

Site monitoring report

Please find detailed below the report for the site monitoring undertaken on 7th March 2025.

Site Name: Widdington Pit, Hollow Road, Widdington

File Ref: 11 421 18

Operator: Widdington Recycling Ltd

Visit no: 2

Monitoring Officer: Tom McCarthy **Tel No:** 03330 320943

Permission:

ESS/49/22/UTT - Excavation of minerals; use of land for skip hire, waste recycling, waste transfer and green waste composting; restoration of land with the deposit of inert waste; and other associated development (consolidated decision of planning application refs: ESS/09/16/UTT, ESS/83/19/UTT, ESS/67/21/UTT, ESS/68/21/UTT and ESS/80/21/UTT)

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
Wheel cleaning:	Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / None
Hose:	In use / Not in use
Machinery:	Working in yard
Stockpiles:	Height = Various heights in void and on top of 'the finger' and various heights of waste in yard
Bunds:	Profiled / Grassed / Weeds / Planted / Soil

Inspection results summary:

Hollow Road remains generally in poor condition, with the road verges chewed in places and numerous pot holes. The site access junction and haul road were however clean/debris free.

On-site, the yard was relatively tidy/ordered. However, it was noted that there were quite a few stockpiles of material/waste outside the formal bays. The operator, in this regard, is reminded of the restrictions outlined within conditions 27 and 30.

With regard to the void, cell 3 is now in the majority at level. Some final profiling works still nevertheless need to be undertaken within this cell and the tie in with the former landfill also needs to be completed. Once works within cell 3 are complete, works pursuant to lining/engineering cell 4 ready for infilling will take place.

Whilst on-site operations did not seem excessively noisy; no undue odours were detected; and no off-site dust drift witnessed.

Compliance with conditions/Legal Agreement and actions to be taken before next visit:

Details pursuant to conditions 8 (noise impact assessment) and 9 (scheme for noise monitoring) remain outstanding. A revised submission pursuant to these details has recently been submitted. However, some clarification on this has been requested from the Council's noise consultant and a response to this is awaited.

Details pursuant to Schedule 3 (Highway works scheme) of the legal agreement associated with planning application ESS/49/22/UTT remain to be finalised and determined. Confirmation has recently been received from Essex Highways that they will be cleansing the road gullies along Hollow Road, albeit the CPA are not currently aware when this will actually take place. In context of this, request has been made that Widdington Recycling formalise their offer pursuant to the Highway works scheme, such that once the road gullies are cleaned, the remedial works to the carriageway surface and verges can be swiftly undertaken.

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.