



## 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:** Birch Pit

**File Ref:** 13.421.13

**Operator:** Hanson

**Site Representative:** Ben Ayres (BA).

**Visit no:** 3 of 3

**Date:** 25/02/25

**Time on site:** 10:00

**Time off site:** 11:25

**Monitoring Officer:** T Burns                      Tel No: 03330136440

**Site Co-ordinator:**      As above                      Tel No:

**Permission no's:**

- **Permission no: ESS/45/18/COL**

**Constraints:**

- Weather:                      Combination of **Dry**/ Windy / Light Rain / Snow
- Noise  
(officer perception):                      **Acceptable**/ Not acceptable / N/A
- Approach roads:                      **Combination: Dry** / Dusty / Damp/ Wet / 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 / **none** N/A
- Hose:                      In use / Not in Use / **N/A**
- Machinery:                      **Working** (Mobile plant front loader operating in processing yard. Processing plant in maintenance./ Not working

- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles: **Height = /Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed / Weeds / NA**

**Actions from last site visit: Remain as per the last 4 monitoring visit as well as the update comments.**

- Height of site stockpiles to be maintained to their designated heights. **Update: Kept on record as reminder.**
- Stockpiling area only to be used for stocking purposes. Update: Still outstanding. **Use of the land for screening purposes requires either to be regularised or for the machinery/plant to be removed.**
- Tidying up of the plant/machinery parts located within the stockpiling area; concrete batching plant and north western corner on perimeter of site where lake float raft elements are stored now outside the fencing line whilst various other pieces of metal and blue plastic barrels now becoming engulfed as sand from the stockpile area is blown by the wind over the redundant items. Three large drainage pipes upended and located in sand stocking area. **Update: Accumulations of redundant plant/machinery and odd items still stored in various points around site. This meeting (25/02/25) Bill Grovers anticipated that by the time of the next monitoring visit that the redunadant items would have been cleared by a contractor.**

### **Inspection Results Summary:**

- Site bellmouth clean at time of visit.
- Site office/welfare block operational. Redundant portacabin unit has been removed. Office location now comprises two offices; welfare block smaller storage unit nearest car park. Behind and within car park area are two long storage units. Various items including tyres/plastic container; concrete rubble and other small bits located around units and with the weed growth appear to have been there some time.
- Westward beyond the units there has been some ground clearance, selective, of areas of brambles and track way created around southern site perimeter where a tractor type machine has tracked through the gorse growth on top of the banking alongside the roadway. Tracks have churned up the soft ground and this was waterlogged at time of visit.
- Appears further work to be progressed along the western site boundary where hedge flaying has taken place along Palmers Cottage. Clearance work was now exposing the presence and extent of tree guards remaining on the perimeter hedge line with the adjacent property.
- Southern silt lagoon continues to expand its exposed silt. BA (and later Bill Groves who was met in his office at the end of the visit confirmed) options for accessing the silt lagoon to recover the fines being looked at whilst there appeared to be more recent ongoing discussions with contractors over reducing silt generation from the sand processing.
- Western void quiet. Conveyor line has relocated hopper feeder alongside the new Phase 6a/b workings.

- Within the present excavation area (Phase 6a/b) appears to be three benches developed with 360 excavator parked alongside the northern batter that has the retained trees above.
- Small stockpiles of “as dug” sand in this working void area.
- Stockpiling of redundant items of miscellaneous nature continues its presence along the western/south western corner. 2 red Biffa liveried skips located south western corner remain as previous visits with a large black coloured RO-RO skip a little further north. Alongside the redundant items delivery has taken place of the bagging plant infrastructure which is scheduled for construction in this location. A further welfare unit is sited further to the north.
- Large stockpile of processed stone situated in north east corner of the stocking area about 5 metres high.
- Old stocks of overburden/spoil/stocks remain in various mounds along the northern perimeter.
- Southern perimeter has screening unit and further stockpiles. Location and operation of this plant has been referenced previously and needs addressing.
- East of stocking area southern most former silt lagoon now ponding.
- Northern former silt lagoon has evidence of what appears cropping of the rushes. Site operator unaware of this action although the land is still within the operators interests.
- Eastern stockpiling area continues to accommodate a further sand stockpile approximately 3-4m metres high.
- At time of starting visit three HGV's entering/leaving site. Site movements afterwards appeared quiet. One concrete batching vehicle parked next to concrete plant.

### **Compliance with Conditions:**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 4 Prior Archaeology

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: No soil stripping until scheme agreed.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 5 CEMP - Biodiversity

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: No further clearance of vegetation and/or topsoil stripping until scheme agreed.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 6 Ecology

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme within 6 months of the date of the permission for an Ecological Design Strategy.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 7 Time Limit

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Prior to entry into any phase of working ecological surveys.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 9 Arboriculture

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme within two months of the date of the permission for an Arboricultural Method Statement.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 10 Waste Importation

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: prior to importation scheme required.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 14 Revised Working Scheme

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Within two months of the date of the permission.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 21 Noise Monitoring

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Within 6 months of the date of the permission.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 26 Dust Suppression

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Within 3 months of the date of the permission

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 27 Additional Dust Control

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required prior to removal of the screen bunding or reinstatement activities of the silt lagoon.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 28 Lighting

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required for artificial lighting.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 49 Soil Replacement

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Notification required prior to commencement of the final subsoil placement on each phase, or part Phase.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 51 Restoration

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required within 6 months of the date of the permission

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 52 Landscaping

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required within 6 months of date of permission.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 54 Agricultural Aftercare

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme within one year of the date of the permission.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 55 Amenity Aftercare

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme within one year of the date of the permission.

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

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

- Height of site stockpiles to be maintained to their designated heights.
- Stockpiling area only to be used for stocking purposes.
- Tidying up of the plant/machinery parts located within the 2 stockpiling areas; concrete batching plant locations and far eastern stockpiling footprint. Rubbish behind offices to be cleared.

**Note: The actions noted in this report are required to ensure adequate progress is made and to avoid potential enforcement action against a breach of planning control.**

Date of Next Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 @ 10:00

Report Date: 25/02/25