

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, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: Blackley Quarry, Gt Leighs, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 1QP

File Ref: 23 421 31

Operator: Frank Lyons Plant Services (FLP)

Site Representative: Tony Pearmain – TP (FLP) and Judy Day JD (FLP)

Visit no: 1 of 4

Date: 16 June 2025

Time on site: 10:00

Time off site: 11:30

Monitoring Officer: Claire Tomalin

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Site Co-ordinator: Claire Tomalin:

Permission no's: ESS/42/17/CHL – Variation to ESS/46/16/CHL to allow amendments to planting timing, bunding and condition wordings. Decision issued and implemented.

ESS/96/21/CHL – Variation to plant details, phasing and new workshop, awaiting additional information.

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/** Windy / Rain / Snow/ Fog
- Noise: **Acceptable/** Not acceptable / N/A
- Approach roads: **Dry /** Dusty / Wet / Muddy / Flooded
- Ground: **Dry / Dusty /** Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded
- Access: Obstructed / **Not Obstructed / Mud on Road /** Ice / Slippery
- Wheel cleaning: Washer / **Spinner (not operational)/** Sweeper / none N/A
- Hose: In use / **Not in Use /** N/A

- Machinery: **New s and g plant working**
- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles: acceptable.
- Bunds: Profiled / Grassed / **Weeds** / NA

Inspection Results Summary:

Access road – Concrete access roads needs to be swept. The slip onto the A131 had obvious debris this should be cleared ASAP

A38 Extraction area

Overburden was being replaced within phase 5 and 6. Some extraction left to do in parts of Phases 5 and 6.

Phases 7 and 8 were still in crop, but planned to be stripped following harvest in July/August 2025.

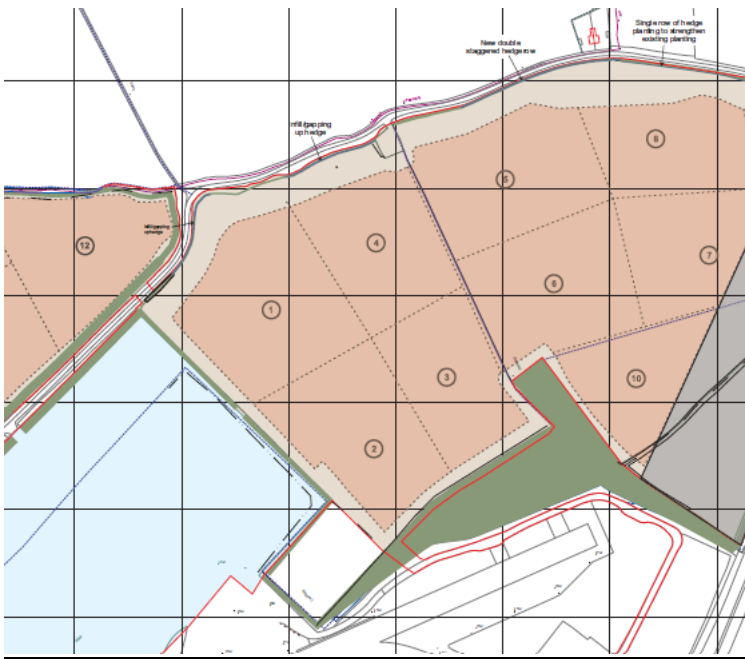
CT raised concern that no progress has been made with respect to obtaining an inert landfill permit, which will be necessary to enable restoration of completed phases and allow extraction to progress in future phases.

CT advised that as part of any decision of the outstanding planning application ESS/96/21/CHL, mineral extraction in Phase 9 would not be permitted until Phase 5 has been brought up to restoration levels and topsoils placed, to ensure progressive restoration, similarly no extraction in Phase 10, until Phase 6 has completed restoration and so on. It is essential progress is made to obtain an inert landfill permit. Until such time as a regularising permission is obtained the site is in breach of condition 75.

New plant operational, however, at this stage does not have planning permission, application still outstanding awaiting additional information on noise.

Stand-off to Blackley Cottages from the excavation face was being maintained.

Some of the bund on the southside of phase 6 had been removed as the material was utilised in reinstated of PRow, but this bund should be reinstated as forms part of the noise mitigation.



Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:Yes

Proposed Mitigation Measures:

No major adverse effects were identified as part of EIA.

Condition compliance

ESS/42/17/CHL - Condition 2 and 75 – the operations are not operating in accordance with the approved phasing plans, only 3 phases are permitted to be open at one time (not including phases 1 and 2). Currently 4 phases are open and work is likely to commence in phase 7 shortly, exacerbating the non-compliance. It is essential restoration of Phase 5 commences to achieve progressive restoration in 2025 and that an inert landfill permit is progressed in 2025 to ensure further progressive restoration.

While an application has been submitted to regularise the enlarged plant and stockpile area and revised phasing this remains pending awaiting additional information ESS/96/21/CHL. It is essential this application is progressed.

ESS/42/17/CHL – condition 23 – upon commencement of operations within phases 7 and 8 noise monitoring 3 months apart is required to be undertaken and the results submitted to the MPA to show compliance.

ESS/42/17/CHL – condition 57d – Submit the archaeological post excavation assessment for phases 5, 6, 7 and 8.

ESS/42/17/CHL - 48 (bund maintenance), 50 (soil storage locations), 60 (dewatering), 62 (surface water drainage), 64 (groundwater monitoring scheme). Submit outstanding details as these have now been outstanding for a number of years if not submitted in the near future the authority will have to consider enforcement action.

Actions carried forward from last visit and still outstanding:

An existing access into site A39 on Moulsham Hall Lane was proposed to be planted across on Moulsham Hall Lane remains unplanted. The landowner is reluctant for this access to be planted and therefore it remains unplanted. This matter needs to be addressed.

Comment No progress.

Submit outstanding details with respect to conditions 48 (bund maintenance), 50 (soil storage locations), 60 (dewatering), 62 (surface water drainage), 64 (groundwater monitoring scheme).

Comment: No progress.

Progress outstanding application ESS/96/21/CHL

Comment: Awaiting additional information on noise. No progress. Provide evidence within the next 6 weeks that some progress is being made to provide the additional information requested, or the MWPA will need to consider what course of action is appropriate.

Sweep access road – this needs to be regularly undertaken and should include the slip onto the A131.

Comment: Didn't appear to be any improvement. If there is no improvement particularly on the slipway to the A131 then formal action may be required.

Need to progress Environmental Permit for inert landfill, such that operator in a position to be able to import inert waste and start reinstatement of completed extraction phases when all excavated overburden has been utilised.

Comment: JD advised initial contact had been made with a consultant to deal with landfill environmental permit. It is essential that evidence is provided that progress is being made to obtain an Environmental Permit, as this is essential for progressive restoration.

Actions from this visit

Submit Archaeological Post Excavation Assessment report for phases 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Undertake noise monitoring 3 months apart when operations commence in phase 7 and 8

Submit evidence that progress is being made to obtain an Environmental Permit (EP) e.g. accepted instructions from a consultant preparing the EP application.

See above and conditions compliance section for other matters that need to be addressed.

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.