

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: 1 of 2

Date: 13/04/23

Time on site: 09:00

Time off site: 10:20

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: combination: **Dry / Dusty / Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded**

- Access: Obstructed / **Not Obstructed (see report)** / 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: Works have continued and now mostly completed in extension land.**
- TB and JD to address their action points. **Update this was discussed at meeting.**
- JD to address outstanding Conditions 32; 33 and 34 of ESS/35/09/COL. **Update: JD advised on course of action 130423 based on his concept plan.**

Inspection Results Summary:

- Site quiet although servicing work being carried out in workshop. Work also taking place on the Bert Prior boat that was being readied for sailing next week.
- Quay empty other than for the remaining sand stockpile which has not moved over a number of monitoring periods. Some mineral would be transported on the boat next week.
- JD advised that the offices which were now boarded up were being proposed as residential and application before the City Council.
- Stockyard behind quay levelled.
- The ditch leading from the western extension under Furneaux Lane and into Tower Field parcel was holding water. JD has retained a metal support structure to provide support to any realignment of the internal haul road as it crosses the ditch.
- JD advised that he had lowered lake level on lake alongside Tower Field and JD advised he had planted trees on the island.
- Within the Tower Field parcel the hedgerow line has been completed through to the road line. JD had beefed this up with holly. Tree planting also taken place on western bank.
- 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. Due to recent rain the southern water body now extends along the southern perimeter and has submerged tree planting areas. Low spots in the central portion of the land were also puddled.
- JD had planted Hornbeam in the site mix and replacement planting had been undertaken of failures. The sand martin face was occupied by new nests and birds were evident around the nests. Two Red Kites hunting over the land.

- Slope failures had taken place and had created “scree” giving the faces a more natural look.
- Sand face in Tower Field not being used and JD considering removing this.
- As from previous monitoring report the following below is still relevant and for JD to address alongside his scheme submissions. JD to see email sent to him by TB today). Previous comments were: Following discussion it was advised that 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**).

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: 17th August 2023 @ 09:00 am

Report Date: 13/04/23