

# 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:** Martell's Landfill, Slough Lane, Ardleigh

**File Ref:** 14.421.12

**Operator:** OPES MRF 2013 Ltd

**Site Representative:** Chris Morton (CM)

Also attended by Jackie Halsall (JH Landowner)

**Visit no:** 1 of 4

**Date:** 15/05/25

**Time on site:** 10:05

**Time off site:** 10:55

**Monitoring Officer:** T Burns                      Tel No: 03330136440

**Site Co-ordinator:** As above                      Tel No:

**Permission no's:**

**ESS/30/16/TEN:** Continued restoration.

**ESS/42/22/TEN:** Gas flare

**Constraints:**

- Weather:                      **Dry/ Windy / Rain / Snow**
- Noise
- (officer perception):                      Acceptable/ Not acceptable / **N/A**
- Approach roads:                      **Combination: Dry/Damp / Dusty / 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 / **Not working**
- In correct position: Yes / No / **N/A**
- Stockpiles: Height = Perimeter mounds acceptable
- Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed / **Weeds**/ NA

#### **Actions from last site visit:**

- Topographical Survey to include identifying and characterising on site stockpiles and their quantities. How this resource meets the remaining restoration material shortfall/surplus when set against the approved Pre Settlement Plan. **Update: Still outstanding under lapsed permission.**
- Working programme setting out defined timescale for achieving site reinstatement. **Update: Still outstanding under lapsed permission.**
- Amenity Aftercare scheme outstanding. **Update: Still outstanding.**
- scheme outstanding.
- Outstanding schemes required by planning permission ESS/42/22/TEN. **Update: Still outstanding**
- Clay/waste mixing in north eastern corner of the clay stockpile needs to have the waste material returned to the waste cell. **Update: Still outstanding**
- Overtipping on the eastern site area to be removed in line with Environment Agency requirements. **Update: Still outstanding**

#### **Inspection Results Summary:**

CM confirmed that a Teams meeting was taking place that afternoon between Robert and Craig Barlow and Craig Fannin to pick up on the issues raised at the meeting 29/04/25. TB said that the indicated two week period for response back from Craig Barlow had passed and still no clarity on site progress.

Overall no further works carried out since last monitoring visit other than some pull back of the slip on northern site boundary; placing of two upright posts for a gate and line of holes dug for fenceposts.

Light breeze north to north easterly.

Site weighbridge; wheelwash and rumble strip all that remains of infrastructure at site entrance. Gas flare and portacabin office located within the southern half of the site. Gas flare still has scaffolding erected around it and in place since before last monitoring visit. CM advised this is in place for compliance monitoring.

An amount of general site rubbish, pipes, telegraph poles and ISO container remain positioned alongside the eastern side of the clay stockpile.

Again, as reported at last monitoring visit, no commitment to progress restoration of the land has progressed since July 2023 meeting on site.

Only visible plant on site a box scraper still parked up on cell 1 by the flare and a box scraper trailer parked up off the haul road near the bend.

Site walked with initial visit to top of clay mound and then to eastern side of landfill site took place where JH pointed out that the fence post holes had been in place for awhile and beginning to fill in.

Contaminated material in north eastern end of clay stockpile remains insitu.

Rest of site not walked as no further progress on site had taken place.

TB confirmed to CM that gas smell had been evident whilst walking the SRC land further to the south earlier in the day. Likewise gas was smelt during this monitoring walk over on the boundary with the Halsalls and again on the western edge of the clay stockpile above the compound area created in the clay stockpile.

Some type of oil/lubricant had been spilled from one of the oil storage tanks in the northern compound. CM advised that storage and feed from these tanks needed to be in contained locations to avoid pollution/contamination of the ground.

TB also highlighted the growing collection of pipes/scaffolding/satellite dish/pallet/bollard/liner rolls and gantry within the compound. CM said these likely to be needed on approval of the gas compound application.

Compliance with Conditions:

**Planning Permission ESS/30/16/TEN whilst time expired had ongoing commitments to achieve restoration and these were expected to be progressed.**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/30/16/TEN: 8

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: See decision notice relates to ecology check prior to cell entry.

**Action to be taken by Operator: Operator needs to assess the submission of the next ecological submission.**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/30/16/TEN:10

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Submission of topographical surveys

**Action to be taken by Operator: Survey submission is outstanding.**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/30/16/TEN: 43

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme for Amenity Aftercare

**Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme to be submitted.**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/42/22/TEN: 5

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: No ground disturbance until approved scheme to address Biodiversity Method Statement.

**Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme required.**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/42/22/TEN: 6

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Within 6 months a scheme for Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy.

**Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme to be submitted**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/42/22/TEN: 7

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: No site preparation works until approved scheme for Protecting Existing Trees and Vegetation.

**Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme to be submitted**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/42/22/TEN: 10

Within 2 months of date of permission a scheme for Restoration and Landscaping.

**Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme to be submitted**

**Actions to be taken before next site visit: These actions have been requested for some time and not been addressed.**

- Up to date Topographical Survey to include identifying and characterising on site stockpiles and their quantities. How this resource meets the remaining restoration material shortfall/surplus when set against the approved Pre Settlement Plan.
- Working programme/s setting out defined timescale for achieving site reinstatement.
- Amenity Aftercare scheme outstanding.
- Outstanding schemes required by planning permission ESS/42/22/TEN.
- Clay/waste mixing in north eastern corner of the clay stockpile needs to have the waste material returned to the waste cell.
- Overtipping on the eastern site area to be removed in line with Environment Agency requirements.
- CM to check whether the topographic survey has included the overtipping levels and how the overtipping impacts on final restoration contours.
- Securing the oil/lubricant tanks in the northern compound to prevent contamination of the ground.

- Clearance of the collected rubbish/other items gathering in the northern compound.

**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.**

Date of Next Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025 @ 10:15

Report Date: 15/05/25