

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: St Clere's Hall Pit, Main Road, Danbury

File Ref: 23 421 16

Operator: Danbury Aggregates Limited

Site Representative: David Nurcombe (DN)

Visit no: 3 of 4

Date: 07/12/23

Time on site: 10:40

Time off site: 11:25

Monitoring Officer: T Burns (TB) Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: as above Tel No:

Permission no's:

ESS/59/06/CHL – Increase traffic movements

ESS/63/10/CHL – Infilling and Recycling

ESS/12/13/CHL – Western Extension.

ESS/31/16/CHL – Continuation of extraction.

ESS/32/16/CHL – Importation.

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/ Windy / Rain / Snow**
- Noise

(as perceived by officer): **Acceptable/ Not acceptable / N/A**

- Approach roads: Dry / Dusty / Wet / **Damp** / Muddy / Flooded
- Ground: **Combination of: Dry / Dusty / Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded**
- Access: Obstructed / **Not Obstructed** / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery
- Wheel cleaning: Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / **Wheel bath available but not being used at time of visit/ No/ N/A**
- Hose: In use / **Not in Use** / N/A
- Machinery: Working / **Not working** (1 front loader parked near site offices did load a flatbed at end of site visit.)
- In correct position: **Yes** / No / N/A
- Stockpiles: **Height = Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed / **Weeds** / NA

Actions from last site visit:

- Addressing tree management/weed control aspects of the landscaping. **Update: No change from previous visit. Landscaping management/maintenance needs to be in place and being implemented first available season.**
- Clarifying programme for the void infilling/consultants actioning steps. **Update: Kept on as reminder once permit received for the operator to update on the infilling programme.**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Site approach road and bellmouth clean. Some long term subsidence of the track evident. Car parked in site entrance being advertised for sale.
- Internal haul road was clean, no bowser in evidence at time of visit.
- Site quiet at time of visit other than for front loader parked with driver by site office.
- Stockpiling area behind site offices accommodating some 5/6 stockpiles comprising various materials and volumes sand; crushed rubble/stone; soil (sheeted over) and soil making materials. Dozer parked up on platform which has been created out into void with remanent stockpile of crushed rubble forming part barrier onto platform.
- Appears more material pushed out beyond platform.
- Water level in void remains down similar to last visit.
- Western extension land continues to establish with natural regeneration. Immediate water body viewed and appeared full.
- Tree planting on bund alongside haul road not looking to well. Management arrangements for this and the western land area questioned.
- HGV and trailer parked up by workshop and behind the trailer and large salmon coloured tank lying on its side is a large stockpile of processed gravel.
- Processing plant area quiet with a yellow hopper and three conveyor arms with gravel/stone stockpile of about 2/3 metres high. Behind was parked a red crusher unit. The main blue processing plant with one small stock of sand 2 metres high. Across on eastern side was a hopper/conveyor arm and stockpile 3/4 metres high. Hopper and conveyor arm sitting to its east. Parked 360 excavator alongside.

- Main stocking area continues to accommodate the perimeter stored old ballast mounds which have vegetation establishing on their surfaces. In the central area is the active sand stocks from Royal Oak.
- On eastern side, water body off to the east has water levels up. Appears full.
- Off to the south east the newly installed solar panel development appears quite intrusive as a domineering line across the higher ground above the lake.
- Derelict plant/parked HGV's continue the assemblage of machinery that occupy the wider yard area along with a mobile crusher parked in the south eastern corner of the yard.
- One small flatbed vehicle visited site to pick up batch of sand at end of visit.
- Use of land in the hollow for the activities taking place (storage/parking/processing) status remains on the reports as their activities will be affected with infilling activities taking place.
- Dumptruck; excavator and mobile blue crusher parked at base of stock of stocked reclyate.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/63/10/CHL Conditions 13 (Noise); 24 and 25 (Soils notifications); 33 (Aftercare); 40 (Access alteration) and 41 (Removal of Structures)

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: By operator within set timescales as set out in the permission.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/12/13/CHL Conditions 8 (Soil Placement notification); 13 (Lighting provision) and 15 (Aftercare scheme).

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken:

Action to be taken by Operator or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/31/16/CHL Conditions 7 (Ecological Interest); 14 (Noise Monitoring); 22 (Aftercare) and 37 (Restoration).

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: As set out in permission.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / **No**

Proposed Mitigation Measures:

- As per conditions

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Addressing tree management/weed control aspects of the landscaping.
- Clarifying programme for the void infilling/consultants actioning steps.
- Stockpiles behind site offices growing in footprint and height. This is not a stocking area and heights will be breaching outside viwpoints.

Date of Next Meeting: 20th March 2024 after Royal Oak visit

Date of Report: 08/12/23

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.