

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 (FLP)

Visit no: 4 of 4

Date: 26 Mar 2025

Time on site: 11:00

Time off site: 12:45

Monitoring Officer: Claire Tomalin

Tel No: 03330 136821

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 (not operational)/** Sweeper / none N/A
- Hose: In use / **Not in Use** / N/A

- Machinery: **New s and g plant working**
- 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. The slip onto the A131 should be swept as there is potential for material/debris to be carried out onto the public highway.

Weighbridge office –The parking area next to the new location for the weighbridge in site A38, has now been fenced off from the quarry void.

A38 Extraction area

Extraction continuing in phase 5 and 6, some slope failure on south face.

Overburden has been replaced on alignment of original footpath and the footpath reinstated so that now lies between Phases 3 and 4 and Phases 5 and 6 with a haul road crossing appropriately signed. The reinstated has been seen by PRow officer and they are satisfied.

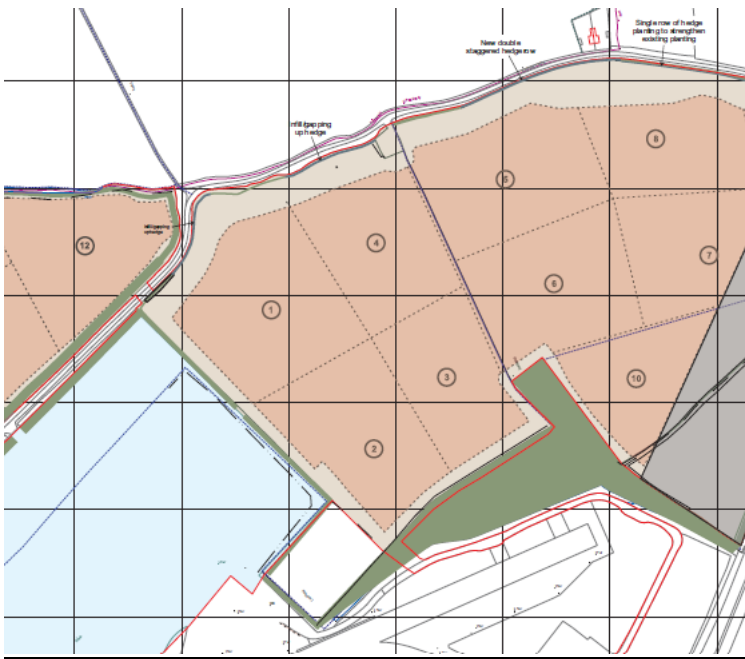
With the reinstatement of the footpath and progress on Phases 5 and 6, it hopefully means that there will be less need for double handling of material when stripping overburden in Phases 7 and 8 and restoration of Phase 5 and 6 can commence.

CT raised concern that no progress has been made with respect to obtaining an inert landfill permit, which will be necessary to enable restoration of completed phases and allow extraction to progress in future phases.

New plant operational, however, at this stage does not have planning permission, application still outstanding awaiting additional information on 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 as part of EIA.

Condition compliance

ESS/42/17/CHL - Condition 2 and 75 – the operations are not operating in accordance with the approved phasing plans, only 3 phases are permitted to be open at one time (not including phases 1 and 2). Currently 4 phases are open and work is likely to commence in phase 7 shortly, exacerbating the non-compliance. It is essential restoration of Phase 5 commences to achieve progressive restoration in 2025 and that an inert landfill permit is progressed in 2025 to ensure further progressive restoration.

Actions carried forward from last visit:

An existing access into site A39 on Moulsham Hall Lane was proposed to be planted across on Moulsham Hall Lane remains. The landowner is reluctant for this access to be planted and therefore it remains unplanted. This matter needs to be addressed.

Comment No progress.

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.

Dry screener to be operated at lower level

Comment: not operational at time of visit

Progress outstanding application ESS/96/21/CHL

Comment: Awaiting additional information on noise.

Sweep access road – this needs to be regularly undertaken and should include the slip onto the A131.

Comment: Didn't appear to be any improvement

Need to progress Environmental Permit for inert landfill, such that operator in a position to be able to import inert waste and start reinstatement of completed extraction phases when all excavated overburden has been utilised.

Comment: TP advised no progress

Actions from this visit

- See previous outstanding actions above, in particular make application to EA for landfill permit to facilitate progressive restoration.

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.