

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: Bradwell Quarry

File Ref: 12 421 10

Operator: Blackwater Aggregates, access road managed by WREN

Site Representative: Patrick Wigg, BA

Visit no: 1 of 4

Date: 27 June 2025

Time on site: 10:15

Time off site: 15:15

Monitoring Officer: Claire Tomalin Tel No: 03330 136821 Accompanied by
Gemma Bright - Planner

Site Co-ordinator: As above

Permission no's:

ESS/106/22/BTE – Variation of ESS/79/20/BTE Additional time to complete extraction and restoration in A5 and restoration in A3/A4

ESS/12/20/BTE Extraction of site A7

ESS/89/23/BTE New bridge

ESS/94/23/BTE Access Road widening by processing plant

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/** Windy / Rain / Snow
- 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 / 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 = **Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed / Some weeds / NA

Inspection Results Summary:

Access road (WREN responsible, but within Bradwell Quarry and IWMF permissions)

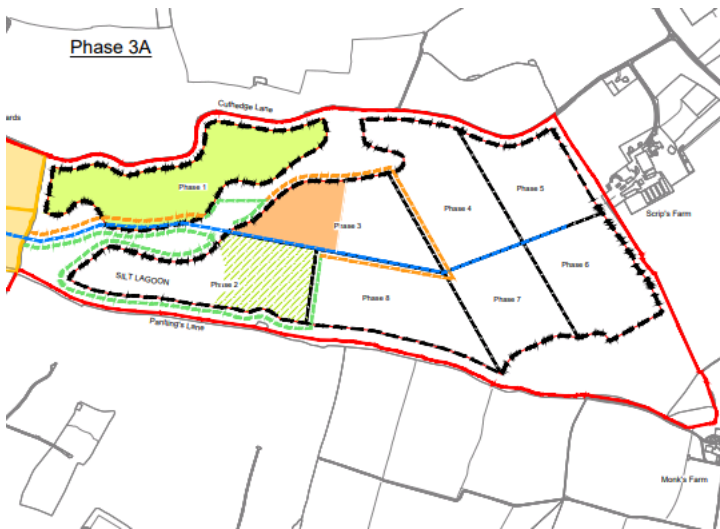
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Processing Area - Plant operating. No issues.

Site A7 – Extraction in phase 1 complete, overburden has been placed to approved level. Topsoil being direct placed from phase 3. The restored area is planned to go into crop this autumn.

Extraction in the east end of Phase 2 working westwards towards barren area.

Phase 3 archaeology completed, stripping in phase 3 occurring in a south north direction rather than west to east.



Planting east end of A7 (boundary with Scrips Farm) and Pantlings lane – not checked

Site A5 Extraction complete in phase 5. Silt lagoon will delay restoration in phase 3. Further restoration in A5 has again been delayed due to ground nesting birds. A5 is holding a lot of water, it is essential this water is pumped out as soon as the birds have vacated to enable restoration to progress. PW advised options to manage water including discharge being progressed.

Site A3/A4 – Site A4 phases 3 and 4 and Site A3 phases 1 and 2 in winter wheat.

A4 phases 1 and 2 part in use as silt lagoon.

Some correction of levels is still required in west part of A3 and A4 but have been delayed by ground nesting birds – likely work in autumn 2025. It is essential that a natural looking slope from old concrete area part of the airfield across A3 and A4 is made. Re-levelling of PRow still required to make gentler slope.

The PRow between A3/A4 and Hollowfield had been flooded in two locations (near haul road crossing and just before path turns south to Woodhouse Farm) on last visit, the levels have been raised by crossing, the other section not checked.

Site A2 – In winter wheat crop across whole of A2. Surface ditched to be piped to allow restored area to east to be incorporated into the field. A drainage scheme for A2 has been devised to address water logging in west end of field, but BA reluctant to install due to greenhouse application.

Hollow Field

This area is to be seeded with biodiversity grassland mix in autumn 2025.

New Field Lagoon (NFL)

WREN/Indaver/Blackwater have been previously advised of issues and problems re erosion of NFL slopes at inlet points, no proposals have been received as to how these issues are proposed to be resolved.

BA reluctant to plant and seed around NFL as Greenhouses application would result in loss of planting and seeding.

Advanced planting for site A6 – No checked.

Compliance with Conditions:

Actions from previous and last visit

Woodland Planting – western bund and Maxey Spring - Remove guards from established plants, fallen guards need removing. Trees located within the PRow need relocating to outside the alignment of the PRow.

Comment: To be considered in conjunction with future PRow orders and discussed with WREN. PRow orders progressing slowly having now received most landowners' signatures to the principle of changes.

New Field Lagoon - Drainage/water level issues need resolution.

Comment: Erosion of banks/berm and flows in and out of NFL to be considered by Blackwaters/Indaver/Wren. No proposals received. Water levels were lowered over summer '24.

Progress restoration of site A5.

Comment: No change. Restoration delayed due to ground nesting birds in summer '25. Water now hindering restoration, authorisation to discharge of water being sort. Phase 3 in use as silt lagoon.

Pantlings Lane - Previous planting that was undertaken in the ditch, should be assessed and guards removed where plants have died to reduce litter and ensure ditch can flow if required.

Comment: Guards in ditch to be removed. Planting needs guards/stacks re-established in 2025. Not checked.

A2 east end – pipe open ditch and bring into arable agricultural use in autumn 2025.

Comment – West end in crop, beyond open ditch fallow.

A2 Drainage ditch – locate all 3 skeleton drainage outlets in the ditch.

Comment – not checked.

Hollow Field and NFL restoration

Comment Hollowfield to be seeded this autumn. Planting and seeding of NFL delayed due to potential greenhouse proposals.

Access road widening by mineral processing plant - Carry out lining and signing to allow its use.

Comment: complete, accept the roundabout marking in the centre of junction not obvious, possibly needs raised hump

Southern edge of A3 and A4 levels - Complete reworking of levels in this area in first available dry weather

Comment: No progress. To be undertaken this late summer 2025 after birds have left in accordance with the planning permission.

Water management - A solution needs to be developed for excess water, to ensure restoration in A5 and A7 is not hindered by flooding.

Comment: Authorisation to discharge of water from the quarry being investigated with EA.

Actions from this visit

See comments above.

It is essential that progress is made with respect to restoration and seeding of the remaining unrestored areas of Site A5, A3 and A4, and Hollow Field once the birds have left in autumn 2025. While application for greenhouses have been made which may affect these areas, it cannot be known whether at this stage these applications will be positively determined or if granted the timescale for implementation. Restoration works should progressed. Issues preventing restoration such as water management need to be resolved promptly to allow works autumn 2025. The matter will be reviewed at the next visit in September 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.