

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: St Clere's Hall Pit, Main Road, Danbury

File Ref: 23 421 16

Operator: Danbury Aggregates Limited

Site Representative: Dave Nurcombe (DN); Simon Chaffe (SC) – agent.

Visit no: 3 of 4

Date: 18/12/24

Time on site: 11:30

Time off site: 12:15

Monitoring Officer: T Burns (TB) Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: as above Tel No:

Permission no's:

ESS/59/06/CHL – Increase traffic movements

ESS/63/10/CHL – Infilling and Recycling

ESS/12/13/CHL – Western Extension.

ESS/49/19/CHL – Continuation of extraction.

ESS/50/19/CHL – Importation.

Constraints:

- Weather: combination **Dry**/ Windy / light Rain / Snow
- Noise

(as perceived by officer): **Acceptable**/ Not acceptable / N/A

- Approach roads: Combination of **Dry** / Dusty / Wet /Damp/ Muddy / Flooded
- Ground: **Combination of: Dry** / Dusty / Wet / **Damp** / **Muddy** / Flooded
- Access: Obstructed / **Not Obstructed** / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery
- Wheel cleaning: Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / **Wheel bath available but not being used at time of visit.** /No/ N/A
- Hose: In use / **Not in Use** / N/A
- Machinery: **Working** / Not working (1 excavator in stockpiling area.
- In correct position: **Yes** / No / N/A
- Stockpiles: **Height = Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed /**Weeds** / NA

Actions from last site visit:

- Addressing tree management/weed control aspects of the landscaping. **Update: No change from previous visit. Landscaping management/maintenance needs to be in place and being implemented first available season.**
- Clarifying programme for the void infilling/consultants actioning steps. **Update: Kept on as reminder once permit received for the operator to update on the infilling programme.**
- Stockpiles behind site offices growing in footprint and height. This is not a stocking area and heights will be breaching outside viewpoints. **Update: No action being taken by operator.**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Site approach road and bellmouth mainly clean.
- Internal haul road was clean, no bowser in evidence at time of visit.
- Site quiet at time of visit.
- Bunds along internal haul road and southern perimeter have recently been strimmed.
- Western extension land continues to establish with natural regeneration. Public footpath walked to south of the extension land and large number of tree guards now require removal from the trees which have outgrown them and clearance.
- As per last visit tree planting on bund alongside haul road between western extension and main site remains poor. Management arrangements for this and the western land area questioned. Weed growth continues to dominant.
- Stockpiling area behind site offices remains accommodating stockpiles (sands; crushed rubble/stone; soil making materials.
- Along with trailer storage and site plant. HGV and trailer continues to be parked on western side of maintenance building.
- Infilling platform extending further out into void. Fresh imported tipped material on surface of platform and forming 2-3 metre high periphery bund above slope.
- Water levels in lake still high. Two access tracks remain in place from rim of void down to water level. One track on eastern and one western side track.

- Opposite side of void evidence of large slippage below which some face excavation where appears a track has been created down to water level.
- Processing plant area quiet. Stocks below conveyor arms; one larger gravel stock pile under the auxiliary plant and smaller ones under the main mobile plant.
- As reported previously adjoining yellow hopper and two conveyor arms with gravel/stone stockpile of about 2/3 metres high. Behind was parked a red crusher unit.
- Across on eastern side was a hopper/conveyor arm. Hopper and conveyor arm sitting to its east.
- Main stocking area continues to accommodate the perimeter stored old ballast mounds which have vegetation establishing on their surfaces. Excavator active on re-a overburden mound lifting material and spreading an amount of material back into the stockpiling area.
- 4 trailers and one derelict dump truck continue their presence parked on eastern side of stockpiling area above the lake.
- Crushing area quiet. Large amounts of rubble has been removed from the eastern stockpile creating an inner bowl effect on the upper slope. Material appears to have been removed and placed down alongside the plant on the western side of the recycling area.
- The maintenance yard and surrounds continue to house their collection of some 20 plus cabs/trailers and full units accumulating as part derelict plant/parked HGV's that occupy the wider yard area.
- Use of land in the hollow for the activities taking place (storage/parking/processing) status remains on the reports as their activities will be affected with infilling activities taking place.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/63/10/CHL Conditions 13 (Noise); 24 and 25 (Soils notifications); 33 (Aftercare); 40 (Access alteration) and 41 (Removal of Structures)

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: By operator within set timescales as set out in the permission.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/12/13/CHL Conditions 8 (Soil Placement notification); 13 (Lighting provision) and 15 (Aftercare scheme).

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken:

Action to be taken by Operator or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/49/19/CHL Conditions 7 (Ecological Interest); 8 (Great Crested Newts); 9 (Licensing); 10 (Protected Species); 17 (Noise Monitoring); 40 (Restoration) and 43 (Aftercare).

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: As set out in permission.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / **No**

Proposed Mitigation Measures:

- As per conditions

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Addressing tree management/weed control aspects of the landscaping.
- Clarifying programme for the void infilling/consultants actioning steps.
- Stockpiles behind site offices growing in footprint and height. This is not a stocking area. Revisions to working plan may be required to accommodate revised site layouts.
- Clearance of the tree guards along western extensions southern perimeter. Removal where not required of the reptile exclusion fencing alongside the public footpath.

Date of Next Meeting: 12:15 on 25th March 2025 then onto Royal Oak

Date of Report: 19/12/24

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.