

## 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:** Birch Pit

**File Ref:** 13.421.13

**Operator:** Hanson

**Site Representative:** Ben Ayers (BA).

**Visit no:** 2 of 3

**Date:** 09/09/25

**Time on site:** 10:00

**Time off site:** 11:30

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

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

**Permission no's:**

- **Permission no: ESS/45/18/COL**

### Constraints:

- Weather: Combination of **Dry/** Windy / Light Rain / Snow
- Noise  
(officer perception): **Acceptable/** Not acceptable / N/A
- Approach roads: **Combination: Dry / Dusty /** Damp/ Wet / Muddy / Flooded
- Ground: **Combination of 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 (processing plant operational. Two mixer trucks parked in front of concrete batching plant. A number HGV's visiting site collecting mineral./** Not working  
of

- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles: **Height = /Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed / Weeds / NA**

**Actions from last site visit: Remain as per the last 4 monitoring visit as well as the update comments.**

- Height of site stockpiles to be maintained to their designated heights. **Update: Kept on record as reminder.**
- Stockpiling area only to be used for stocking purposes. Update: Still outstanding. **Use of the land for screening purposes requires either to be regularised or for the machinery/plant to be removed. See appraisal.**
- Tidying up of the plant/machinery parts located within the stockpiling area; concrete batching plant and north western corner on perimeter of site where lake float raft elements are stored now outside the fencing line whilst various other pieces of metal and blue plastic barrels now becoming engulfed as sand from the stockpile area is blown by the wind over the redundant items. Three large drainage pipes upended and located in sand stocking area. **Previous Update comments (25/02/25) : Accumulations of redundant plant/machinery and odd items still stored in various points around site. This meeting (25/02/25) Bill Grovers anticipated that by the time of the next monitoring visit that the redundant items would have been cleared by a contractor. See appraisal. Update: Little has changed.**
- Removal of bird scarer behind site offices. **Update: Now removed.**

#### **Inspection Results Summary:**

- Site bellmouth clean at time of visit.
- Site office/welfare block operational. Previous issue of bird scarer has now been removed and evidence of Rooks back in nests.
- Southern silt lagoon now appears to have just over half its expanse exposed silt/ No further update on what is occurring with either its reuse or clearing of the lagoon. Western side of the exposed silt is now starting to have vegetation growth establish.
- Failed to walk around the western side of the site by the roadside as overhanging brambles now preventing travel between the site boundary and the Palmers Cottages hedge boundary.
- Some three to four rows deep of tree guards on trunks of the hedgerow plants still remain to be removed.
- Reinstated meadow remains with dye back of vegetation.
- Western void quiet. Conveyor line has relocated hopper feeder alongside the new Phase 6a/b workings. Water body in base of void now has algal bloom across about a third of its surface.
- No further apparent soil/fill reinstatement appears to have taken place within the western side of the quarry since last monitoring visit. Post meeting email from Alex Hemmings confirming that some soil stripping within Phase 8 (Phase 7? on approved plans) next week and allowing backfilling of western reinstatement area to be continued.
- Excavations now complete with Phase 6a/b with water lying in base. Presumed to be groundwater. Still no backfilling of the northern batters alongside the tree/hedgerow line.

- Front loader feeding hopper south of the Phase 6b working whilst 360 excavator long reach removing mineral along southern edge of Phase 6b/7.
- Stockpiling area now occupied by large stocks of gravel/reject. Some sand although the main sand stock is now occupying the north eastern side of the site.
- Bagging plant infrastructure still remains stored alongside the redundant items of miscellaneous pieces of kit.
- Old stocks of overburden/spoil/stocks remain in various mounds along the northern perimeter.
- Southern perimeter still a screening unit present. **Location and operation of this plant has been referenced previously and needs addressing.**
- East of stocking area southern most former silt lagoon awaits some regrading works as central portion has sunk.
- Old silt lagoon to its north previously recorded as having had removal of rushes which had taken place prior to the last monitoring visit although the reason unknown. There was evidence of fencing having been cut and the fence posts and fence now lying on the ground,. Evidence also which appears to have taken place since the last walk over of the lagoon of reject gravel being used to form a ramp into the lagoon area on its south eastern corner. Bill Grover unaware of this when visited at end of the meeting. Appears from aerial photograph on site office wall that this lagoon shows evidence of active management of the rushes within it with what appears pathways formed to make blocks of reed. If a business is actively being undertaken on this land outside of the mineral extraction provisions of the planning permission then this needs to be regularised. Especially so as its taking place within the operators boundaries apparently without anyones knowledge.
- Sand stockpile heights need to be monitored within the north east corner of the site. This has risen considerably in height from previously estimated heights of 3-4 metres.
- East of the eastern stockpile has been stockpiled further redundant items comprising what appears to be the floating pump infrastructure.

### **Compliance with Conditions:**

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 4 Prior Archaeology

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: No soil stripping until scheme agreed.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 5 CEMP - Biodiversity

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: No further clearance of vegetation and/or topsoil stripping until scheme agreed.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 6 Ecology

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme within 6 months of the date of the permission for an Ecological Design Strategy.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 7 Time Limit

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Prior to entry into any phase of working ecological surveys.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 9 Arboroculture

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme within two months of the date of the permission for an Arboricultural Method Statement.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 10 Waste Importation

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: prior to importation scheme required.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 14 Revised Working Scheme

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Within two months of the date of the permission.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 21 Noise Monitoring

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Within 6 months of the date of the permission.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 26 Dust Suppression

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: **Within 3 months of the date of the permission**

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 27 Additional Dust Control

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required prior to removal of the screen bunding or reinstatement activities of the silt lagoon.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 28 Lighting

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required for artificial lighting.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 49 Soil Replacement

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Notification required prior to commencement of the final subsoil placement on each phase, or part Phase.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 51 Restoration

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required within 6 months of the date of the permission

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 52 Landscaping

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme required within 6 months of date of permission.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 54 Agricultural Aftercare

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme within one year of the date of the permission.

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

Permission/Condition No: ESS/45/18/COL; Condition 55 Amenity Aftercare

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme within one year of the date of the permission.

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

**Actions to be taken before next site visit:**

- Height of site stockpiles to be maintained to their designated heights.
- Stockpiling area only to be used for stocking purposes.
- Tidying up of the plant/machinery parts located within the 2 stockpiling areas; concrete batching plant locations and far eastern stockpiling footprint. Rubbish behind offices to be cleared.
- Regularisation of the former silt lagoon activities north of the stockpiling area.
- Reminder for outstanding schemes/Phase schemes required by planning condition.

**Note: The actions noted in this report are required to ensure adequate progress is made and to avoid potential enforcement action against a breach of planning control.**

Date of Next Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 @ 09:30

Report Date: 10/09/25