

# 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:** Highwood Quarry, Stortford Road, Little Canfield

**File Ref:** 11 421 33

**Operator:** SRC

**Site Representative:** Jonathan Hayward SRC - JH

**Visit no:** 1 of 4

**Date:** 16 June 2025

**Time on site:** 12:15

**Time off site:** 14:00

**Monitoring Officer:** Claire Tomalin      Tel No: 03330136821

**Site Co-ordinator:** As above

## **Permission no's:**

ESS/16/20/UTT – (original permission ESS/65/06/UTT) – Main mineral landfill permission (S106 attached)

ESS/17/20/UTT – (original permission) – Aggregate recycling and add importation (s106 attached)

ESS/77/12/UTT – Bagging plant

ESS/51/13/UTT – Bund 7 revised location/extension

ESS/11/15/UTT – Office accommodation and link corridor to B Lodge

ESS/11/17/UTT – Office extension and link corridor to existing office accommodation (not implemented)

ESS/47/16/UTT – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor site office and additional parking

ESS/29/25/UTT – S73 to extend life of site and amend restoration scheme – pending determination

### 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 / **NA**
- Machinery: **Working** / Not working
- In correct position: **Yes** / No / N/A
- Stockpiles: Height OK
- Bunds: Profiled / Grassed / **Weeds** / NA

### Inspection Results Summary:

#### Access road

The cattle grid at the site entrance was fall JH said it had been emptied – this should be jet washed out regularly, as the last measure to prevent mud on the road.

J Hilton post visit advised emptying the existing cattle grid is very difficult and thus it is proposed to install a second grid further into the site to resolve the issue. NB this will require a NMA to the planning permission.

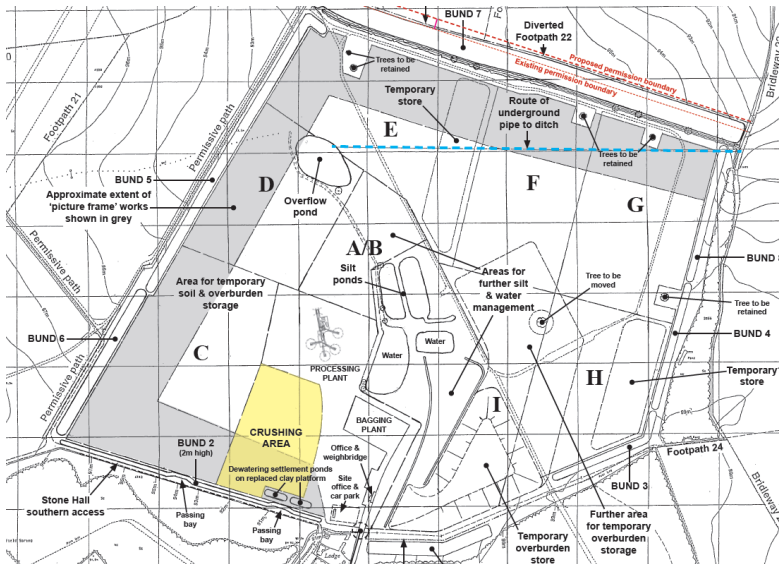
#### Extraction/Landfilling area progress

Extracting now largely in Phase H with landfilling in Phase G and H.

Stone Hall remains unoccupied. It will be necessary to reinstate 3m high bunds around phase C or ensure screening of plant and extraction areas from Stone Hall if the property is reoccupied.

North and east soil/overburden mounds well maintained.

Western boundary – still unmanaged. J Hilton advised post meeting to be trimmed and weeds managed July/August.



## Restoration of Phases C & D

Crop developing, a bit thin and eaten by deer at south end

## Restored Areas Phase E and F

Phase E and F north part has been restored previously and the grass had been cut. JH explained restoration of remaining area of D and part of E planned for summer 2025, with relocation of Trembath track. Hopefully an area big enough to be managed as arable can be achieved for autumn 2025.

## Processing Area

In respect of other operations on site, the processing plant and weighbridge; bagging plant; and inert recycling facility were all operational at the time of visit. Stockpiles were contained within the site and generally in approved locations. Stockpile heights were acceptable.

## **Compliance with Conditions:**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/16/20/UTT Condition 27 Seasonal ponds }  
 Permission/Condition No: ESS/16/20/UTT Condition 56 Restoration Scheme }  
 Permission/Condition No: ESS/16/20/UTT Condition 57 Aftercare scheme }

Comment: Application submitted to address these conditions

## **Actions From Previous visit:**

**Cattle grid/rumble grid** – needs emptying.

Comment: New cattle grid to be installed, as emptying the existing is not easy.

**Planting:** Access road hedges and planting – needs weed management and standards planted.

Comment: It would be desirable if a number of existing hedge plants were staked to allow development into standard trees or standard trees introduced in those areas where the hedge plants have failed. Contractor booked for weed management.

**Guards on hedge along north edge adjacent bund 7 to be removed.**

Comment: No progress

**Screening bunds** Screening bunds on the western boundary need to be maintained, weeds trimmed and then treated to suppress weeds.

Comment: Contractor booked to cut and control weeds on all bunds for summer 2025.

**Restoration and aftercare details –**

Comment: An application seeking to amend the restoration timescale and address conditions with respect to restoration and aftercare (conditions, 56, 57 and 27) submitted May 2025 and pending awaiting additional information.

**Single storey office ESS/11/17/UTT** - This office is no longer occupied by SRC staff, having moved to Colchester. The office building and link are required to be removed if no longer in use in association with the quarry/landfill ESS/11/15/UTT.

Comment: J Hilton advised post visit that the offices are planned to be removed in September 2025.

**Felled oak tree** needs to be relocated to the position agreed as part of the felling i.e. adjacent to High Wood.

Comment: Completed

**Actions from this visit**

**Arable use of Restored areas of E and F** – Bring these restored areas into arable use, with a winter group sowed autumn 2025.

**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.