturbance until scheme approved. Scheme discharged.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 13 – Wildlife Sensitive Lighting Design

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: No site preparation works. Operator unlikely to require.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 17 – Processing Plant

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: No processing plant on site until redundant plant removed.

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / No

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Clarity on actions taken to achieve adjustments to be undertaken to ensure wheel wash effectiveness and elimination of carry out to remove further need for sweeping and washing of the haul road.
- Maintain vigilance on sheeting of vehicles.
- State of haul road integrity to be monitored.
- Clarity on management and maintenance programme for landscaping.

- Outstanding Conditions need addressing immediately.
- Ensure all permissions and schemes held in both site offices for quarry and recycling operators.

Report Date: 19/12/24

Date of Next Meeting: 25th March 2025 @ 09:00

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.