

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: Birch Pit

File Ref: 13.421.13

Operator: Hanson

Site Representative: Alexandra Hemming (AH).

Visit no: 1 of 3

Date: 03/06/25

Time on site: 09:45

Time off site: 11:00

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: As above Tel No:

Permission no's:

- **Permission no: ESS/45/18/COL**

Constraints:

- **Weather:** Combination of **Dry/ Windy** / Light Rain / Snow
- **Noise**
(officer perception): **Acceptable**/ Not acceptable / N/A
- **Approach roads:** **Combination: Dry** / Dusty / Damp/ Wet / Muddy / Flooded
- **Ground:** **Combination 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 (processing plant operational. One mixer truck parked in front of concrete batching plant. A number of HGV's visiting site collecting mineral./ Not working**

- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles: **Height = /Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed / Weeds / NA**

Actions from last site visit: Remain as per the last 4 monitoring visit as well as the update comments.

- Height of site stockpiles to be maintained to their designated heights. **Update: Kept on record as reminder.**
- Stockpiling area only to be used for stocking purposes. Update: Still outstanding. **Use of the land for screening purposes requires either to be regularised or for the machinery/plant to be removed. See appraisal.**
- Tidying up of the plant/machinery parts located within the stockpiling area; concrete batching plant and north western corner on perimeter of site where lake float raft elements are stored now outside the fencing line whilst various other pieces of metal and blue plastic barrels now becoming engulfed as sand from the stockpile area is blown by the wind over the redundant items. Three large drainage pipes upended and located in sand stocking area. **Update: Accumulations of redundant plant/machinery and odd items still stored in various points around site. This meeting (25/02/25) Bill Grovers anticipated that by the time of the next monitoring visit that the redundant items would have been cleared by a contractor. See appraisal.**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Site bellmouth clean at time of visit.
- Site office/welfare block operational. As reported at last visit: Office location now comprises two offices; welfare block smaller storage unit nearest car park. Behind and within car park area are two long storage units. Various items including tyres/plastic container; concrete rubble and other small bits located around units and with the weed growth appear to have been there some time. Now a “hawk” bird scarer flying west of the welfare block. This appears to have scared off the Rooks who used to nest behind offices. BG asked to remove this immediately as birds are appearing not nesting in the immediate tree belt.
- Westward beyond the units the previously recorded stretch of ground clearance has now begun to vegetate over. The reason for the clearance remains unclear.
- AH noted the growth of the layered road side hedge and considered some further maintenance to be undertaken.
- Southern silt lagoon continues to expand its exposed silt. (Bill Groves who was met in his office at the end of the visit again as previous visit confirmed some sand being lifted and mixed with as dug. Longer commitment to removal and use of the silt appears still not clear.)
- Western void quiet. Conveyor line has relocated hopper feeder alongside the new Phase 6a/b workings. AH noted that latest idea to have a redesigned conveyor run to access into the current working Phase.
- Within the present excavation area (Phase 6a/b) 360 long reach excavator parked alongside the northern batter that has the retained trees above.
- Western side of site the boundary hedgerow still has its tree guards on. History of planting unclear although believed to have been undertaken as advance screening

of the quarry although the hedge appears to be on neighbouring land. Clearance of the guards would be beneficial.

- Combination of hedge and gorse growth now combining to overhang the gap between and prevent passage.
- Reinstated meadow full of Ox Eye daisy.
- Anticipated soil stripping of final Phase 8 will allow soil to be transferred to the western void to complete grading of levels. Buffer to be left around base of perimeter bunding whilst internal filling/grading of levels to be undertaken later in year.
- Water level in base of void with establishing vegetation above and below water level.
- Sand martins now in occupation of the western batter of future Phase 8.
- Transplanted trees and planted hedgerow plants along northern boundary viewed. Competition in the fenced hedgerow with thistle growth. Some strimming/maintenance would be beneficial.
- Small stockpiles of “as dug” sand in this working void area.
- Stockpiling of redundant items of miscellaneous nature continues its presence along the western/south western corner. 1 NMR liveried roll on container located south western corner. As previous visits there are 2 no Red Biffa ISO containers alongside the redundant items. Parts of the future bagging plant infrastructure which is scheduled for construction in this location remain stored on the land. A further welfare unit is sited further to the north.
- Some stockpiles of processed stone situated in north east corner of the stocking area.
- Old stocks of overburden/spoil/stocks remain in various mounds along the northern perimeter.
- Southern perimeter has screening unit and further stockpiles. Location and operation of this plant has been referenced previously and needs addressing.
- East of stocking area southern most former silt lagoon awaits some regrading works as central portion has sunk.
- Old silt lagoon to its north worked through to view where some removal of rushes appear to have taken place prior to the last monitoring visit although the reason unknown. Appears in the past the lagoon area had seen sand tipped into it along with silt.
- Eastern stockpiling area continues to accommodate a further sand stockpile approximately 3-4m metres high.
- East of the eastern stockpile has been stockpiled further redundant items comprising what appears to be the floating pump infrastructure.
- At time of starting visit 3 to 4 HGV's entering/leaving site. Site movements afterwards appeared quiet. One concrete batching vehicle parked next to concrete plant.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 4 Prior Archaeology

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: No soil stripping until scheme agreed.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Partial discharged.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 5 CEMP - Biodiversity

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: No further clearance of vegetation and/or topsoil stripping until scheme agreed.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Scheme discharged.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 6 Ecology

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme within 6 months of the date of the permission for an Ecological Design Strategy.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Scheme discharged

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 7 Time Limit

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Prior to entry into any phase of working ecological surveys.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 9 Arboriculture

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme within two months of the date of the permission for an Arboricultural Method Statement.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Scheme discharged.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 10 Waste Importation

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: prior to importation scheme required.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 14 Revised Working Scheme

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Within two months of the date of the permission.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Scheme discharged.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 21 Noise Monitoring

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Within 6 months of the date of the permission.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Scheme discharged

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 26 Dust Suppression

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Within 3 months of the date of the permission

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 27 Additional Dust Control

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required prior to removal of the screen bunding or reinstatement activities of the silt lagoon.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 28 Lighting

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required for artificial lighting.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 49 Soil Replacement

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Notification required prior to commencement of the final subsoil placement on each phase, or part Phase.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 51 Restoration

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required within 6 months of the date of the permission

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Scheme discharged

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 52 Landscaping

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required within 6 months of date of permission.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Scheme discharged

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 54 Agricultural Aftercare

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme within one year of the date of the permission.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Scheme discharged

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 55 Amenity Aftercare

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme within one year of the date of the permission.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Scheme discharged

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Height of site stockpiles to be maintained to their designated heights.
- Stockpiling area only to be used for stocking purposes.
- Tidying up of the plant/machinery parts located within the 2 stockpiling areas; concrete batching plant locations and far eastern stockpiling footprint. Rubbish behind offices to be cleared.
- Removal of bird scarer behind site offices.

Note: The actions noted in this report are required to ensure adequate progress is made and to avoid potential enforcement action against a breach of planning control.

Date of Next Meeting: 9th September 2025 @ 10:00

Report Date: 03/06/25