

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: Martell's Landfill, Slough Lane, Ardleigh

File Ref: 14.421.12

Operator: OPES MRF 2013 Ltd

Site Representative: Chris Morton (CM)

Visit no: 2 of 4

Date: 19/08/25

Time on site: 10:00

Time off site: 10:55

Monitoring Officer: T Burns Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: As above Tel No:

Permission no's:

ESS/30/16/TEN: Continued restoration.

ESS/42/22/TEN: Gas flare

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/** Windy / Rain / Snow
- Noise
(officer perception): Acceptable/ Not acceptable / **N/A**
- Approach roads: **Combination: Dry/Damp / Dusty /** 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 / **Not working**

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

Actions from last site visit:

- Topographical Survey to include identifying and characterising on site stockpiles and their quantities. How this resource meets the remaining restoration material shortfall/surplus when set against the approved Pre Settlement Plan. **Update: Still outstanding under lapsed permission.**
- Working programme setting out defined timescale for achieving site reinstatement. **Update: Still outstanding under lapsed permission.**
- Amenity Aftercare scheme outstanding. **Update: Still outstanding.**
- scheme outstanding.
- Outstanding schemes required by planning permission ESS/42/22/TEN. **Update: Still outstanding**
- Clay/waste mixing in north eastern corner of the clay stockpile needs to have the waste material returned to the waste cell. **Update: Still outstanding**
- Overtipping on the eastern site area to be removed in line with Environment Agency requirements. **Update: Still outstanding**

Inspection Results Summary:

The site was walked from the gas flare north wards. A light breeze north easterly across the site.

CM took call from Trevor Tayman who was coming down later in day to undertake further work on the flare. CM advised that following last weeks Environment Agency meeting there were works required on the flare. Options were being looked at given the cost of required works.

Overall no further works carried out since last monitoring visit.

On north eastern shoulder of site just in from perimeter gas well there was encountered landfill gas smell blowing into wards centre of site.

Site wheelwash and rumble strip all that remains of infrastructure at site entrance.

Gas flare and portacabin office located within the southern half of the site. Assortment of items gathering around gas compound including various liquid tank holders; blocks; pipework; generators and oil drums; metal palisade fencing parts etc.

Gas compound on northern permitter has similar array of items as previously reported.

Again, as reported at last monitoring visit, no commitment to progress restoration of the land has progressed since July 2023 meeting on site.

Only visible plant on site a box scraper still parked up on cell 1 by the flare and a box scraper trailer parked up off the haul road near the bend.

Contaminated material in north eastern end of clay stockpile remains insitu.

Compliance with Conditions:

Planning Permission ESS/30/16/TEN whilst time expired had ongoing commitments to achieve restoration and these were expected to be progressed.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/30/16/TEN: 8

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: See decision notice relates to ecology check prior to cell entry.

Action to be taken by Operator: Operator needs to assess the submission of the next ecological submission.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/30/16/TEN:10

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Submission of topographical surveys

Action to be taken by Operator: Survey submission is outstanding.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/30/16/TEN: 43

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Scheme for Amenity Aftercare

Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme to be submitted.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/42/22/TEN: 5

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: No ground disturbance until approved scheme to address Biodiversity Method Statement.

Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme required.

Permission/Condition No: ESS/42/22/TEN: 6

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Within 6 months a scheme for Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy.

Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme to be submitted

Permission/Condition No: ESS/42/22/TEN: 7

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: No site preparation works until approved scheme for Protecting Existing Trees and Vegetation.

Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme to be submitted

Permission/Condition No: ESS/42/22/TEN: 10

Within 2 months of date of permission a scheme for Restoration and Landscaping.

Action to be taken by Operator: Scheme to be submitted

Actions to be taken before next site visit: These actions have been requested for some time and not been addressed.

- Up to date Topographical Survey to include identifying and characterising on site stockpiles and their quantities. How this resource meets the remaining restoration material shortfall/surplus when set against the approved Pre Settlement Plan.
- Working programme/s setting out defined timescale for achieving site reinstatement.
- Amenity Aftercare scheme outstanding.
- Outstanding schemes required by planning permission ESS/42/22/TEN.
- Clay/waste mixing in north eastern corner of the clay stockpile needs to have the waste material returned to the waste cell.
- Overtipping on the eastern site area to be removed in line with Environment Agency requirements.
- CM to check whether the topographic survey has included the overtipping levels and how the overtipping impacts on final restoration contours.
- Securing the oil/lubricant tanks in the northern compound to prevent contamination of the ground.
- Clearance of the collected rubbish/other items gathering in the northern compound.

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: 26th November 2025 @ 10:15

Report Date: 19/08/25