

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, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: Terminus Drive, Pitsea Hall Lane

File Ref: 32 457 0/9

Operator: Heard Environmental

Site Representative: Steven Carpenter – Heard Environmental

Visit no: 1 of 4

Date: 4 July 2023

Time on site: 13:45

Time off site: 14:15

Monitoring Officer: Claire Tomalin Tel No: 03330 136821

Site Co-ordinator: As above with Shaun Long – Enforcement Officer

Permission no's:

ESS/13/15/BAS - WTS

Constraints:

- Weather: **Dry/** Windy / Rain / Snow
- 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 / 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 = Exceeding permitted limits 5 to 6 m**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed / Some weeds / NA**

Actions from last site visit:

Reduce height and size of inert stockpiles and maintain stand off from railway line.

Comment – very limited progress

Continue to reduce stockpiles of waste in main building to enable the trommel and/or crusher to be used in building.

Comment – volume of waste within the building had increased since last visit in Jan 2023
No sorting machinery located within the building.

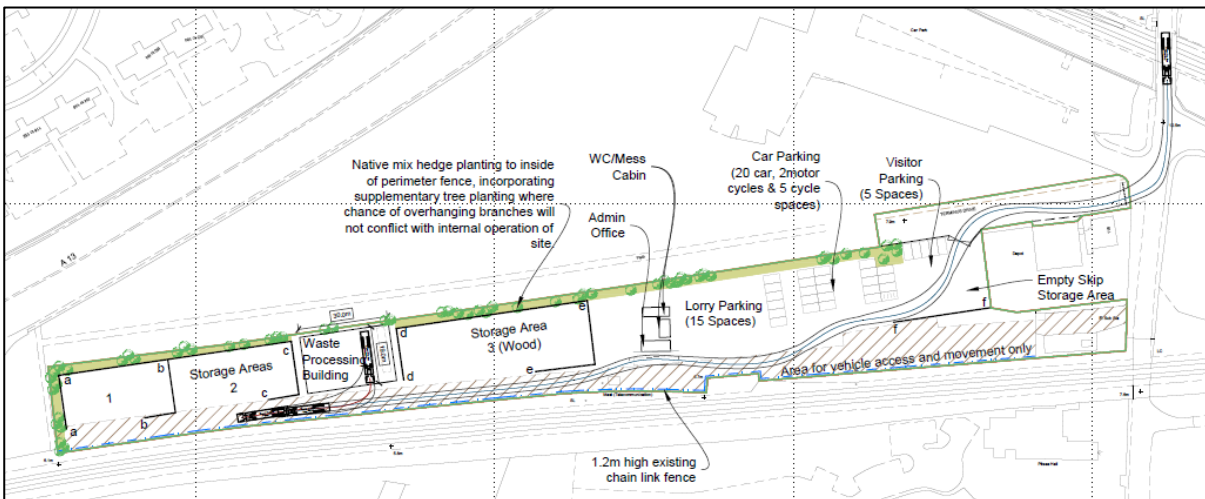
Re-establish containment walls and litter fences on northern boundary.

Comment – Litter fence and water misting has been installed, but damaged and reach of mist limited.

Manage dust as appropriate to weather conditions and suspend working when cannot be controlled adequately.

Comment – no dust issue at time of visit

Inspection Results Summary:



West of Waste Processing Building

This area remains largely occupied by inert waste that requires screening. The stockpile is in excess of permitted 4 metres, approximately 5 to 6m. SC was working to lower the height, but at the time of visit not by removing or processing the material but pushing it laterally to lower the height.

He was given a copy of the above drawing and explained, it wasn't just a case of getting the stockpile down to 4m. The material need to brought away from boundaries, create the

stand-off to the railway line and remove enough material to enable the storages areas to be used for storage and processing of inert materials.

The planning permission was issued on the basis that the crusher and screener would be located to the west of the building and operated at ground level.

The inert waste stockpile is preventing operation of the site in accordance with the planning permission.

The area immediately adjacent to the building on the west side had a small stockpile of hard core recovered from some screening that had been undertaken of material within the inert stockpile, it was very contaminated with plastic and metal. SC explained this would be removed before sale.

The area to the west of the building should be laid out in accordance with drawing with two bays enclosed by retaining walls to reduce dust and noise impact and allow the screener and crusher to be operated in this area.

There was limited evidence that progress was being made to comply with the breach of condition notice issued in Sept 2022 requiring compliance by September 2023.

Waste Processing Building

The building was being used to store unsorted skip waste, awaiting sorting. There was no sorting equipment in the building. It was intended a trommel and picking station would be located in the building to sort waste. Waste was being stored by hand by one worker.

Storage Area east of the Waste Processing Building

This area is permitted to be used for storage of wood.

The area was being used to unsorted inert waste, mainly concrete.

Processing of inerts including screening and crushing is taking place in this area. This area is not permitted for these uses.

Inert waste was permitted to be stored and processed west of the building to reduce potential impact on adjacent uses south of the railway line.

Screening and processing plant and an excavator was located on top of the stockpiles, all plant is required to be operated at ground level.

Area east of the site office/weighbridge

This area is permitted for lorry parking and staff parking. The area is being used for storage of recovered aggregates, within 3m high concrete push wall storage bays. Use of this area for this purpose is also contrary to the planning permission as it brings operations closer to Cromwell Manor likely to give rise to potential impacts.

Large roll on type skips have been placed along the north boundary of the site and appear to be full.

Internal access road

The internal access road beyond the weighbridge has been allowed to deteriorate and in front of the building is damaged.

The internal access road close to the gates had been swept, much fine dirt material was still on the access road.

Skip storage area adjacent to the site entrance

This area is for empty skip storage only. Many of the skips located here were not empty.

Network Rail Entrance & Track

Skips were stored in this area. There is no planning permission for storage of full or empty skips in this area. These should be removed to ensure no activity, other than activities by Network Rail occur in this area, which is close to the rear of Cromwell Manor. These skips should be relocated within the site. Preferably the waste in the skips should be processed, the waste residue removed from site and the empty skips placed in the skip storage area.

Visitor Parking Area

This is being used for staff parking and one temporary mobile buildings. One building has been removed. There is no planning permission for this temporary building, it should be removed.

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- No

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

These actions remain as from last visit:

- HIGH PRIORITY Reduce inert stockpile west end of site to below 4m and create 2m stand off to fence with railway.
- HIGH PRIORITY Relocate inert reprocessing screening and crushing to west of building.
- HIGH PRIORITY all plant to operate at ground level.
- Address drainage problem along access road, to prevent future flooding.
- Reduce waste stockpiles within main waste processing building, to enable sorting to be carried out within the building.
- Install retaining walls as required by planning permission.
- Remove full skips from Network Rail access track -preferably process material within and place empty skip in skip storage area.
- Reduce litter on site particularly adjacent to boundaries.

Note: The actions noted in this report are required in order to ensure adequate progress is made and to avoid further enforcement action against a breaches of planning control.