

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: Brightlingsea Quarry

File Ref: 14 421 01

Operator: SRC

Site Representatives: George Massingham (PDE Consulting, on behalf of SRC)

Visit no: 1 of 2

Date: Wednesday 8th November 2023

Time on site: 14:00

Time off site: 14:30

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Site Co-ordinator: Tom Sycamore Tel No: 03330 321 896

Permission no's:

ESS/39/13/TEN – Winning and working of minerals with progressive infilling and restoration to agriculture and nature conservation (completion by 31/01/2026) – variation of ESS/61/12/TEN, ESS/28/03/TEN and ESS/47/94/TEN.

ESS/39/13/TEN/NMA1 – Non-material amendment to allow relocation of site access, weighbridge, site office and car park.

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 (locked gate) / **Not Obstructed** / Mud on Road
- 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 = N/A
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed / Some weeds** / NA

Actions from last site visit:

- Extraction has continued with aim of achieving 2026 completion date.

Inspection Results Summary:

- Moverons landholding inspected (cell B).
- Machinery working onsite. Weighbridge staffed.
- Sandmartin face along the southern side of diverted footpath was inspected following recent complaints of disturbance to sandmartins. Agreed measures from recent visit by Claire Tomalin were mostly being carried out except one. There was no activity by plant on the flat area immediately above the sand faces. There was no evidence of scraping of the slope. No barriers/bunds had been placed to prevent vehicles running along the top of the diverted footpath, however there was no evidence of vehicles using this at the time of the visit.
- Recent issue raised by Natural England regarding watering of SSSI was discussed. Email response provided by Simon Treacy (Brett) to Natural England was considered to be the most up-to-date response. Nothing had been heard from Natural England since this response. It was discussed that the provision of SSSI water supply is as a result of artificially high discharge in association with the quarry. The natural level would not naturally water the SSSI. Also discussed that the time of Natural England concern was during summer when water levels are naturally low.
- Haul road was in a poor state – very bumpy and with some large craters.

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / **No**

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Improve condition of haul road.
- Extraction to be completed and site restored by 2026.

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.