

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, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: Brightlingsea Quarry

File Ref: 14 421 01

Operator: SRC

Site Representatives: George Massingham (PDE Consulting, on behalf of SRC)

Visit no: 2 of 2

Date: Thursday 27th March 2025

Time on site: 14:00

Time off site: 15:00

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Permission no's:

ESS/39/13/TEN – Winning and working of minerals with progressive infilling and restoration to agriculture and nature conservation (completion by 31/01/2026) – variation of ESS/61/12/TEN, ESS/28/03/TEN and ESS/47/94/TEN.

ESS/39/13/TEN/NMA1 – Non-material amendment to allow relocation of site access, weighbridge, site office and car park.

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 (locked gate) / **Not Obstructed** / Mud on Road
- 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

Actions from last site visit:

- Wheel washer has been repaired.
- Access road and B1029 clear of mud and debris.
- Road sweepers in use.
- S73 application submitted to extend restoration deadline to 2029.
- Lighting details submitted to WPA.

Inspection Results Summary:

- Moverons landholding inspected (cells B & E). Majority of extraction has been completed. Last remaining mineral running between cells B & E continuing to be extracted down level by level. Level much lower now than at last visit.
- Sandmartin face has been profiled down to facilitate the approved mineral extraction, outside of the breeding season. Concern has been raised from Essex Wildlife Trust regarding loss of Sandmartin face. This face is considered to have been created as a result of the mineral extraction operation and, whilst its removal is unfortunate, this is part of the approved extraction and restoration plan. With that said, there is another face on the Brett side of the site which is included as part of the restoration plan. Another face was also viewed within the central part of the site adjacent to the section of mineral that is to remain untouched due to archaeological remains making extraction unviable. There is a possibility that this could become a potential Sandmartin face in the future, though no evidence of Sandmartins here is known. Though there is no planning obligation/requirement, SRC are encouraged to engage with Essex Wildlife Trust regarding the creation and possible retention of Sandmartin faces around the site.
- Access track down eastern side of Moverons closed off due to further extraction. Vehicles now reverse into wheel washer due to barrier placed across access track.
- Discussed concern around vehicles impact residential properties to the north of the site along Moverons Lane. HGVs use haul road to the west of the site to and from the processing area that avoids having to pass residential properties.
- Wheelwasher was operational and has been repaired since time of last visit.
- Road sweepers were in use along Moverons Lane.
- Light has been erected atop weighbridge office – details of lighting have been submitted to WPA and are being considered. Additional information has been requested from lighting consultant and ecology consultant. Discussed the need for this information and, without it, WPA would be unable to discharge the condition.

- Weighbridge was staffed and operating effectively.
- Church Road/Brightlingsea Road (B1029) was inspected after site visit. No mud/debris was witnessed.
- Revised restoration plan permission and associated S106 DoV was discussed. DoV close to being issued and should be circulated soon.
- S73 application has been submitted to extend the deadline for completion of extraction and restoration to 2029. Application progress and issues/objections received during consultation period were discussed – possibility that application will be heard at April planning committee.

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / **No**

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Continue to keep access road and B1029 clear of mud and debris.
- Submit additional lighting details as requested by lighting and ecology consultants.

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.