

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 the Elmstead Hall site, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: Elmstead Hall

File Ref: 14.421.39.2

Operator: David Hunter

Site Representative: Josh Bass (JB SRC); Simon Chaffe (SC) (agent).

Visit no: 1 of 4

Date: 15/05/25

Time on site: 12:10

Time off site: 12:55

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: As above Tel No:

Permission no's:

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Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/** Windy / Rain / Snow
- Noise (Officer perception) - **Acceptable/** Not acceptable / N/A –
- Approach roads: **Dry / Dusty /** Wet / Damp/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 /** Not working (1 front loader in processing yard serving HGV. 1 dozer and excavator parked up above working face.

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

Actions from last site visit remain the same as from last monitoring visit:

- Condition 7 requires action. **Update: No action.**
- Condition 13 and 30 requires action each period/as notified. **Update: Kept on as reminder.**
- Separation of stockpiles from perimeter soil bunding. **Update: Stockpiles infringing soil bund across wide length of the processing yard footprint on southern side of site.**
- Overburden/stockpiles heights to be monitored. **Update: Central storage stockpile exceeding height and needs to be removed off skyline.**
- Ensuring highway cleanliness from material carry out/tracking marks.
- Clearance of tipped aggregate near weighbridge. **Update: Material appears to have increased in volume and needs clearing.**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Access along Tye Road from west closed due to bypass works.
- Haul road leading to site clean and holding up well. No further evidence being utilised by third party Articulated trailers and other SRC HGV's visiting the processing/recycling facilities that were taking place on the eastern side of Allens Farm.
- Perimeter mounds around site remain covered with decaying weeds although access along the top is now clear with a strimmed access line across the bank top.
- Lagoons on far western side now continue to have establishing vegetation both within and on perimeter banking. Algal growth appearing in water body nearest western perimeter.
- Lagoons in central area of site comprises principally two larger main water holding areas and one smaller to the west. Western most lagoon continues to have significant vegetation growth in its base. Central extended lagoon has vegetation within its western side and exposed silt to the east which is now vegetating over. New lagoon created in eastern most void base now filled with water.
- Backfilled material level with existing outside ground level now forming about a 25 metre wide strip along south eastern perimeter.
- Working face now advancing westwards reaching about just over a quarter of the way towards the processing plant with worked areas clay lined and backfill being spread above.
- Working face still comprises 2 no benches for the extraction area.
- Clay liner up to half the height of side wall in place and backfilled material placed alongside.

- Central graded stockpile of overburden remains in place on virgin ground between working face and processing plant. Additional fresher material has been placed on top of the stockpile and now exceeds permitted heights and is visible from outside site boundary. JB confirmed this would be levelled off.
- Within processing plant area, plant producing gravel/stone product and primarily has been working off stocks.
- Stockpiles, whilst being reduced in volume continue to abut perimeter soil bund and need to be separated from the bund.
- HGV's being loaded with processed stone during time of monitoring visit.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No:7 Boundary Markers

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Operator required to peg out extraction areas and maintain pegs during site operating period.

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

Permission/Condition No:13 Topographical Surveys

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Surveys to be provided every 12 months.

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

Permission/Condition No:30 Noise Monitoring

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Operator required to submit surveys on three monthly basis.

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

Permission/Condition No:53 Annual Report

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Operator to submit scheme when soils moved for restoration purposes.

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

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / **No**

Actions to be taken before next site visit and carried over from last visit:

- Condition 7 requires action.
- Condition 13 and 30 requires action each period/as agreed.
- Overburden/stockpiles heights to be monitored.
- Ensuring highway cleanliness from material carry out/tracking marks.
- Pulling back stockpiles to avoid contamination of the perimeter mounds.
- Clearance of tipped aggregate near weighbridge.

Date of next scheduled monitoring visit: 19th August 2025 @ 12:00

Date of report: 15/05/25

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.