

Site monitoring report

Please find detailed below the report for the site monitoring undertaken on 17th January 2025.

Site Name: Sheepcotes Farm, Sheepcotes Lane, Little Waltham, Chelmsford

File Ref: 23 421 51

Operator: SRC

Visit no: 2

Monitoring Officer: Tom Sycamore **Tel No:** 03330 321896

Permissions:

ESS/01/18/CHL – Construction of an agricultural reservoir

ESS/01/18/CHL/NMA1 – Revised alignment of the site access road

ESS/01/18/CHL/NMA2 – Additional drainage ditch with crossing points

Constraints:

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

Noise: **Acceptable** / Not acceptable / N/A

Approach Roads: Dry / Dusty / **Wet** / Muddy / Flooded

Ground: Dry / Dusty / **Wet** / **Damp** / **Muddy** / Flooded / Frozen

Access: Obstructed / **Not obstructed**

Wheel Cleaning: **Washer** / Spinner / Sweeper / Not working

Hose: In use / Not in Use / **N/A**

Machinery: **Working** / Not working

Stockpiles: Height = **Various**

Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed / **Weeds** / **Soil**

Inspection results summary:

Arrival on-site at 10:30 – short meeting in weighbridge office followed by site walk attended by site manager and health and safety manager.

Processing plant operational with different grades of material separated into individual stockpiles. Silt pond was examined – reported to be functioning as it should following it's clearance last year.

Extraction progressing well in southeastern cell. Discussed overburden ratio – more overburden than other areas in this particular area. Overburden is still stored in temporary overburden storage bund in the correct position as per approved plans.

The internal access track was very wet and muddy given heavy rain. Drainage ditches reasonably clear of blockages.

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Adjacent farmer enquiring about reinstating access to field from site and sharing site access as their existing access onto A131 is proving dangerous when pulling out in tractors. As this would introduce an agricultural use which is a separate use to the quarry, this will need permission. The farmer would likely need to make an application to Chelmsford City Council to use the access. Advise the farmer contacts Chelmsford City Council planning department to discuss. If seeking to retain quarry access post-development, this would be contrary to restoration plan to remove site access. Advise that if shared access is desired by farmer, this should not include a permanent retainment of site access.

Discussed likelihood of a new weighbridge to be installed and replace existing one. Question raised as to whether this would need permission from MWPA. The existing weighbridge detail is included on approved drawing (Drawing no. M16.181.D.008). Unless replacement is an exact like-for-like replacement, the new weighbridge details should be submitted to the MWPA. This could be submitted as a non-material amendment (NMA).

Discussed archaeological requirements. Operator reported that archaeological work is being done as required.

6-monthly noise monitoring now due to be submitted to MWPA.

Action to be taken before next visit:

Submit noise monitoring report to MWPA as part of ongoing monitoring requirement.

Submit new weighbridge details to MWPA as NMA.

Farmer to contact Chelmsford City Council regarding shared access.

Compliance with conditions:

On-going requirements:

- Noise monitoring (condition 19)