

# 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:** Blackley Quarry, Gt Leighs, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 1QP - Original site only i.e. not including MLP sites A38 and A39

**File Ref:** 23 421 31

**Operator:** Great Leighs Estates

**Site Representative:** Louis Ferrando- Great Leighs Estates.

**Visit no:** 1 of 2

**Date:** 15 Jul 2025

**Time on site:** 10:00

**Time off site:** 11:30

**Monitoring Officer:** Claire Tomalin

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**Site Co-ordinator:** Claire Tomalin:

**Permission no's:** ESS/42/17/CHL – Variation to ESS/46/16/CHL to allow amendments to planting timing, bunding and condition wordings. Decision issued and implemented.

ESS/96/21/CHL – Variation to plant details and new workshop, awaiting determination.

## Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/** Windy / Rain / Snow/ Fog
- Noise: Acceptable/ Not acceptable / **NA**
- Ground: **Dry/** Dusty / Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded
- Access: Obstructed / **Not Obstructed** / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery
- Stockpiles: acceptable.
- Bunds: Profiled / Grassed / **Weeds** / NA

## **Inspection Results Summary:**

### Original Quarry Area

There remain some stockpiles of materials within the site, which Frank Lyons Plant still need remove. There remains also some mobile plant and an ISO container within the northeast of the site.

Original silt lagoons – The silt lagoons have ceased to be used in association with the mineral extraction and therefore available for restoration.

PRoW passing through the original site – The vegetation has been maintained for most of route, but this needs to be kept up. The fencing to prevent entry to the silt lagoons/site from the PRoW has not been repaired, this was raised in the last report and is essential to minimise accidental/unauthorised entry to the site/silt lagoons. LF said he would ensure these works were undertaken.

Original site areas restored - The restored area is in grass and didn't appear to have been cut since last visit.

Bund to Helvellyn - The bund adjacent to Helvellyn unchanged from last visit. Now the processing plant has been removed, this bund is required to be removed (condition 78 of ESS/42/17/CHL).

The freshwater lagoon has recovered to near natural levels, having been drained. Surface water is collecting in the centre of the site. CT suggested best to avoid this water accumulating to avoid complication restoration in the future. It could be pumped to the freshwater lagoon.

Now mineral operations have ceased within the original site, restoration of this area can commence. It is understood Great Leighs Estates may wish to vary the approved restoration scheme, extract below of the approved scheme for the original site. Alternative need to be progressed or the site will be required to be restored in accordance with the approved plans.



**Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:**Yes

**Proposed Mitigation Measures:**

No major adverse effects were identified as part of the EIA.

**Actions carried forward from previous visits:**

Submit outstanding details with respect to conditions 48 (bund maintenance), 50 (soil storage locations), 60 (dewatering), 62 (surface water drainage), 64 (groundwater monitoring scheme) – relevant to whole site.

Comment: No progress. Frank Lyons planning agent aware, but Great Leighs Estates will need to address these for the original part of the site which they now own.

Replace PRoW fencing adjacent to redundant silt lagoons

Comment : No progress LF to action

Cut grass in original site, where restored, to prevent grass becoming rank.

Comment: Appeared no progress

**Actions from this visit**

- See previous outstanding actions above.
- Progress restoration in accordance with approved restoration scheme or seek advice/planning permission for a revised restoration scheme

- Cut grass in original site where restored to prevent grass becoming rank

**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.**