

# 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, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Site Name:** Blackley Quarry, Gt Leighs, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 1QP

**File Ref:** 23 421 31

**Operator:** Frank Lyons Plant Services (FLP)

**Site Representative:** Tony Pearmain & Judy Day (FLP)

**Visit no:** 4 of 4

**Date:** 20 March 2023

**Time on site:** 9:30

**Time off site:** 11:00

**Monitoring Officer:** Claire Tomalin

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**Site Co-ordinator:** Claire Tomalin:

**Permission no's:** ESS/42/17/CHL – Variation to ESS/46/16/CHL to allow amendments to planting timing, bunding and condition wordings. Decision issued and implemented.

ESS/96/21/CHL – Variation to plant details and new workshop, awaiting determination.

## Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry**/ Windy / Rain / Snow/ Fog
- 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 (non-operational)**/ Sweeper / none N/A
- Hose: In use / **Not in Use** / N/A

- Machinery: **New s and g plant working / old plant redundant**
- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles: acceptable.
- Bunds: Profiled / Grassed / **Weeds / NA**

### **Inspection Results Summary:**

Access road – Concrete access roads needs to be swept.

Original site overview – The MPA has been advised that the original Blackley site has been sold to John Holmes/the Racecourse and Frank Lyons to vacate by May 2025. MPA seeking to make contact. With new owners.

Since the quarry is no longer utilising the fresh water lagoon water levels have risen particularly with recent heavy rain. The old plant area has become flooded. It is envisaged that this will reduce once there is drier weather. Once dry the redundant plant should be removed.

Land adjacent to weighbridge office – redundant plant machinery and vehicles are being stored in this area, this should be removed by end of summer 2024, to enable restoration.

Processing plant original site - Plant and scrap required to be removed by end of summer 2024.

As raised stockpile has been largely cleared and excavated below natural ground levels and has flooded.

Sand stockpile has been significantly reduced

Dry screener relocated to phase 6 of A38. Some poor quality sand and gravel still stored north east of plant area.

Original silt lagoons - I am concerned that the silt lagoons at present are very high in comparison with surrounding outside levels, which will require a lot of silt material to be moved around to achieve the restoration levels. This is of concern as silt is difficult to move until very dry.

PRoW. The fencing to prevent entry to the silt lagoons from the PRoW needs repairing to prevent accidental/unauthorised entry to the silt lagoon area fro the PRoW. Some work has been done since last visit, but this needs to be completed

Original site areas restored - The restored area is in grass, but have not been cut. The grass should be cut, to prevent becoming rank.

The bund adjacent to Helvellyn unchanged from last visit. Upon removal of the redundant plant, this bund is required to be removed (condition 78).

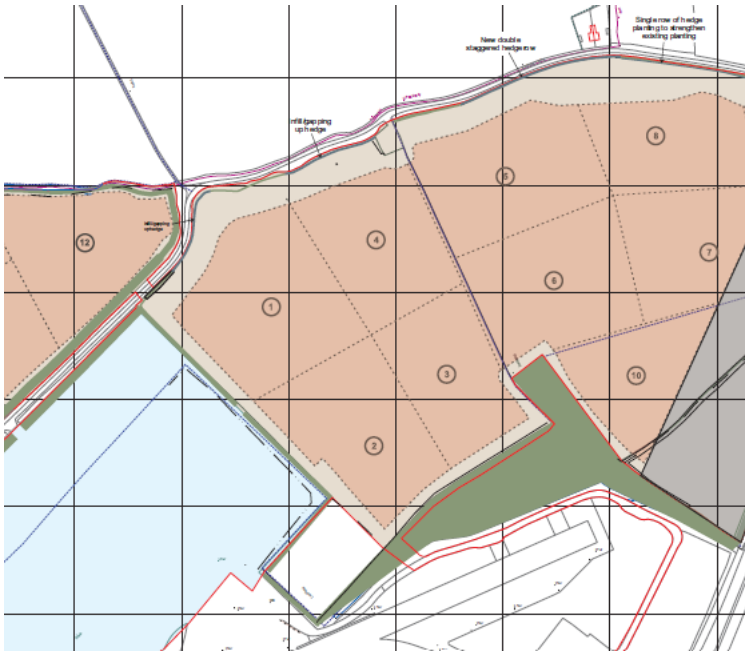
### A38 Extraction area

Extraction continuing in phase 5, moving into 6. Dry screener located in phase 6.

New plant operational, however, at this stage does not have planning permission, application still outstanding awaiting additional information on landscape and noise.

Sand stockpile in Phase 2

Stand-off to Blackley Cottages from the excavation face was being maintained



**Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:**Yes

**Proposed Mitigation Measures:**

No major adverse effects were identified.

**Actions carried forward from last visit:**

1. An existing access into site A39 on Moulsham Hall Lane was proposed to be planted across on Moulsham Hall Lane remains. The land owner is reluctant for this access to be planted and therefore it remains unplanted. This matter needs to be addressed.  
Comment No progress. To be checked next visit.
2. Submit outstanding details with respect to conditions 48 (bund maintenance), 50 (soil storage locations), 60 (dewatering), 62 (surface water drainage), 64 (groundwater monitoring scheme).  
Comment: No progress.
3. Replace PRow fencing  
Comment : Some of the posts have been replaced, but the work not completed. TP to follow up with contractor.
4. Remove old redundant plant  
Comment: No progress due to flooding, but redundant plant required to be removed by end of summer 2024.

5. Dry screener to be operated at lower level  
Comment: Still visible above screening bunds.

6. Progress outstanding application  
Awaiting additional information on landscape and noise.

#### **Actions from this visit**

- See previous outstanding actions above.
- Sweep access road
- Cut grass when weather permits in restored areas of original site

**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.**