

Site monitoring report

Please find detailed below the report for the site monitoring undertaken on 28th June 2023

Site Name: Crumps Farm, Stortford Road, Little Canfield

File Ref: 11 421 05

Operator: Edviron / Essex Waste Recycling Limited

Visit no: 1

Time on site: 10:00 **Time off site:** 12:00

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

Permissions:

ESS/50/06/UTT – Mineral processing plant (until 31 October 2033)

ESS/46/08/UTT – Mineral extraction & waste recycling and composting facility (landfilling permitted for 25 years from the beneficial occupation of the building)

Constraints:

Weather:	Dry / Windy / Rain / Snow
Noise:	Acceptable / Not acceptable
Approach roads:	Dry / Dusty / Wet / Muddy / Flooded
Ground:	Dry / Dusty / Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded
Access:	Obstructed / Not obstructed (but site gate)
Wheel cleaning:	Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / N/A
Hose:	In use / Not in Use / N/A
Machinery:	Clay extraction – No Composting area – Yes Building area – No Former processing plant area – Not working
Stockpiles:	Height = Various
Bunds:	Profiled / Grassed / Weeds / Soil

Actions from last site visit:

- Co-operation with the MWPA and EA in respect of further investigations in Areas A and B.
- Operator to remove all remaining material/waste from the former composting area.
- Operator to submit details required by conditions worded prior to commencement of construction (conditions 10b) and 11).
- Operator to submit revised details pursuant to conditions 21 (soil movements) and 26 (soil audit).
- Operator to arrange public liaison meeting in discussions with MWPA.

Inspection results summary:

The site access was clear of mud and debris. The northern site perimeter fence was however still down.

No works appeared to have taken place in terms of clay extraction and/or construction of the recycling/composting facility. Odour was nevertheless detected whilst walking the former landfill, around extraction Area A, Area B and to the south of Bund C.

No additional material seemed to have been moved to or deposited on the former landfill (stage 1 and stage 2 areas as labelled on the approved phase 1A sequence of operations plan).

As has been detailed in previous monitoring reports, concerns are re-iterated about Area A and the land levels to the south of this and across Area B which appear to suggest some landfilling/landraising has already occurred. As this obviously has implications in terms of the extant planning permission, the operator is again encouraged to assist the MWPA and the EA with regard to the on-going investigations.

The material within the former composting area, east of Area B, was in the process of being 'screened'. In respect of this larger fractions of material had been removed from stockpiles of proclaimed compost/soil. The operator suggested that this material may be added to the perimeter bunding along the western side of the former landfill. It was confirmed as part of the visit that this would not represent an authorised movement and further discussions should take place with the MWPA before this material is moved anywhere on-site.

Compliance with conditions:

Permission and condition no. ESS/46/08/UTT – Conditions 3 (phasing plans and approved details), 21 (soil movement plan) and 26 (soil audit)

Actions to be taken:

- Operator to continue to co-operate with the MWPA and EA in respect of the unauthorised landfilling/landraising in Areas A and B. The MWPA and EA are in discussions, with regard to this breach of planning control, and it may be that formal action will be taken in an attempt to resolve.
- Operator, noting that suggested in the 'Inspection results summary', to have further discussions with the MWPA with regard to intentions for the material remaining in the former composting area.
- Operator to submit revised details pursuant to conditions 21 (soil movements) and 26 (soil audit). Submission of these revised details is urgent as there is no guarantee, especially in view of that previously approved pursuant to conditions 9 and 60, that the use of the material from the former processing plant on in-particular the former landfill will be considered acceptable by the EA or MWPA and material from the processing plant has already been moved to this location.
- Operator to submit details required by conditions worded prior to commencement of construction (conditions 10b) and 11). Details pursuant to these conditions have previously been submitted but these have not been validated by the MWPA on the basis that the details sought development outside the red line of the application area.
- Operator to arrange public liaison meeting in discussions with MWPA.

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.