

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: Bradwell Quarry

File Ref: 12 421 10

Operator: Blackwater Aggregates

Site Representative: Patrick Wigg

Visit no: 2 of 4

Date: 31 August 2023

Time on site: 11:00

Time off site: 14:30

Monitoring Officer: Claire Tomalin Tel No: 03330 136821

Site Co-ordinator: As above

Permission no's:

ESS/79/20/BTE Variation of ESS/03/18/BTE for A5 and all other active unrestored or in aftercare parts of quarry.

ESS/106/22/BTE – Additional time to complete extraction and restoration in A5 and restoration in A3/A4 – out to consultation.

ESS/12/20/BTE Extraction of site A7

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 / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery

Wheel cleaning: Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / none N/A

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

Machinery: Working / Not working

In correct position: Yes / No / N/A

• Stockpiles: Height = **Acceptable**

Bunds: Profiled / Grassed / Some weeds / NA

Inspection Results Summary:

<u>Access road</u> – Showing signs of repair – reported to WREN who are responsible for access road.

<u>Processing Area</u> - Plant operating. No issues.

<u>Site A3/A4</u> – Site A4 phases 3 and 4 and Site A3 phases 1 and 2 and the land put into agricultural use. A4 phases 1 and 2 part in use as silt lagoon. Field ditch to be put in on northern, eastern and southern edge of A3/A4 where cultivated to aid drainage. Full drainage scheme to go in later. Areas of settlement being addressed topsoil removed and reprofiled with subsoil.

NMA submitted to address differences between actual restoration levels and approved levels.

<u>Site A2</u> - A2 where topsoiled (West end) cultivated and hoped black grass would come up so it could be sprayed off before seeding.

Eastern end restoration being actively progressed. Topsils stored on this area being moved to phase 2.

Woodland area near access track needs beating up.

<u>Site R</u> – Area north of New Field Lagoon understood to be at correct levels. To be seeded and planted into biodiversity autumn 2023.

<u>New Field Lagoon</u> creation works completed as part of IWMF works. However, the reedbed to edge the site doesn't appear complete on the southern edge.

The 3 outfalls have been created along the west of New Field Lagoon. Indaver to ensure outfalls don't course gulling.

<u>Site A5</u> Extraction complete in phase 5. Restoration started in phase 2. Silt lagoon will delay restoration in phase 3.

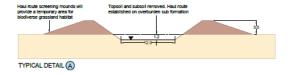
Planting around southern area of A5 – significant failures. Planting north of Storeys Wood also many failures. Needs beating up.

Works on A5 boundary with respect to stabilisation of IWMF side slope completed, undertaken under NMA.

<u>Site A7</u> – Overburden removed and extraction ongoing in phase 1. Archaeological work completed in phase 2. All screen bunding complete.

Compound relocated to just east of Smith's track.

Works to haul road to raise side bunds taking place. CT reminded access road supposed to be 1m below ground level. PW advised contractor not keen on this due to drainage issues. CT did raise this issue with Steve Smith at application stage, but raising the bunds instead would have different visual/noise impact issues not previously considered.



Planting at the eastern end of site A7, not checked but last visit it was identified many failures. Needs beating up in autumn 2023.

Please can landscape contractor also check planting along Pantlings Lane and beat up in Autumn 2023.

<u>Advanced planting for site A6</u> – There have been failures needs beating up in Autumn 2023.

Compliance with Conditions:

Actions from last visit & New actions

<u>Woodland Planting – western bund and Maxey Spring</u> - Remove guards from established plants, fallen guards need removing. Trees located within the PRoW need relocating to outside the alignment of the PROW.

<u>Comment:</u> Discussion is required between Blackwaters and Gent Fairhead, Indaver to resolve these issues.

<u>Site r Green Lane, A2, A5, A6 and A7 – Woodland/hedge planting needs beating up.</u> See drawing below. Purple areas identified on visit. Pink areas not checked at visit but need checking and beating as necessary. Early planting of woodland south of silt lagoons requested.

Comment: PW to organise in Autumn 2023

<u>Site A5 – progressive restoration.</u> Restoration commenced. ESS/106/22/BTE provides revised timetable for restoration.

<u>Comment:</u> Application for additional time to be determined in conjunction with revised levels NMA.

<u>Site A7 – haul road</u> ensure access road at below ground levels and 3m high bunding to the access road in place.

Comment – To be completed by end of summer 2023.

New Field Lagoon and Hollow Field to north

Existing levels plan needed as part of application to regularise levels, to demonstrate reedbed berm and levels in accordance with permitted drawings. These areas need to be seeded and planted in accordance with biodiversity restoration details.

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.

