

# 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:** Fingringhoe Quarry, Ballast Quay, Fingringhoe, Colchester, Essex, CO5 7DB

**File Ref:** 13.421.09

**Operator:** JJ Prior Ltd

**Site Representative:** John Dix (JD)

**Visit no:** 2 of 2

**Date:** 24/11/22

**Time on site:** 09:00

**Time off site:** 10:45

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

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

**Permission no's:**

**COL/1328/87** – Sand and Gravel working (now time lapsed)

**ESS/58/97/COL(R)** -

**ESS/35/09/COL** – Relocate conveyor tunnel (This permission effectively supersedes ESS/22/00/COL -Extension of sand and gravel workings) (now time lapsed)

**Constraints:**

- Weather:                      **Dry/ Windy / Rain / Snow**
- Noise  
(officer perception) :                      **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 / **N/A**
- Machinery: Working / **Not working**
- In correct position: Yes / No / **N/A**
- Stockpiles: Height = **Likely around 2 metres on wharf**/Acceptable
- Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed / **Weeds** and see report / NA

#### **Actions from last site visit:**

- Reinstatement works to continue. **Update: Ongoing stopped for winter.**
- TB and JD to address their action points. **Update: See report.**
- JD to address outstanding Conditions 32; 33 and 34 of ESS/35/09/COL. **Update: Awaited submission**

#### Inspection Results Summary:

- Site quiet.
- Quay empty other than for the remaining sand stockpile which has not moved over a number of monitoring periods.
- JD advised that the Bert Prior was in maintenance.
- Stockyard behind quay levelled with rubber tyres placed across entrance.
- Main site untouched since last visit.
- The ditch leading from the western extension under Furneaux Lane and into Tower Field parcel was holding water, vegetation growing around water body, tree planting tubes in evidence. Road side hedge and hedgerow along top of bank trimmed.
- Within the Tower Field parcel the hedgerow line has been completed through to the road line and JD advised this is growing well despite dry summer. Grading along the base of the retained slope stops short in the western corner where a short length of side wall has been left exposed for Sand Martin use has not been used this year.
- Following last meeting JD has undertaken the creation of several scrapes for reptiles along the banking.
- The two water bodies created south of Tower Field, one with island and the other more larger without any island holding water although lower in the island waterbody from last visit. No sheep present on land.
- Road side hedgerow along highway has had its tree guards now removed, been trimmed and looks tidy.
- As previously recorded the Western extension land greening over with water in the ditch to its north east together with a larger water body along the southern perimeter. Low spots in the central portion of the land were evident by the damp ground and a number of low spots now filled with water.. JD confirmed that tree planting around the

site had taken place, species and as recorded at last meeting their numbers were to have been confirmed on a plan to be forwarded post meeting. Vertical slopes left on western boundary had been home to a large population of Sand Martins. Part of the sand face has collapsed.

- Tree planting had taken place alongside the southern lake with willow. JD had planted Beech along the top of the southern perimeter bank alongside the bridleway.
- As per last meeting, and in discussion with JD again on the need for the submission of outstanding information the following is still awaited: JD confirm on a plan the tree location/numbers/species. (**JD Action Point (AP) – AP1**). TB would coordinate the comments from ES and RM (**TB AP1**) on the draft reinstatement proposals and forward to JD for his action and formal submission of the landscaping/aftercare/habitat management under Conditions 32; 33 and 34 of ESS/35/09/COL for the Western land. (**JD AP2**). JD to also confirm a date for the start of the aftercare period for the Western Land parcel (**JD AP3**).
- In terms of Holm Farm JD advised he was now going to wait until March to have the final surveys undertaken. This would enable him to draw up the plans (**JD AP4**) to then formulate the longer term need for/retention of the features and for consideration of a long term commitment to the land interests (**JD AP5**).
- **TB** TB to confirm the appropriate mechanism under which the scheme for the Western extension land could be delivered through. - Post meeting note: Planning permission ESS/35/09/COL for the Western extension land still has 3 conditions outstanding which are 32; 33 and 34 outlined below.

### **Compliance with Conditions:**

Permission/Condition No: 35/09/COL Condition 32 Restoration Scheme

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Applicant to submit Restoration scheme for the land.

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

Permission/Condition No: 35/09/COL Condition 33 Aftercare Scheme

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Applicant to submit appropriate Aftercare scheme for agriculture and nature conservation of the land.

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

Permission/Condition No: 35/09/COL Condition 34 Wildlife Management Plan.

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: Applicant to submit Management Plan for the land.

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

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

- Reinstatement works to continue.
- TB and JD to address their action points above.
- JD to address outstanding Conditions 32; 33 and 34 of ESS/35/09/COL.

**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: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023 @ 09:00 am

Report Date: 24/11/22