

# 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:** Colemans Farm, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall End, WITHAM, CM8 3EX

**File Ref:** 12. 421.36

**Operator:** Brice Aggregates Limited

**Site Representative:** Matthew Ball (MB)

**Essex County Council (ECC):** Terry Burns (TB)

Also attended by Emma Simmonds (ECC Ecologist) and Joshua Stafford (JS) (Operators Ecologist)

**Visit no:** 1 of 4

**Date:** 03/07/25

**Time on site:** 09:00

**Time off site:** 11:45

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

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

**Permission no's:**

**ESS/65/17/BTE: Change of Use of land for Stockpiling**

**ESS/40/18/BTE: Continuation of Use of Mineral Extraction**

**ESS/11/20/COL: Ready Mix Concrete Plant**

**Constraints:**

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

(officer perception) :                      **Acceptable/ Not acceptable / N/A**

- Highway Approach road:           **Combination of Dry / Dusty / Wet / Muddy**  
  /Flooded/gravel **spill noted at end of monitoring visit**
- Ground:                               **Combination /Dry / Dusty / Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded**
- Access:                               Obstructed / Not Obstructed / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery
- Wheel cleaning:               **Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / Tractor and brush/none N/A**
- Hose:                               In use / Not in Use / **N/A**
- Machinery:                       **Working / Not working**
- In correct position:           **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles:                       **Height above permitted height (stockpile north of**  
  **processing plant)/Rest of stockpiles Acceptable**
- Bunds:                               **Profiled / Grassed / Weeds / NA**

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

- Maintenance arrangement for addressing break up of bellmouth road exit side and public highway. **Update: Still awaited. Understand situation has been reported through to Essex Highways.**
- Wheelwash use reinforced to drivers. **Update: kept on as reminder.**
- Wheelwash drainage to be addressed and contamination of hedgerows from off spill water to be stopped. Provision of sump would assist. **Update: Still have drainage from the wheelwash ponding to the west (site entrance side) and a sump now created to the east alongside fence/hedgerow.**
- Provision of visual height marker/s in stockpiling area. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Soil bund/stockpiles alongside watercourse to the east of the processing plant to be pulled back from watercourse line to ensure slippages do not enter watercourse. Slippage noted in small area that appears to be used by vehicles emptying out their tanks/bodies. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Demarcation with barriers to restrict encroachment of road material into watercourse and tree root standoffs for crossing near landfill holding area. **Update: Fencing has been erected and chain run between posts across most of length although extension of fence near concrete plant still awaits chainage. Runoff from surrounding land still present in watercourse and this is earmarked for removal following monitoring visit discussions.**
- Standoff from tree canopy/root protection areas of all tree/hedgerow boundaries. No parking of plant and machinery from these standoff areas. **Update: Area bounding plant site has fence line provision to provide hedgerow standoffs.**
- Review is necessary on effectiveness of the CEMP plan. Interim meeting with operators agent/ecology/arboriculturist and invite to Mineral Planning Authority representatives. **Update: ES and JS on site and discussions took place. CEMP scheme is presently being reviewed by ECC. JS has some action points and will get Dan Walker to seek time extension on scheme considerations.**
- As above programme of landscape management to be implemented. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Compliance with the conditions listed above and in permissions/pending permissions/legal agreements. **Update: Still awaited.**
- Arrangement for site ecologist to be present at next monitoring visit to discuss site progress/actions being undertaken. **Update: JS and ES meet on site today. LEMP due in fairly soon.**
- Compliance with the conditions listed above and in permissions/pending permissions/legal agreements. **Update: Still awaited see report below.**
- Removal of rumble strip which is not playing any sensible role in its present location. **Update: Rumble strips still in location. MB to look at its relocation.**

### **Inspection Results Summary:**

- Site approach road clean at time of visit. Road sweeper was parked up on side of highway outside site. At end of the monitoring visit there was a run of gravel which had spilt from a site vehicle spread up the centre of the highway.
- Break up of the highway surface following the out route of site traffic continues to deteriorate as does part of the bellmouth surface.

- Barrier has been removed and stored within site opposite visitor car parking area.
- Wheelwash was operational and water was ponding on the western side of the wheelwash. To the east a sump had been dug adjacent to the fence. Evidence of dried silt still entering the adjacent land impacting the hedgerow.
- Regular flow of visiting HGV's accessing site.
- As on previous visits the filed area occupied by the visitor car park and offices now filling up with cars. The visitor car park now extends further towards the A12 with cars parking on the unstripped surface. Evidence continues of further tracking over the remaining grassed areas. More control and demarcation of the routing/parking areas would assist.
- Stockpiling area south of haul road again mostly accommodating processed stone with varying sized stocks. Central stock of processed concrete.
- Batching plant operational with 4 mixer trucks (3 parked and 1 being filled).
- Bunds around stockpiling area and along haul roads with varying levels of weed growth including thistles and ragwort.
- Some ingress of spoil into standoff areas between fence posts and watercourse near batching plant.
- Watercourse adjacent processing plant has considerable silt build up and ES/JS/MB discussed clean out later in year.
- Lagoon adjacent stockpiling area active and taking drainage from the yard. Silt building up on western side with vegetation growth established along western and southern banking.
- Haul road leading from processing plant to voids has had a ditch formed on its northern edge. MB to create a similar demarcation feature on its southern side to restrict spread of the road onto the adjacent stockpiles.
- Phase 1 still being used for receipt of recycled/imported materials. Excavator and dozer operating with ADT trucks taking material into western extension phase. Stockpiles of inerts are low concrete stockpile located on northern edge of Phase 1.
- Western extension (Phase 7) has about less than a quarter left of mineral to remove. Infilling taking place in its southern to central half.
- Field to north alongside A12 visited as two Skylark plots identified for this land. MB also raised option being looked at to remove mineral from below the northern perimeter bunds. TB asked if this was still in extraction boundary. MB to consider options of shifting bund which is there for visual and acoustic reasons slightly north whilst taking on board the skylark standoffs.
- No activity in Phase 4 with MB confirming levels are up other than for valley feature running alongside hedgerow
- Original Phase 5 having backfill placed within from dig taking place to its west where basal material is being lifted and transported in ADTs. MB explained they are trying to tidy up with a north to south demarcation line which is entering old Phase 6 whilst tidying up of a line on a north to south line across the width of the site.
- Top bench of mineral already removed through new Phase 8 across to a line demarcating the extent of possible Highway England control.
- Stockpiles alongside watercourse in Processing plant yard require pulling back in places especially where emptying of bodies/tanks takes place where the tipping area is wet and slurry has been pushed towards the watercourse and slippage into the stream has taken place.

- Accumulation of discarded items of plant/ paraphernalia on western side of the processing plant boundary.

#### **Compliance with Conditions:**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 1

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Notification Dates

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 9

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Surveys

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 10

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Surveys CEMP

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 21

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeological fieldwork post excavation report

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 29

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Periodic noise monitoring

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 38

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Site Lighting

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/40/18/BTE Condition 57

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Aftercare scheme

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/65/17/BTE Condition 21

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Periodic Noise Monitoring

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/11/20/BTE Condition 7

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Site Lighting

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/11/20/BTE Condition 15

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Noise Monitoring

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/11/20/BTE Condition 18

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Dust Management

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

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 5

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Tree Protection Scheme

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

Scheme currently in.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 6

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Requirements

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

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 7

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: CEMP

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

Scheme currently in

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 9

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Biodiversity Enhancement Plan

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 10 months of permission date.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 10

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Skylark Mitigation

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil stripping.

Scheme currently in

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 11

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Landscaping

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 5 years of permission.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 12; 13 and 14

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeology

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

Schemes partially discharged.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 15; 16 and 17

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeology

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Post excavation assessment/ Fieldwork Visit/Within 4 months of completion of fieldwork phase.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 30

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Revised Restoration

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 years.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/36/21/BTE Condition 31

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Aftercare

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil replacement.

Conditions in red below are those now superceded by ESS/98/21/BTE

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 10; 12

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Requirements

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to commencement/Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 13

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Biodiversity Enhancement Plan

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 10 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 23

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeology

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 6 months of completion in each phase.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 32

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Noise Monitoring



Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 35

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Dust

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/51/21/BTE Condition 60

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Aftercare

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil replacement.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 10

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Ecological Requirements

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil strip.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 13

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Biodiversity

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 10 months.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 23

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Archaeology

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 6 months of fieldwork phasing.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 58

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Revised Restoration

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Within 2 years.

Pending Permission/Condition No: ESS/98/21/BTE Condition 59

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Aftercare

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA: Prior to soil replacement.

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Maintenance arrangement for addressing break up of bellmouth road exit side and public highway.
- Wheelwash use reinforced to drivers.
- Wheelwash drainage to be addressed and contamination of hedgerows from off spill water to be stopped.
- Provision of visual height marker/s in stockpiling area.
- Soil bund/stockpiles alongside watercourse to the east of the processing plant to be pulled back from watercourse line to ensure slippages do not enter watercourse and effective barriers installed to prevent surface water contaminating watercourse with its silt.
- Demarcation with barriers to restrict encroachment of road material into watercourse and tree root standoffs for crossing near landfill holding area.
- Removal of spill material from watercourse bank opposite batching plant and processing plant locations.
- Standoff from tree canopy/root protection areas of all tree/hedgerow boundaries. No parking of plant and machinery from these standoff areas.
- Review is necessary on effectiveness of the CEMP plan.
- As above programme of landscape management to be implemented.
- Compliance with the conditions listed above and in permissions/pending permissions/legal agreements.
- Removal of rumble strip which is not playing any sensible role in its present location.
- Demarcation of the northern edge of haul road leading from processing yard to excavation void Phase 1.

**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: 30th September 2025 @ 12:30

Report Date: 04/07/25