

# 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, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Site Name:** Ugley Landfill, Cambridge Road, Ugley, CM22 6HT

**File Ref:** 11 421 14

**Operator:** Biffa

**Site Representative:** Richard Hill (Biffa)

**Visit no:** 1 of 1

**Date:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Time on site:** 11:15

**Time off site:** 12:15

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**Site Co-ordinator:** Tom Sycamore      Tel No: 03330 321 896

## **Permission no's:**

ESS/42/10/UTT – Installation of 330KW generator, transformer, gas flare stack, oil storage tanks and 5 metre high acoustic fence until 31/12/2020.

ESS/66/12/UTT – Expired permission for infilling and restoration (31/12/2015).

ESS/09/17/UTT – Retention of site offices, storage container, welfare facilities and car park until 31/12/2021.

ESS/38/20/UTT – Continuation of use without compliance with condition 9 of planning permission ESS/02/05/UTT, to retain gas compound, additional gas flare and separate internal access road for an additional temporary period.

ESS/82/20/UTT – Continuation of use without compliance with condition 5 of planning permission ESS/42/20/UTT, to retain 330KW generator, transformer, gas flare stack, oil storage tanks and 5 metre high acoustic fencing for an additional temporary period.

ESS/85/20/UTT – Continuation of use without compliance with condition 6 of planning permission ESS/08/04/UTT, to retain leachate irrigation system for an additional temporary period.

ESS/66/12/UTT/3/1 – Details pursuant to condition 3 (Restoration Scheme) attached to planning permission ESS/66/12/UTT: Continuation of development at the site without compliance with condition 24 (removal of buildings, plant and machinery) attached to planning permission ESS/03/12/UTT.

ESS/66/12/UTT/13/1 – Details pursuant to condition 13 (Aftercare Scheme) attached to planning permission ESS/66/12/UTT: Continuation of development at the site without compliance with condition 24 (removal of buildings, plant and machinery) attached to planning permission ESS/03/12/UTT.

ESS/104/21/UTT – Continuation of use without compliance with condition 2, 3 and 13 of planning permission ESS/09/17/UTT, to retain site offices, storage container, welfare facilities and car park for an additional temporary period.

ESS/66/22/UTT – Importation of soils to allow for the re-capping and reprofiling of restored landfill; and installation of a ground-mounted solar array.

#### **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**
- Access: **Obstructed / Not Obstructed (but site gates)**
- Machinery: **Working (gas flare and pumps) / Not working**
- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed / Some weeds / NA**

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

- Site being prepared in anticipation for first delivery of material as per permission ESS/66/22/UTT. EA permit now approved and supplier being sought.
- Annual grass cutting maintained.
- Continued management of miscanthus beds.

#### **Inspection Results Summary:**

- Site, including haul road, was clear and as per approved plans. Some rubble/debris stored in small pile adjacent to haul road. Assumed to be temporary but should be cleared prior to works beginning for ESS/66/22/UTT.
- Site was walked. Grass well-managed and maintained. Small areas of water pooling due to natural landfill sinkage.

- Discussed possible issue of landfill engineering cap approved under ESS/66/22/UTT impacting the root protection zone (RPZ) of some trees on the western boundary, specifically tree group G59 as defined in Arboricultural Impact Assessment Rev 02, dated 4 July 2022. At time of visit it was considered that these trees were low value, however upon further inspection it is confirmed that the group (G59) is category B (moderate quality). Removal or uprooting of these trees would therefore breach condition 27 of permission ESS/66/22/UTT. It is recommended that the operator submit a non-material amendment (NMA) detailing how they will overcome this. This will also give an opportunity for the Council's arboricultural consultant to provide comment and advice.
- Miscanthus beds grown in advance of next cut.
- Gas pumps and compound all operating as usual.
- Site free of litter and generally well maintained.
- Discussed the likelihood of proposed noise bund in NW corner being absent while initial works are carried out in that area. Condition 15 allows temporary operations (8 weeks or less) to reach up to 70 dB LAeq 1hr. Works discussed would likely take less than 8 weeks and unlikely to reach 70 dB. As per condition 15, details of such works should be sent to the Council in advance for written approval.

**Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:**

- **Yes / No**

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

- Submit NMA in relation to RPZ as per the above.
- Provide details of temporary works in NW corner of site.
- Remove waste material stockpile adjacent to site access track.
- Continue good maintenance of site.
- Ensure wire fencing around geological SSSI is maintained and not breached.

**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.**