

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: Asheldham Quarry, Southminster Road, Asheldham, Essex, CM0 7DZ.

File Ref: 24 421 9

Operator: GB Finch

Site Representative: Lee Finch (LF); Phillip Stanley (PS)

Visit no: 4 of 4

Date: 27/03/25

Time on site: 10:00

Time off site: 11:45

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: As above Tel No:

Permission no's: ESS/16/14/MAL

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/** Little wind / Rain/ Light drizzle / Snow
- Noise:
(Officer Perception) **Acceptable/** Not acceptable / N/A
- Approach roads: **Combination: Dry /** Damp/ **Dusty /** Wet / Muddy / Flooded
- Ground: **Mix of: Dry / Dusty /** Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded
- Access: Obstructed / **Not Obstructed /**Mud on Road / Ice /Slippery
- 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/**See report**

- Stockpiles: Height = **See report**
- Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed / **Weeds** / NA

Actions from last site visit: First three points remain as per last visit.

- Site notice boards insitu. As noted above provision of these advertisements need confirming with the District Council. **Update: Advertisements need confirming with the District Council.**
- Ecological Management Delivery Plan needs submission. **Update Supporting assessments prepared and awaiting submission.**
- Condition 9 Annual survey of waste importation. For clarity and post the monitoring visit query as to whether this was the same as the annual returns made to the Waste Planning Authority this requirement is separate to the annual waste returns. The planning condition requires the following:
 - **Details of the amount of waste deposited and remaining void space at the site**
 - **shall be submitted to the Minerals Planning Authority for the period 1 January**
 - **to 31 December each year. Such details shall specify:**
 - **a. The type of waste deposited at the site during the year;**
 - **b. The quantity and type of waste deposited at the site during the year in tonnes;**
 - **c. The volume in cubic metres (m3) of the remaining void space at 31 December. Update Returns prepared.**
 - - Clearance from infringement of eastern stockpile hedgerow. **Update: Outstanding.**
 - Clearing stockpiles of various items of machinery etc from central reservation opposite weighbridge. **Update: Completed.**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Site entrance and carriageway clean although verge continues with its deterioration outside site.
- Site notice boards insitu. **As noted previously these advertisements need confirming with the District Council.**
- Storage bays in recycling area nearest site entrance filled mostly with sands and stone. Front loader serving customers.
- Recycling plant operating at time of visit. Various gavel/stone and sand being produced. Low loader feeding hopper. Again noted that majority of the stocks and feed source appears to be virgin mineral/hoggin and stone.

- Waste recycling area quiet, two crushers on site. Various stockpiles of waste and soil forming material (9 plus stockpiles) in yard with two parked mobile screeners on eastern perimeter. One crusher/screener unit being fed by 360 excavator in central part of yard operational.
- Concrete batching plant operational with one mixer truck active at time of visit.
- Restored area in south eastern corner (horse paddock) had horses in fields. Parcel not walked.
- Intervening restored area between paddock and northern active working area was grass covered at varying levels of regrowth. Surface uneven and rutted in places. No wind blown contaminants visible.
- Large water body has some water covering the base although the levels are very low with all the envisaged islands/shallows exposed.
- Dozer operating in far northern edge of site grading through infill. Clay liner around northern perimeter and extending through western side following haul road. PS advised this liner still to be raised up side walls and with the drier ground conditions the dozer was more able to keep the tipping area open.
- Within excavation void which is now about 1-1.5 metres above clay base in deepest part there remains a few months mineral reserves. One excavator and 2 no ADT's serving the mineral extraction.
- Silt lagoon on former Phase 7 remains drying out before it will be graded out.
- Set of 4 lagoons remain operational. LF advised they have prepared a hopper and pump for future use in lifting silts out and processing them on a regular basis. Hopper would be placed on crossroads between the lagoons.
- Main stockpiling yard stock being reduced especially the material alongside the haul road which now has steeper more vertical faces on haul road side.
- Tidying up of the central area of ground opposite weighbridge and between haul road circulation system of various site related paraphernalia.
- A number of company and third party arts/tippers visiting site at time of visit.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/16/14/MAL (Mineral extraction)

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 9 Annual survey of waste importation. **See comments below.**

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/125/22/MAL (Recycling Plant)

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 4 Lighting.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: If lighting installed on site.

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / No

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

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Report date: 27/03/25

Date of next meeting: 3rd June @ 12:30

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.