

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: Rayne Quarry, Broadfield Farm, Dunmow Road, Rayne, Braintree, CM77 6SA

File Ref: 12. 421. 37

Operator: Ingrebourne Valley Limited

Site Representative: Victoria Harris (VH) Stuart McMurdock (SM).

Also attended by representatives of the operator (Ecology and Planning – 3 No) together with party (19 No) from Essex Place Services Arboriculture and Landscape Officers)

Visit no: 1 of 4 (2025/26)

Date: 24/06/25

Time on site: 14:00

Time off site: 12:45

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: As above Tel No:

Permission no's: ESS/19/17/BTE: Mineral extraction

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/ Windy / Rain / Snow**
- Wind: **Light breeze in general.**
- Noise
(officer perception) : **Acceptable/ Not acceptable / N/A**
- Approach roads: **Combination: Dry / Dusty / Damp/Wet / Muddy / Flooded**
- Ground: **Combination: Dry / Dusty / Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded**
- Access: **Obstructed / Not Obstructed/ Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery**
- Wheel cleaning: **Washer / Spinner / Sweeper/ water bowser/ Hose (used/not used at time of visit) /none N/A –**

- Machinery: **Working / Not working**
- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A – see report**
- Stockpiles: **Height = see report/Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed / Weeds/ NA**

Actions from last site visit:

- To check what the commitment was for planting provision on/near perimeter ditches. **Update: No updated advice to date will be kept on for review.**
- Planting areas to be advised on by County Landscape Officers at next meeting. **Update: This area viewed and discussed between the visiting Place Service Officers. A response on advised way forward will follow this monitoring report.**
- Check tree planting areas to identify fence damage/underdigging to secure against rabbits. **Update: Hedgerow translocation fencing has in places deep rabbit burrowing integrity of fencing to be checked.**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Site access clear and unobstructed. Approach roads clean of site tracking evidence.
- Ground across the site was dry and in many places cracked.
- During visit the wind was light to fresh although not such as to be raising dust.
- Road sweeper operating within site. Tractor and water tank filling up at lagoon.
- Hedgerow planting across front of entrance up to green metal posts and just in front of wooden fence appear establishing themselves.
- Grass short throughout site.
- Site walked anticlockwise.
- Lagoon system operating well. Silt removal has taken place from the northern lagoon and was drying out alongside the eastern lagoon perimeter before being used in backfilling within the Phase 1.
- Eastern tree planting area completed tree planting parcels, some 2,600 trees, in 3 no enclosures. Southern most enclosure entered and trees viewed. Mulching around tree bases completed. A number of the propagated oak trees noted and appear to be establishing. On entering enclosure the rabbit fencing from the base of the gate had become dislodged.
- Northern unworked areas still in agricultural use. Fields of wheat/barley.
- Northern tree planting areas looked at by the Place Services team. A number of options raised and confirmation post this monitoring report is being finalised and will be forwarded.
- Translocated hedgerow appears in good health and bushing out. Numerous holes at base of fencing evidence of rabbit attempts at entry visible. These holes should be blocked off.
- Extraction continuing in Phase 1. Possibly completed extraction early next year. Benching now within north western corner of the Phase with 360 excavator and ADT's.
- Lagoon in Phase 1a has now stabilised its water level. Fence posts remain lying along bank awaiting fencing erection.
- Phase 1b void being infilled.

- Processing plant area busy with stockpiles building behind to the north of stone and sand. Further stockpiling of sand in two separate stocks alongside internal haul road at about 3-4 metres height.
- A few HGV's articulated visiting during monitoring period.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition ESS/19/17/BTE No: 14 Topographical Surveys

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Periodic surveys

Action to be taken by Operator: Periodic surveys as required by the condition

Permission/Condition ESS/19/17/BTE No: 15 Vehicle Routing

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: See decision notice

Action to be taken by Operator: Recording of HGV movements

Permission/Condition ESS/19/17/BTE No: 22 Need for Ecological Surveys prior to Phase entry.

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: See decision notice

Action to be taken by Operator: Prior survey confirmation needed prior to entry into Phases.

Permission/Condition ESS/19/17/BTE No: 27: Lighting

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required if external lighting required

Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme prior to Lighting needs.

Permission/Condition ESS/19/17/BTE No: 40: Fixed plant and buildings etc

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Details required for ancillary needs.

Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme prior to ancillary needs.

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- To check what the commitment was for planting provision on/near perimeter ditches.
- Check hedgerow translocation and tree planting areas to identify fence damage/burrowing and blocking up holes to secure against rabbits.

- Consideration of planting actions to address ground conditions on northern planting strips to be advised.

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 @ 09:30

Report Date: 25/06/25