

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 [enter site name here], please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: Sandon Quarry, Southend Road, Chelmsford.

File Ref: 23 421 03

Operator: Robert Brett and Sons Ltd

Site Representative: Karol Podkomorzy (KP) – Brett.

Vist no: 4 of 4

Date: 25/03/25

Time on site: 09:00

Time off site: 10:25

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: As above Tel No:

Permission no's:

ESS/08/16/CHL: Northern quarry void and plant site including the restoration of the Northern quarry void using inert materials (superceded by ESS/114/22/CHL) .

ESS/40/17/CHL: The continuation of the infilling with inert waste to allow an extension in time for completion of restoration by 31 December 2026 in the southern quarry void.

ESS/41/17/CHL: Installation and operation of an inert waste recycling facility to produce secondary aggregate in the southern quarry void.

ESS/49/17/CHL: Retention of site office.

ESS/15/19/CHL 43.2m x 2m high fence along the haul route.

ESS/114/22/CHL – Infilling and relocation of site offices. Resolution to approve subject to completion of legal agreement.

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/** Negligent wind/Windy / Rain/Snow
- Noise
(Officer perception): **Acceptable/** Not acceptable / N/A
- Approach roads: Dry / Dusty /**Damp/** / Wet / Muddy/ Flooded
- Ground: **Mix of: Dry /** Dusty / Wet / **Damp / Muddy** in places / Flooded
- Access Obstructed / Not Obstructed / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery
(See inspection report below)
- 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 /Weeds / NA

Actions from last site visit: Actions remain open

- Clarity on actions taken to achieve adjustments to be undertaken to ensure wheel wash effectiveness and elimination of carry out to remove further need for sweeping and washing of the haul road. **Update: Still awaited**
- Maintain vigilance on sheeting of vehicles. **For monitoring by site operator.**
- State of haul road integrity to be monitored. **For monitoring by site operator.**
- Clarity on management and maintenance programme for landscaping. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Outstanding Conditions need addressing immediately. **Update: Operator has been addressing these.**
- Ensure all permissions and schemes held in both site offices for quarry and recycling operators. **For noting by site operator**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Haul road from site entrance through to office clean. Road chicanes have been adjusted to further address speed and deter parking.
- Two HGVS visited site whilst site monitoring visit undertaken. KP confirmed this month has seen noticeable slow down in imports compared to Jan/Feb.
- Compensation area not walked. KP confirmed there had been a recent site visit with Bioscan reps and contractor. Looking to introduce horses to graze as well as raising some queries concerning the introduction of more mature aquatic plants into newt pond locations as opposed to seeding. TB to consult Emma Simmonds and repond back.

- Within southern void restoration taking place with the land now receiving as and when suitable materials both sub and top soils. Marker pegs across site indicate likely filling up of some depressions whilst across main part of the parcel the need for spreading sub and top soils both from on site stocks which are earmarked for supply and to be imported could see sub soiling finished this year. Topsoil dependant on market.
- Approach to bridge continues to have metal fencing to filter pedestrians past bridge entrance and along public right of way. This location has been gathering surface run off and quite muddy. Build up of various items of pallets; fencing barriers; plastic tank; and other paraphernalia grows around this location. One yellow skip positioned opposite bridge and half filled with site rubbish whilst some items lie alongside the skip.
- The recycling area has now been cleared of all imported stocks. Only stocks present comprise small stocks of what looks like scrapped floor material about 1 meters high in south west corner of the yard. Opposite the former portacabin offices/ISO storage units also removed. KP advised they are looking to seek new tenants.
- Within the nature area one of the newer scrapes near the electrical building holding water near full. KP advised they will be continuing to form two more ponds near recycling area; add in herbinaculas as required on the restoration pan and to be lining the ponds. KP also raised idea that had been discussed with Bioscan reps potential for creating smaller better lined and positioned ponds within one of the larger scrapes/creating a funnel into the eastern identified pond location to better assist feeding of waters to the pond areas. TB would liaise with Emma and seek advice.
- Several reptile mounds created out of branches and trunks and positioned in a line adjacent the former plant site require to be covered with soils to create a covered habitat. KP confirmed that as and when they get soils this is being tipped onto the mounds.
- 1 no Dozer within northern void grading out the fill. Access track now developed into void and infilling extending round to west and south. Water body remains in south eastern corner of void. KP advised as material comes in intention to infill round in arc to west and south to create stabilised banking. Once base built up then better quality clays for lining to banking.
- Within the northern land no sheep/cattle in field. KP advised looking to place some wood to add features across the grassed areas.
- Tree planting areas have had tree replacements although it was noted that some tree tubes have competing grasses/ant nests which need clearing.
- Newest Newt enclosure continues to hold water. Southern most pond has most of its lining exposed with some water in centre. Other ponds not visited on this visit.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 11 – Ecological Interest

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: No ground disturbance until scheme approved.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 12 – Construction Environment Management Plan

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: No ground disturbance until scheme approved. Scheme discharged.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 13 – Wildlife Sensitive Lighting Design

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: No site preparation works. Operator unlikely to require.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/114/22/CHL

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Condition 17 – Processing Plant

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: No processing plant on site until redundant plant removed.

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / **No**

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Clarity on actions taken to achieve adjustments to be undertaken to ensure wheel wash effectiveness and elimination of carry out to remove further need for sweeping and washing of the haul road. **Action Point : KP**
- Maintain vigilance on sheeting of vehicles. **Action Point : KP**
- State of haul road integrity to be monitored. **Action Point : KP**
- Ensure all permissions and schemes held in both site offices for quarry and recycling operators. **Action Point : KP**
- TB to liaise with Emma and respond back to KP. **Action Point: TB**

Report Date: 25/03/25

Date of Next Meeting: 5th June 2025 @ 09:00

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.