

# 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:** Colemans Farm, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall End, WITHAM, CM8 3EX

**File Ref:** 12. 421.36

**Operator:** Brice Aggregates Limited

**Site Representative:** Matthew Ball (MB)

**Essex County Council (ECC):** Terry Burns (TB)

Also attended by Joshua Stafford (JS) (Operators Ecologist) and Emily Wood (ECC Arboriculturist)

**Visit no:** 4 of 4

**Date:** 13/03/25

**Time on site:** 09:00

**Time off site:** 09:45

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

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

**Permission no's:**

**ESS/65/17/BTE: Change of Use of land for Stockpiling**

**ESS/40/18/BTE: Continuation of Use of Mineral Extraction**

**ESS/11/20/COL: Ready Mix Concrete Plant**

**Constraints:**

● Weather:                      **Dry/ Windy / Rain / Snow**

● Noise

(officer perception) :                      **Acceptable/ Not acceptable / N/A**

- Approach road: **Combination of Dry / Dusty / Wet / Muddy / Flooded**  
(Highway)
- Ground: **Combination /Dry / Dusty / Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded**
- Access: **Obstructed / Not Obstructed / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery**
- Wheel cleaning: **Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / Tractor and brush/none N/A**
- Hose: **In use / Not in Use / N/A**
- Machinery: **Working / Not working**
- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles: **Height above permitted height/Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed / Weeds / NA**

### **Actions from last site visit:**

- Maintenance arrangement for addressing break up of bellmouth road exit side and public highway. **Update: Still awaited. Both Brice and TB**
- Wheelwash use reinforced to drivers. **Update: kept on as reminder.**
- Wheelwash drainage to be addressed and contamination of hedgerows from off spill water to be stopped. Provision of sump would assist. **Update: Still have drainage exiting onto the nearby hedgerow and field.**
- Provision of visual height marker/s in stockpiling area. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Soil bund/stockpiles alongside watercourse to the east of the processing plant to be pulled back from watercourse line to ensure slippages do not enter watercourse. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Demarcation with barriers to restrict encroachment of road material into watercourse and tree root standoffs for crossing near landfill holding area. **Update: Fencing has been erected although run off from the stockpiling area is still entering the watercourse and this has raised the watercourse bed and in one place appears to be blocking the watercourse.**
- Standoff from tree canopy/root protection areas of all tree/hedgerow boundaries. No parking of plant and machinery from these standoff areas. **Update: Area bounding plant site has fence line provision to provide hedgerow standoffs.**
- Review is necessary on effectiveness of the CEMP plan. Interim meeting with operators agent/ecology/arbiculturist and invite to Mineral Planning Authority representatives. **Update: Still awaited. JS advised this should be with ECC end of next week.**
- As above programme of landscape management to be implemented. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Compliance with the conditions listed above and in permissions/pending permissions/legal agreements. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Arrangement for site ecologist to be present at next monitoring visit to discuss site progress/actions being undertaken. **Update: JS present. On line meeting with interested parties has taken place and revised LEMP/CEMP being prepared for submission.**
- Compliance with the conditions listed above and in permissions/pending permissions/legal agreements. **Update: Still awaited see report below.**

### **Inspection Results Summary:**

- Site approach road clean at time of visit. Road sweeper was parked up on side of highway outside site and was in same position at end of visit. Highway has staining but otherwise free from debris.
- Breakup of highway surface continues as reported at previous visit. MB confirmed they have logged an event on the County Highways web page. Road surface also breaking up within bellmouth. MB advised they are looking to contract for road entrance repairs but could not remedy the highway breakup outside of their ownership. TB also confirmed he had contacted Highways and would do so again after meeting.
- Barrier has been removed and stored within site.

- Wheelwash was operational and water was still entering the adjacent land impacting the hedgerow and onto the field with water and silt.
- HGV's accessing site; some parked up where shed was previously proposed. TB noted that this parcel of land now having extended car parking and lorry parking as well as tracking over of the remaining grassed areas. More control and demarcation of the routing/parking areas would assist.
- Stockpiling area south of haul road again mostly accommodating processed stone with large stock of 10mm. Reject concrete alongside batching plant where some 5 mixer trucks parked being filled.
- Bunds around stockpiling area and along haul roads now mostly weed strimmed and trees within site along main haul road and watercourse around western extension have been felled. Clearance of root balls along Brockley Brook hedgerow line to be lifted under supervision later in month.
- Infilling continuing in Phase 7 where material being transported from former Phase 1 void where recycling and holding of infill takes place.
- No activity in rest of site with haul road removed from Phase 4 leading to 5. MB advised that infilling around the exposed tree roots on the finger of land separating Phase 4/5 will take place soon once drainage ditch completed at slope base. Anticipated that two teams infilling here and in western extension would then be operating.
- Soil storage bund behind concrete plant cleared of weeds and regraded.
- Tow watercourse crossing points now fitted with "LEGO" style barriers although the watercourse continues to be impacted by silt runoff at the stockpiling location.
- Haul road link between both water course crossing points continues to spread in width and now there is no demarcation on the southern side between the haul road and the adjacent soil bund.
- Rumble strip located on haul road link is now infilled with debris and unusable. Positioning of rumble strip in this location appears senseless.
- Felled trees now stockpiled on Phase 10/11 land near lake.
- Recycling area active with 360 excavator addressing the ongoing supply of inerts. Stock piles were not breaching above the surrounding Phasing boundary levels.
- D6 in western extension land grading out infill being delivered through 2 No. ADT's.
- No further movements within the former Phases 2 and 3 where infill remains positioned within the central parts of the void virtually up to final level.

### **Compliance with Conditions:**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 1

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Notification Dates

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 9

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Surveys

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 10

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Surveys CEMP

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 21

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeological fieldwork post excavation report

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 29

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Periodic noise monitoring

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 38

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Site Lighting

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 57

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Aftercare scheme

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/65/17/BTE Condition 21

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Periodic Noise Monitoring

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/11/20/BTE Condition 7

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Site Lighting

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/11/20/BTE Condition 15

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Noise Monitoring

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/11/20/BTE Condition 18

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Dust Management

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

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 5

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Tree Protection Scheme

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

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 6

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Requirements

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

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 7

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: CEMP

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

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 9

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Biodiversity Enhancement Plan

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 10 months of permission date.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 10

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Skylark Mitigation

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil stripping.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 11

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Landscaping

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 5 years of permission.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 12; 13 and 14

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeology

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

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 15; 16 and 17

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeology

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Post excavation assessment/ Fieldwork Visit/Within 4 months of completion of fieldwork phase.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 19

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Dust

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil strip.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 21

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Soil Handling

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil strip.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 30

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Revised Restoration

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 years.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 31

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Aftercare

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil replacement.

Conditions in red below are those now superceded by ESS/98/21/BTE

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 10; 12

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Requirements

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to commencement/Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 13

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Biodiversity Enhancement Plan

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 10 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 23

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeology

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 6 months of completion in each phase.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 32

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Noise Monitoring

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 35

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Dust

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 60

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Aftercare

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil replacement.



Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 10

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Requirements

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil strip.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 11

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: CEMP

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 13

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Biodiversity

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 10 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 23

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeology

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 6 months of fieldwork phasing.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 31

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Noise Monitoring

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 34

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Dust

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 58

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Revised Restoration

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 years.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 59

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Aftercare

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil replacement.

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Maintenance arrangement for addressing break up of bellmouth road exit side and public highway.
- Wheelwash use reinforced to drivers.
- Wheelwash drainage to be addressed and contamination of hedgerows from off spill water to be stopped.
- Provision of visual height marker/s in stockpiling area.
- Soil bund/stockpiles alongside watercourse to the east of the processing plant to be pulled back from watercourse line to ensure slippages do not enter watercourse and effective barriers installed to prevent surface water contaminating watercourse with its silt.
- Demarcation with barriers to restrict encroachment of road material into watercourse and tree root standoffs for crossing near landfill holding area.
- Standoff from tree canopy/root protection areas of all tree/hedgerow boundaries. No parking of plant and machinery from these standoff areas.
- Review is necessary on effectiveness of the CEMP plan.
- As above programme of landscape management to be implemented.
- Compliance with the conditions listed above and in permissions/pending permissions/legal agreements.
- Removal of rumble strip which is not playing any sensible role in its present location.

**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.**

Date of Next Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 @ 09:00

Report Date: 13/03/25