

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: Bradwell Quarry

File Ref: 12 421 10

Operator: Blackwater Aggregates, access road managed by WREN

Site Representative: Patrick Wigg, BA

Visit no: 4 of 4

Date: 6 March 2025

Time on site: 13:45

Time off site: 15:15

Monitoring Officer: Claire Tomalin Tel No: 03330 136821 Accompanied by
Gemma Bright - Planner

Site Co-ordinator: As above

Permission no's:

ESS/106/22/BTE – Variation of ESS/79/20/BTE Additional time to complete extraction and restoration in A5 and restoration in A3/A4

ESS/12/20/BTE Extraction of site A7

ESS/89/23/BTE New bridge

ESS/94/23/BTE Access Road widening by processing plant

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/** 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
- Stockpiles: Height = **Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed / Some weeds / NA

Inspection Results Summary:

Access road (WREN responsible, but within Bradwell Quarry and IWMF permissions)

The white lining by the crossings has been repainted. The temporary width restrictions were in disarray and crossing generally looked a mess raised with John Tatton of Indaver following the meeting. Permanent arrangements to be reinstated by end of May 2025, when last wide load will have been delivered.

Access road needs litter picking – raised with John Tatton (Indaver) following the meeting, but an issue for both Quarry and IWMF.

Bridge over River Blackwater planting completed.

Access road widening by mineral processing plant has been completed, but remains out of use, because the lining and signing hasn't been completed.

The North Access Road Pond (adjacent to the access road which links to Maxey Spring field), was pumped in the summer 2024 and the water level in Maxey Spring field reduced, such that the drain between the two is confirmed as clear. It is now necessary to find a long-term solution that ensures the outlet of the drain adjacent to the IWMF access road to be lower than the inlet on the west side, to minimise flooding in Maxey Spring field. No information has been provided.

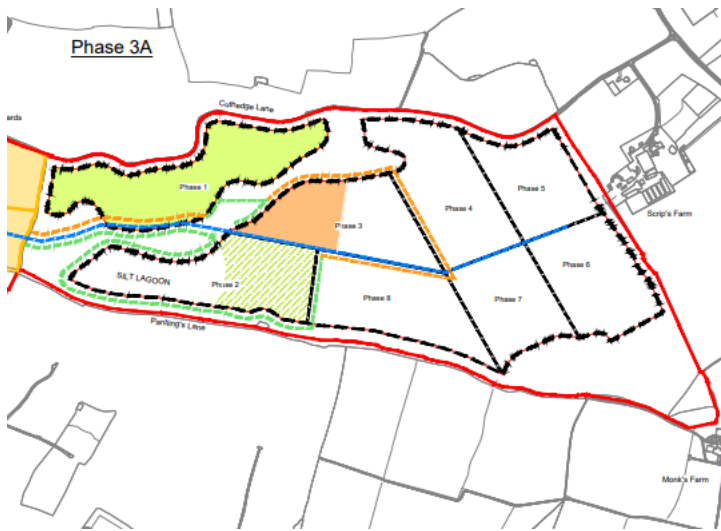
The South Access Road Pond (wet area west of access road south of Maxey Spring wood) – not checked this visit. I have received no update on how this pond is to be addressed.

Processing Area - Plant operating. No issues.

Site A7 – Extraction in phase 1 complete, overburden replacement a small area has been sub and topsoiled, no additional areas restored due to wet weather. Extraction in the east end of Phase 2 working westwards towards barren area.

The approved phasing requires Phase 1 to have completed restoration before extraction in Phase 3 commences. Restoration of phase 1 is required to be progressed in 2025.

Phase 3 archaeology completed, overburden to be stripped spring 2025 west end.



Planting east end of A7 (boundary with Scrips Farm), has not been beaten up, to be undertaken this April '25. Broken tree guards need removal and replacing where required. Planting along south boundary of A7 with Pantlings lane needs attention guards and stakes checking to be undertaken April '25

Site A5 Extraction complete in phase 5. Silt lagoon will delay restoration in phase 3. Further restoration in A5 delayed due to ground nesting birds in summer 2024 and then too wet after birds vacated. A5 is holding a lot of water and due to capacity being full in NFL there is nowhere to pump the water to. Blackwaters investigating solution for potential discharge from the quarry.

Site A3/A4 – Site A4 phases 3 and 4 and Site A3 phases 1 and 2 in winter wheat.

A4 phases 1 and 2 part in use as silt lagoon. Some correction of levels is still required but were delayed by ground nesting birds – likely work in summer 2025. It is essential that a natural looking slope from old concrete area part of the airfield across A3 and A4 is made. Re-levelling of PRoW still required to make gentler slope.

The PRoW between A3/A4 and Hollowfield is flooded in two locations (near haul road crossing just before path turns south to Woodhouse Farm), levels need to be raised as soon as weather permits.

Site A2 – In winter wheat crop across whole of A2.

Hollow Field

This area is required to be seeded with biodiversity grassland mix this Spring 2025.

New Field Lagoon (NFL)

WREN/Indaver/Blackwater have been previously advised of issues and problems re erosion of NFL slopes at inlet points, no proposals have been received as to how these issues are proposed to be resolved. Planting and seeding around NFL required in 2025.

Advanced planting for site A6 – No checked.

Compliance with Conditions:

Actions from previous and last visit

Woodland Planting – western bund and Maxey Spring - Remove guards from established plants, fallen guards need removing. Trees located within the PRow need relocating to outside the alignment of the PRow.

Comment: To be considered in conjunction with future PRow orders and discussed with WREN. PRow orders progressing slowly having now received most landowners' signatures to the principle of changes.

New Field Lagoon - Drainage/water level issues need resolution.

Comment: Erosion of banks/berm and flows in and out of NFL to be considered by Blackwaters/Indaver/Wren. No proposals received. Water levels had been lowered over summer '24 but the prepared reedbed berms have now become inundated with water again. Planting and seeding of reeds required in 2025.

Progress restoration of site A5.

Comment: No change. Restoration delayed due to ground nesting birds in summer '24. Water now hindering restoration, authorisation to discharge of water being sort. Phase 3 in use as silt lagoon.

Pantlings Lane - Previous planting that was undertaken in the ditch, should be assessed and guards removed where plants have died to reduce litter and ensure ditch can flow if required.

Comment: Guards in ditch to be removed. Planting needs guards/stacks re-established in 2025.

A2 east end – bring into arable agricultural use in autumn 2024.

Comment – Now in winter wheat.

A2 Drainage ditch – locate all 3 skeleton drainage outlets in the ditch.

Comment – not checked.

New bridge – carry out planting.

Comment: Planting scheme implemented

Hollow Field and NFL restoration

Comment No progress. Where not impacted by future works to resolve erosion of slopes and berm carry out seeding, reed establishment and planting in 2025 in accordance with approved restoration.

Access road widening by mineral processing plant - Carry out lining and signing to allow its use.

Comment: no progress

Access road and public road crossings - Reinstate with permanent width restrictions by May 2025 – Indaver responsible.

Comment: Temporary restrictions in disarray raised with John Tatton/Indaver following meeting

Southern edge of A3 and A4 levels - Complete reworking of levels in this area in first available dry weather

Comment: No progress. To be undertaken this summer 2025 in accordance with the planning permission.

Water management - A solution needs to be developed for excess water not required by the quarry as NFL is at capacity, to ensure restoration in A5 and A7 is not hindered by flooding.

Comment: As mentioned previously authorisation to discharge of water from the quarry being investigated.

Actions from this visit

See comments above.

Complete restoration of Phase 1 in Site A7 in 2025

It is essential that progress is made with respect to restoration and seeding of the remaining unrestored areas of Site A5, A3 and A4, NFL and Hollow Field in summer 2025. While it is understood that an application for greenhouses is likely to be submitted shortly, which may affect these areas, the applications have not been received, it cannot be known whether at this stage the applications will be positively determined or if granted the timescale for implementation. Restoration works should progress regardless. Issues preventing restoration such as water management need to be resolved promptly to allow works this summer. The matter will be reviewed at the next visit and if no progress has been made, more formal action to ensure compliance with extant planning permissions may be required.

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.