

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

File Ref: 23 421 31

Operator: Frank Lyons Plant Services (FLP)

Site Representative: Tony Pearmain (FLP) (second half only as announced visit)

Visit no: 2 of 4

Date: 31 August 2023

Time on site: 8:45

Time off site: 10:30

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 / 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 (non-operational)**/ Sweeper / none N/A
- Hose: In use / **Not in Use** / N/A

- Machinery: **New s and g plant working / old plant redundant**
- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles: Sand stockpile very high old site very high.
- Bunds: Profiled / Grassed / **Weeds** / NA

Inspection Results Summary:

Access road – Concrete access from site to race course edge needs clearing of vegetation.

Land adjacent to weighbridge office – redundant plant machinery and vehicles are being stored in this area, this should be kept to a minimum and redundant plant removed from the site.

Processing plant original site - Not working and only to be retained for parts, plant needs to be removed to allow restoration.

As raised stockpile has been largely cleared.

Sand stockpile height has increased in size and needs to be lowered.

Dry screener relocated to phase 6. Some poor quality sand and gravel still stored north east of plant area.

Some works had been undertaken to the north western edge of the fresh water lagoon, placing oversize at NW end.

Original silt lagoons - The original silt lagoons adjacent to Blackley Lane in use, the middle lagoon has recently been partly dug out. I am concerned that the silt lagoons at present are very high in comparison with surrounding outside levels, which will require a lot of silt material to be moved around to achieve the restoration levels. This is of concern as silt is difficult to move until very dry.

PRoW A crossing had been temporarily made across the PRoW, contact should be made with Essex Highways before such crossings across the PRoW are made. The fencing/chaining to prevent entry to the silt lagoons needs replacing to prevent accidental entry to the silt lagoon area. The footpath needs cutting.

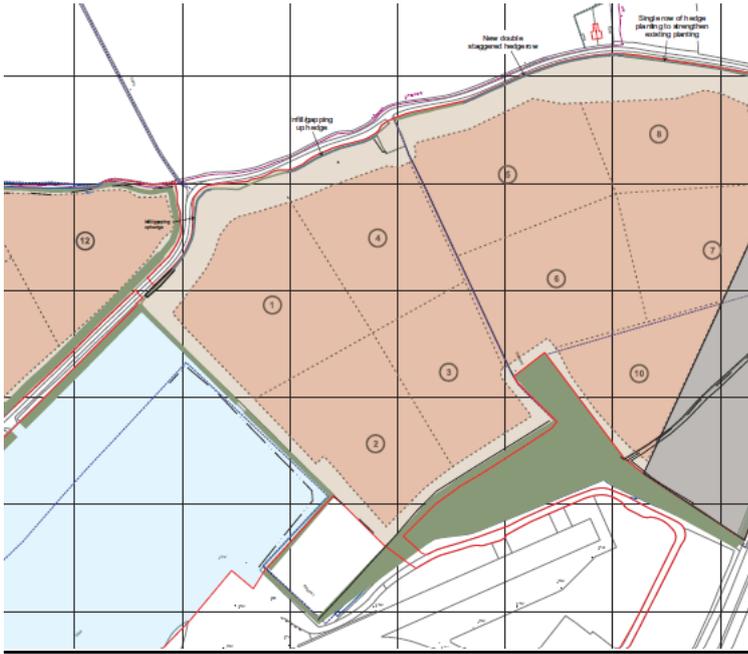
Original site restoration

Now works have moved to sites A38 and A39, restoration works should now commence on the old site. Removal of redundant plant and works to create the permitted landform.

Original site areas restored - The restored area is in grass, but not been cut.

The bund adjacent to Helvellyn unchanged from last visit but not clear that the side slopes and height are in accordance with the permitted drawings.

A38 Extraction area



Extraction continuing in phase 5, moving into 6. Dry screener located on surface of phase 6. This plant should be operated at a low level within the void, to minimise noise impact.

New plant operational, however, at this stage does not have planning permission, application still outstanding awaiting additional information on landscape and noise. New noise consultant appointed.

Stand-off to Blackley Cottages from the excavation face was being maintained.

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:Yes

Proposed Mitigation Measures:

No major adverse effects were identified.

Actions from last visit to be taken before next site visit:

1. Undertake noise monitoring to ensure noise levels in compliance now in phase 5.

Comment: New monitoring submitted.

2. An existing access into site A39 on Moulsham Hall Lane was proposed to be planted across on Moulsham Hall Lane remains. The land owner is reluctant for this access to be planted and therefore it remains unplanted. This matter needs to be addressed.
3. Submit outstanding details with respect to conditions 48 (bund maintenance), 50 (soil storage locations), 60 (dewatering), 62 (surface water drainage), 64 (groundwater monitoring scheme).

Actions from this visit

PROW replace fencing and cut path.

Remove redundant old plant and commence restoration.

Reduce height of sand stockpile in old site

Operate dry screener at lower level with site A38.

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.