

# Site monitoring report

Please find detailed below the report for the site monitoring undertaken on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**Site Name:** Crown Quarry, Old Ipswich Road, Ardleigh  
**File Ref:** 14 421 37  
**Operator:** SRC  
**Visit no:** 2  
**Monitoring Officer:** Tom McCarthy      **Tel No:** 03330 320943

## Permissions:

ESS/57/04/TEN – Extraction and Reservoir

ESS/57/04/TEN/NMA1 – Changes to the plant and operations area incorporating improved visual screening and increased areas for stockpiling

ESS/57/04/TEN/NMA2 – Enlarged stockpiling area; further bunding/screening; revised access to the silt lagoon area; re-alignment of the landscaping along the north-east boundary; and revised phasing for working

ESS/07/17/TEN – Secondary aggregate production

## Constraints:

Weather:	Dry / Windy / <b>Rain</b> / Snow
Noise:	<b>Acceptable</b> / Not acceptable / N/A
Approach roads:	Dry / Dusty / <b>Wet</b> / Muddy / Flooded
Ground:	Dry / Dusty / <b>Wet</b> / Damp / <b>Muddy</b> / <b>Flooded</b>
Access:	Obstructed / <b>Not obstructed</b>
Wheel cleaning:	Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / <b>None</b>
Hose:	In use / <b>Not in Use</b>
Machinery:	<b>Working</b>
Stockpiles:	Height = <b>Various</b>
Bunds:	<b>Profiled</b> / <b>Grassed</b> / <b>Weeds</b> / <b>Soil</b>

## Actions from last site visit:

Officer comment/update: Additional information pursuant to application ref:

ESS/07/20/TEN has been submitted by the operator which has delayed determination. In consideration of the additional information submitted it was considered necessary to amend the description of the application to: 'Continuation of winning and working of minerals associated with the construction of a public water storage reservoir without compliance with condition 2 (approved details), condition 34 (restoration/permission end date) and condition 39 (no additional buildings, fixed plant or machinery) attached to application ref: ESS/57/04/TEN to allow changes to operational areas, the phasing of the development and the shape and capacity of the completed reservoir; an additional period of time to complete the development; the provision of an additional car parking area; a new workshop building; and the installation and use of a bagging facility'. A re-consultation on the application (and additional information submitted) is currently taking place.

**Inspection results summary:**

The access point to the site off Old Ipswich Road and the haul road were relatively clean and the footpath crossings through the site were fenced and not obstructed.

With regard to the site, and operations ongoing, stockpiles of sand and gravel within the processing area and stockpiles associated with the recycled aggregate operation were well contained.

The concrete plant and bagging facility were both operational at the time of visit but both tidy.

Excavation works have been continuing in Phase J, with this phase now almost at its full extent of working (towards the Wick Lane boundary). The bund, noted as part of the previous site monitoring visit, around the eastern side of Phase J has been extended to align with the progress made within the phase.

**Compliance with conditions:**

The site, as detailed within previous monitoring reports, is technically being operated contrary to conditions 2 (approved details); 19 (stockpile locations and heights); and 41 (interim restoration). That said, these issues/concerns will be resolved should application ref: ESS/07/20/TEN be approved in due course.

On-going requirements:

- Noise monitoring (condition 15 of ESS/57/04/TEN and condition 10 of ESS/07/17/TEN; and
- Annual water monitoring (legal obligation of ESS/57/04/TEN)