



ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT - MINERALS AND WASTE SECTION

MONITORING REPORT OF SITE VISIT

SITE: **Holton St Peter, (Dormant quarry)**

OWNER: Ceemex UK Materials Ltd.

Represented by: Unaccompanied

DATE OF VISIT: 13 July 2006

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Routine

Time on site: 09.00 – 09.30

CASE REFERENCE NUMBER(S): W6645/1

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

No start within permitted extraction area.

Area south of Sandy Lane; (subject of Planning Agreement to secure restoration with public access)

Car Park apparently available for public parking off Holton Road. Need to clarify ownership of the parking area to identify the role this area can play in negotiated after-use/arrangements for public access.

Concrete batching plant silo remains within fenced compound. Concrete hardstandings of former plant remain, including a small bund enclosure close to the plant, partly overgrown with bramble. These should be removed in entirety as part of site restoration, but taking care to minimise disturbance to adjacent areas.

Two separate water areas exist from former excavations. These are now used by Woodbridge Angling Club. These have substantial trees and growth around the margins, and do not require further engineering.

A plateau area at eastern side is reached through woodland at north-eastern corner of the site. This constitutes an area of taller heath grasses, gorse and bramble, with established pathways. There are some dense areas of ragwort which should be pulled or sprayed annually within a management plan.

Restoration/Public access

Restoration work is likely to be minimal given the established grass and plant mix on the old quarry floor and established water side vegetation, and established paths. Points of public access are rather undefined;- through gaps in delapidated fencing along the northern boundary with Sandy Lane, and from the car park adjacent to the B1123.

However a management regime and plan is likely to be required for grass and vegetation management, and responsibilities identified. The site has potential as a nature conservation education resource for school parties, in partnership with SCC, SWT, Holton Parish Council, (Woodbridge Angling Club)?, and public information boards should be provided.

Key questions to be addressed in drawing up a restoration scheme are:

What are the habitat enhancement/management requirements?

Who is to own the site?

Who is to be responsible for management & maintenance of public access?

Who is to design and provide for information boards, interpretative material?

Countryside section to advise on management needs in conjunction with Ceemex, SWT, and Parish Council.

A meeting is required to inform restoration plan to be prepared and submitted by Ceemex for formal planning consideration as part of Planning Agreement by SCC.

Date report sent to operator:

INSPECTING OFFICER:

For Director of Environment and Transport.