

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 site, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Site Name: St Clere's Hall Pit, Main Road, Danbury

File Ref: 23 421 16

Operator: Danbury Aggregates Limited

Site Representative: Simon Chaffe (Agent)

Visit no: 4 of 4

Date: 23/04/24

Time on site: 10:20

Time off site: 11:15

Monitoring Officer: T Burns (TB) Tel No: 03330136440

Site Co-ordinator: as above Tel No:

Permission no's:

ESS/59/06/CHL – Increase traffic movements

ESS/63/10/CHL – Infilling and Recycling

ESS/12/13/CHL – Western Extension.

ESS/31/16/CHL – Continuation of extraction.

ESS/32/16/CHL – Importation.

Constraints:

- Weather: **combination Dry/ Windy / light Rain / Snow**
- Noise

(as perceived by officer): **Acceptable**/ Not acceptable / N/A

- Approach roads: **Dry / Dusty / Wet /Damp/ Muddy / Flooded**
- Ground: **Combination of: Dry / Dusty / Wet / Damp / Muddy / Flooded**
- Access: **Obstructed / Not Obstructed / Mud on Road / Ice / Slippery**
- Wheel cleaning: **Washer / Spinner / Sweeper / Wheel bath available but not being used at time of visit. Weeds noted as growing at exit end/ No/ N/A**
- Hose: **In use / Not in Use / N/A**
- Machinery: **Working / Not working (1 front loader and 360 excavator serving mobile crusher unit.**
- In correct position: **Yes / No / N/A**
- Stockpiles: **Height = Acceptable**
- Bunds: **Profiled / Grassed /Weeds / NA**

Actions from last site visit:

- Addressing tree management/weed control aspects of the landscaping. **Update: No change from previous visit. Landscaping management/maintenance needs to be in place and being implemented first available season. One worker today strimming around exclusion fencing within western extension land.**
- Clarifying programme for the void infilling/consultants actioning steps. **Update: Kept on as reminder once permit received for the operator to update on the infilling programme.**
- Stockpiles behind site offices growing in footprint and height. This is not a stocking area and heights will be breaching outside viewpoints. Update: No action being taken by operator. Stockpiles now amount to 8 different types.

Inspection Results Summary:

- Site approach road and bellmouth clean. Some long term subsidence of the track evident.
- Internal haul road was clean, no bowser in evidence at time of visit.
- Site quiet at time of visit. Some visiting HGV's (empty) going down into void.
- Western extension land continues to establish with natural regeneration. Immediate water body viewed and appeared full.
- Tree planting on bund alongside haul road remains poor. Management arrangements for this and the western land area questioned.
- Stockpiling area behind site offices accommodating some 8 stockpiles comprising various materials and volumes sand; crushed rubble/stone; soil (partially sheeted over) and soil making materials.
- Platform extending out into void appears to have been extended since last visit. Opposite side of void evidence of large slippage below which some face excavation where appears a track has been created down to water level.
- HGV and trailer parked up by workshop and behind the trailer.

- Processing plant area quiet with a yellow hopper and three conveyor arms with gravel/stone stockpile of about 2/3 metres high. Behind was parked a red crusher unit. The main blue processing plant with one small stock of sand 2 metres high. Across on eastern side was a hopper/conveyor arm and stockpile 3/4 metres high. Hopper and conveyor arm sitting to its east. Stockpiles of processed mineral located opposite on bend in haul road and behind the storage building.
- What appears to be remaining Royal Oak sand has been moved from main stockpiling area and now located above and after hopper that is situated on lower ground level east of processing plant. Stockpile some 4/5 metres high.
- Main stocking area continues to accommodate the perimeter stored old ballast mounds which have vegetation establishing on their surfaces.
- Large stockpile, about 4/5 metres high of an overburden composition now located between access track and platform for feeding hopper.
- On eastern side, water body off to the east has water levels up. Appears full.
- Track created down to lake behind fuel store to serve a Pump unit, positioned on shore, and alongside on the lake a floating platform for the pump outlet.
- 4 trailers and one derelict dump truck parked on eastern side of stockpiling area above the lake.
- Mobile crusher unit active in base of void served by front loader having product dropped into its bucket from the crusher. Excavator with sieve bucket feeding oversize into crusher.
- Some 20 plus cabs/trailers and full units accumulating as part derelict plant/parked HGV's that occupy the wider yard area.
- Sump drained behind plant yard on south eastern corner.
- Use of land in the hollow for the activities taking place (storage/parking/processing) status remains on the reports as their activities will be affected with infilling activities taking place.

Compliance with Conditions:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/63/10/CHL Conditions 13 (Noise); 24 and 25 (Soils notifications); 33 (Aftercare); 40 (Access alteration) and 41 (Removal of Structures)

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: By operator within set timescales as set out in the permission.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/12/13/CHL Conditions 8 (Soil Placement notification); 13 (Lighting provision) and 15 (Aftercare scheme).

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken:

Action to be taken by Operator or MPA/WPA:

Permission/Condition No: ESS/31/16/CHL Conditions 7 (Ecological Interest); 14 (Noise Monitoring); 22 (Aftercare) and 37 (Restoration).

Scope of Condition and Action to be taken: As set out in permission.

Action to be taken by **Operator** or MPA/WPA:

Permission under 2017 EIA regulations?:

- Yes / No

Proposed Mitigation Measures:

- As per conditions

Actions to be taken before next site visit:

- Addressing tree management/weed control aspects of the landscaping.
- Clarifying programme for the void infilling/consultants actioning steps.
- Stockpiles behind site offices growing in footprint and height. This is not a stocking area and heights will be breaching outside viewpoints.

Date of Next Meeting: 24th June 2024 after Royal Oak visit

Date of Report: 23/04/24

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.