

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: St Clere's Hall Pit, Main Road, Danbury

File Ref: 23 421 16

Operator: Danbury Aggregates Limited

Site Representative:

Visit no: 1 of 4

Date: 05/06/25

Time on site: 12:35

Time off site: 12:50

Monitoring Officer: T Burns (TB) Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: as above Tel No:

Permission no's:

ESS/59/06/CHL – Increase traffic movements

ESS/63/10/CHL – Infilling and Recycling

ESS/12/13/CHL – Western Extension.

ESS/49/19/CHL – Continuation of extraction.

ESS/50/19/CHL – Importation.

Constraints:

- Weather: combination Dry/ Windy / light **Rain** / Snow
- Noise

(as perceived by officer): **Acceptable**/ Not acceptable / N/A

- Approach roads: **Combination of 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 / Wheel bath available but not being used at time of visit. /No/ N/A**
- Hose: **In use / Not in Use / N/A**
- Machinery: **Working / Not working (1 excavator in stockpiling area.**
- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles: **Height = Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed /Weeds / NA**

Actions from last site visit:

- Addressing tree management/weed control aspects of the landscaping. **Update: No change from previous visit. Landscaping management/maintenance needs to be in place and being implemented first available season.**
- Clarifying programme for the void infilling/consultants actioning steps. **Update: Kept on as reminder once permit received for the operator to update on the infilling programme.**
- Stockpiles behind site offices growing in footprint and height. This is not a stocking area and heights will be breaching outside viewpoints. **Update: No action being taken by operator.**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Site approach road and bellmouth mainly clean and wet.
- Internal haul road was clean.
- Site operational with 360 excavator behind offices and working on platform of tipped material that has extended eastwards as infilling extends across into the void. Stockpile of material placed on top of platform awaiting further draining for the void to allow this material to be pushed into void.
- Western extension land continues to establish with natural regeneration.
- As per last few visits tree planting on bund alongside haul road between western extension and main site remains poor. Management arrangements for this and the western land area questioned. Previous weed growth continues to dominant.
- Stockpiling area behind site offices remains accommodating stockpiles (sands; crushed rubble/stone; soil making materials).
- Front loaded parked up on western side of the processing plant area appearing to await servicing visiting vehicles.
- Two low loaders and a caravan parked up around the old shed behind site offices.
- Water levels in lake appears high although now difficult to gauge levels due to infilling now reducing base of void.
- Processing plant area quiet. Stocks below conveyor arms.

- As reported previously adjoining yellow hopper and two conveyor arms with gravel/stone stockpile of about 2/3 metres high. Behind was parked a red crusher unit.
- Across on eastern side was a hopper and sand/material stockpiles.
- Crushing area quiet. Large amounts of rubble stocks present and presumably awaiting campaign crushing.
- The maintenance yard and surrounds continue to house their collection of some 20 plus cabs/trailers and full units accumulating as part derelict plant/parked HGV's that occupy the wider yard area.
- Use of land in the hollow for the activities taking place (storage/parking/processing) status remains on these monitoring reports as their activities will be affected with infilling activities taking place.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/63/10/CHL Conditions 13 (Noise); 24 and 25 (Soils notifications); 33 (Aftercare); 40 (Access alteration) and 41 (Removal of Structures)

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: By operator within set timescales as set out in the permission.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/12/13/CHL Conditions 8 (Soil Placement notification); 13 (Lighting provision) and 15 (Aftercare scheme).

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken:

Action to be taken by Operator or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/49/19/CHL Conditions 7 (Ecological Interest); 8 (Great Crested Newts); 9 (Licensing); 10 (Protected Species); 17 (Noise Monitoring); 40 (Restoration) and 43 (Aftercare).

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: As set out in permission.

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

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / **No**

Proposed Mitigation Measures:

- As per conditions

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Addressing tree management/weed control aspects of the landscaping.
- Clarifying programme for the void infilling/consultants actioning steps.
- Stockpiles behind site offices growing in footprint and height. This is not a stocking area. Revisions to working plan may be required to accommodate revised site layouts.
- No further infilling across on eastern end of void. SC to look at working phase programme for the void.

Date of Next Meeting: 16th September 2025 @ 11:15 then onto Royal Oak

Date of Report: 05/06/25

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.