

Site monitoring report

Please find detailed below the report for the site monitoring undertaken on 11th January 2024.

Site Name: Sheepcotes Farm, Sheepcotes Lane, Little Waltham, Chelmsford

File Ref: 23 421 51

Operator: SRC

Visit no: 2

Monitoring Officer: Tom Sycamore / Chloe Budd **Tel No:** 03330 321896

Permissions:

ESS/01/18/CHL – Construction of an agricultural reservoir

ESS/01/18/CHL/NMA1 – Revised alignment of the site access road

ESS/01/18/CHL/NMA2 – Additional drainage ditch with crossing points

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 / Frozen

Access: Obstructed / **Not obstructed**

Wheel Cleaning: Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / **Not working**

Hose: In use / Not in Use / **N/A**

Machinery: **Working** / Not working

Stockpiles: Height = **Various**

Bunds: **Profiled** / Grassed / Weeds / **Soil**

Inspection results summary:

The processing plant was in full operation with different grades of material being produced from the extracted mineral (10mm, 20mm, 40mm, sharp sand).

Extraction was ongoing with material being extracted from the southern corner of the site. Overburden is temporarily being stored in stockpiles which will be used around the edges of the reservoir during restoration.

The track currently being used by vehicles through the site was very muddy (affecting the drainage ditch) and will likely be repositioned during summer to avoid this.

The installation of crossings for deer has been completed as per ESS/01/18/CHL/NMA2.

There have been no reported issues from neighbouring properties in relation to noise/visual/dust.

A 6-monthly noise monitoring was agreed. The last monitoring was submitted in June 2023 so the next one is now due. This frequency may be reduced further in due course, perhaps

to annually, should compliance continue to be demonstrated and no noise complaints received.

Next site monitoring visit will likely be July 2024

Action to be taken before next visit:

Operator to restore haul road once weather permits.

Operator to clear drainage ditch and ensure it is not filled with mud/material.

Operator to submit noise monitoring report to MWPA as part of monitoring requirement.

Operator to ensure stockpiles do not exceed 5 metres in height.

Compliance with conditions:

On-going requirements:

- Noise monitoring (condition 19)