

Site monitoring report

Please find detailed below the report for the site monitoring undertaken on 26th February 2024

Site Name: Widdington Pit, Hollow Road, Widdington
File Ref: 11 421 18
Operator: Widdington Recycling Ltd
Visit no: 3
Monitoring Officer: Tom McCarthy **Tel No:** 03330 320943

Permission:
ESS/49/22/UTT - Excavation of minerals; use of land for skip hire, waste recycling, waste transfer and green waste composting; restoration of land with the deposit of inert waste; and other associated development (consolidated decision of planning application refs: ESS/09/16/UTT, ESS/83/19/UTT, ESS/67/21/UTT, ESS/68/21/UTT and ESS/80/21/UTT)

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
Wheel cleaning:	Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / None
Hose:	In use / Not in Use
Machinery:	Working in yard
Stockpiles:	Height = Various heights in void and on top of 'the finger' and various heights of waste in yard
Bunds:	Profiled / Grassed / Weeds / Planted / Soil

Inspection results summary:
Hollow Road is in a poor state of repair with the road flooded near the railway bridge, verges chewed and debris in the carriageway. The site access junction and haul road were however relatively clean.

On-site, the yard was busy. Whilst the yard was relatively tidy/ordered, it was noted that there were stockpiles of material outside the formal bays including a pile of 'bottom ash' from which the operator suggested aggregates are recycled from. The operator, in this regard, is reminded of the restrictions outlined within conditions 21, 27, 29 and 30.

The importation of 'bottom ash' is not necessarily considered to represent a breach of planning control. However, officers did detect an odour from this material when on-site (albeit only when standing near it). It is understood separate discussions with the Environment Agency, from a permitting perspective, are on-going in terms of the handling of this material on-site.

Whilst on-site operations no other odours were detected; the site did not seem excessively noisy; and no off-site dust drift was witnessed.

With regard to the void, works to cell 3 are now complete and the operator suggested that a scheme of aftercare for cells 2 and 3 will shortly be submitted for review.

Compliance with conditions and actions to be taken before next visit:

ESS/49/22/UTT requires submission of a number of schemes/additional details including: a noise impact assessment (condition 8); scheme for noise monitoring (condition 9); working/phasing plan (condition 11); restoration plan (condition 12); landscape scheme (condition 18); yard layout plan (condition 26); and driver instruction sheet (condition 39). The MWPA expect continued pro-active discussions with the operator with regard to these submissions noting these have now been pending (or in respect of conditions 8 and 9 been held in abeyance) for some time, awaiting the submission of further/revised information.

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.