

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: Phillip Stanley (PS)

Visit no: 1 of 4

Date: 03/06/25

Time on site: 12:15

Time off site: 13:15

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 active with front loader loading rigid HGV. 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.
- Two furthest storage bays need their stockpiles lowered to bay height.
- Considerable wind blow of dust from the recycling yard blowing eastwards towards the paddocks/horses.
- No vehicles visiting Concrete batching plant at time of visit.
- Restored area in south eastern corner (horse paddock) had horses in fields. Land parcel not walked.
- Intervening restored area between paddock and northern active working area has had a pond created on the eastern boundary; bunding created around one of the perimeter water monitoring points and soils stripped to create the acid environment as part of the sites restoration works. Lifted and stored soils to be removed elsewhere in site.
- Central water feature now virtually dried out. Little water available on site.
- Extraction of remaining sand from perimeter of land and below the perimeter soil bunding being completed. Resulting void to remain for infilling along with the final void area that exists in the north eastern corner of the final extraction Phase.
- Movement of site machinery causing large clouds of fugitive dust to blow across eastern fields. No evidence of dust suppression.
- Sand Martins nesting in batter face western side of site.
- Roughly triangular shaped void remains on western side of last Phase where mineral has been removed from the site haul road. Additional mineral remaining to be lifted between haul road and previously tipped areas.
- Silt lagoon located on the old Phase 7 land divided into three separate interlinked settling lagoons where silt is recycled back for use in the sites restoration.
- Set of 4 lagoons remain operational. LF advised they have recently cleared out two of the lagoons to maintain water flow and efficient settling.

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:

- Site notice boards insitu. As noted above provision of these advertisements need confirming with the District Council.
- Ecological Management Delivery Plan needs submission.
- Clearance from infringement of eastern stockpile hedgerow.
- Dust suppression needs to be instigated.

Report date: 04/06/25

Date of next meeting: 9th September @ 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.