

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, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: Brightlingsea Quarry

File Ref: 14 421 01

Operator: SRC

Site Representatives: George Massingham (PDE Consulting, on behalf of SRC)

Visit no: 2 of 2

Date: Monday 4th March 2024

Time on site: 12:00

Time off site: 13:00

Monitoring Officer: Tom Sycamore/Chloe Budd Tel No: 03330 321 896

Site Co-ordinator: Tom Sycamore Tel No: 03330 321 896

Permission no's:

ESS/39/13/TEN – Winning and working of minerals with progressive infilling and restoration to agriculture and nature conservation (completion by 31/01/2026) – variation of ESS/61/12/TEN, ESS/28/03/TEN and ESS/47/94/TEN.

ESS/39/13/TEN/NMA1 – Non-material amendment to allow relocation of site access, weighbridge, site office and car park.

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 (locked gate) / **Not Obstructed** / Mud on Road
- 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

Actions from last site visit:

- Wheel washer and road sweepers operating at maximum capacity in light of recent complaints about mud on road.
- Extraction has continued with aim of achieving 2026 completion date.

Inspection Results Summary:

- Moverons landholding inspected (cell B). Site activities were at a high intensity during time of visit. Mineral was being extracted from the last remaining area and HGVs were also entering the site and depositing material for restoration, with digger spreading to correct levels and topography. The weighbridge was staffed and operating as it should.
- Wheel wash was in use and every HGV was being washed prior to leaving site. Drivers were also manually brushing any excess mud from underside of vehicles after they had gone through the wheel wash.
- Church Road/Brightlingsea Road (B1029) was inspected following recent complaints about mud on the road. There was some minor debris witnessed, although not at a level considered to be dangerous. The site had two road-sweepers operating along the site access road and on the B1029 at time of visit.
- Andrew Hartley of Natural England was also in attendance and the recent issue raised about the lack of water supplying the SSSI to the south was discussed. Natural England suggests artificial pumping may be required however it is considered unreasonable to enforce such a long-term obligation on the operator to maintain a pump in perpetuity. There is no condition or legal agreement requiring such an obligation. George Massingham mentioned that he has spoken with the landowners to ascertain whether there was any historic agreement relating to water supply, however they were not aware of any such agreement being signed.
- MPA will obtain and review old planning files to check for any information on this and provide to Natural England.

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / **No**

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Continue to keep access road and B1029 clear of mud and debris.

- Extraction to be completed and site restored by 2026.

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.