

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)

Visit no: 3 of 4

Date: 6 Dec 2023

Time on site: 8:30

Time off site: 9:30

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.

Original site overview – The MPA has been advised that the original Blackley site has been sold to John Holmes/the Racecourse. MPA seeking to make contact.

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 - Plant being dismantled during visit. Some to be scraped, the rest utilised as part of inert recycling facility in site A38.

As raised stockpile has been largely cleared.

Sand stockpile has been significantly reduced.

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

Original silt lagoons - 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. The fencing/chaining to prevent entry to the silt lagoons needs replacing to prevent accidental entry to the silt lagoon area.

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

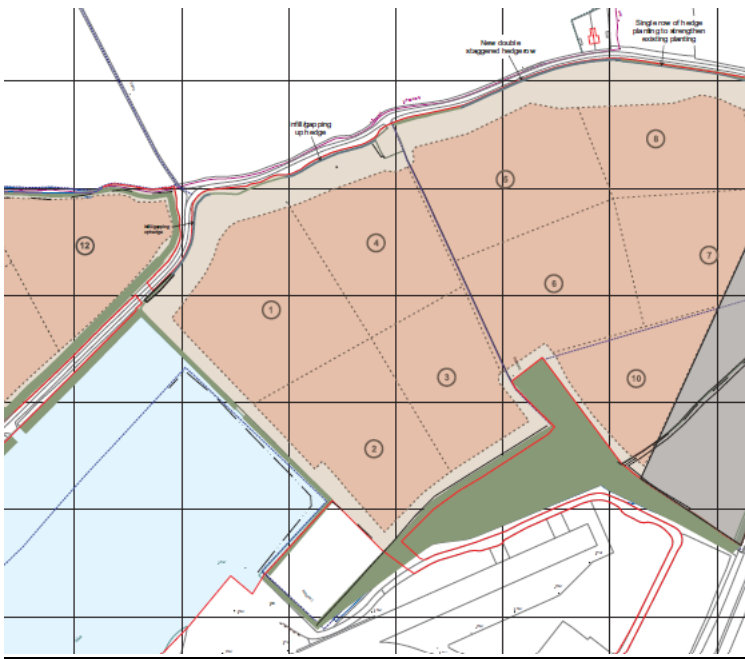
The bund adjacent to Helvellyn unchanged from last visit but not clear that the side slopes and height are in accordance with the permitted drawings.

A38 Extraction area

Extraction continuing in phase 5, moving into 6. Dry screener located in phase 6.

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

Stand-off to Blackley Cottages from the excavation face was being maintained. The northern face had been backfilled to sure up the face,



Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?: Yes

Proposed Mitigation Measures:

No major adverse effects were identified.

Actions from last visit:

1. Undertake noise monitoring to ensure noise levels in compliance now in phase 5.
Comment: Noise monitoring undertaken in July 2023 and showed compliance

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.
Comment no progress.

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).
Comment: No progress.

4. Replace PRoW fencing
Comment no progress.

5. Remove old redundant plant
Comment: In progress.

6. Reduce sand stockpile height
Comment: stockpile significantly reduced.

7. Dry screener to be operated t lower level
Comment: Still visible above screening bunds.

Actions from this visit

See previous outstanding actions.

Of significant importance is to progress the outstanding application that addresses the new plant, the additional information must be submitted ASAP. Alternatively the application could be refused due to insufficient information to determine the application.

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.