

Site Visit Report

The site visit process is a sample on a particular day of an installation's compliance with some of its licence conditions. Where non-compliance against a particular condition has not been reported, this should not be construed to mean that there is full compliance with that condition of the licence.

Instructions and actions arising from the visit shall be addressed, or where applicable noted, by the licensee in order to ensure compliance, to improve the environmental performance of the installation and to provide clarification on certain issues.

The licensee shall take the actions specified to close out the non-compliances and observations raised in this Site Visit Report.

The licensee may also be requested to provide a response to the Environmental Protection Agency (hereafter referred to as the Agency) in relation to the site visit report findings.

Licensee	
Name of Installation	Walshestown Restoration Ltd
Licensee	Walshestown Restoration Ltd.
Licence Register No.	W0254-01
CRO Number	564315
Site Address	Walshestown, Blackhall, Tipperkevin and Bawnoge, Naas, Kildare, W91 CF30
Site Visit Reference No.	SV27565

Report Detail	
Issue Date	07/03/2023
Prepared By	Ciaran Cuddihy

Site Visit Detail			
Date Of Inspection	22/02/2023		
Time In	14:30	Time Out	15:38
EPA Inspector(s)	Ciaran Cuddihy		
Additional Visitors			
Licensee Personnel and Role	Mervyn Ross-Facility Manager.		

> Summary

The exit audit was conducted in response to a request to amend the facility boundary to exclude an area of the site from within the licence boundary. The audit focused on the condition of the buffer area to the south of the site. There was no licensable activity found to be occurring in the area to be removed on the day of the inspection. The physical condition of the proposed areas was found to be satisfactory and consisted of agricultural grassland including a pond.

The Inspector did not note any reason why the proposed area could not be removed from within the licence boundary as per the licensee's request.

> Site Areas Inspected

The following areas were inspected as part of the site visit:

- Area of the site proposed to be excluded from within the licensed boundary;
- Active landfilling area and working face;
- Waste processing area.

> Documents Inspected

The following document was inspected as part of the site visit:

- Independent closure audit - October 2022

> 1. Site Specific Issues

	Answer	Condition Number	Non Compliance	Observation
1.1	Inspection of area to be removed	Checked		
Comment / Action Required				
<p>The proposed area to be removed from the licence boundary was inspected. The area is delineated from the rest of the site by a berm and forms buffer lands where no licensed activity was authorised to be carried out. The area which was quarried and restored prior to the licence being issued is currently used for agriculture (sheep farming) . A surface water pond is located within the area which is occasionally used by the licensee for dust suppression and the adjacent racecourse to water the track during periods of extended dry weather.</p> <p>Planning permission is in place to extend the adjacent racecourse into the proposed area to be removed from the licence boundary.</p> <p>A number of licence monitoring locations are located within the proposed area (1x groundwater, 1x surface water, 2x dust, 2x noise) which the licensee has indicated will not be impacted and can continue to be monitored as normal.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <p>No evidence was found to suggest that any licensed activity was or had been carried out in the proposed area and the physical condition of the area was found to be satisfactory.</p> <p>A review of monitoring locations is required if the boundary amendment request is successful.</p>				

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

The licensee is required to complete the actions outlined in this site visit report within the specified timeframes. Where required, the licensee shall also respond to actions specified in Compliance Investigations and/or submit a response to this site visit report via the EDEN system. The licensee shall maintain a documentary evidence, for review by the Agency, that the prescribed actions were completed within the required timeframe.

(i) Compliance Investigations

The Agency may generate a Compliance Investigation through the EDEN system and issue instructions and actions to the licensee. The licensee will receive notification when an instruction or action is issued and the licensee must respond to the actions within the Compliance Investigation within the specified timeframe.

(ii) Response to Site Visit Report

Where the licensee is requested to (or wishes to) respond to the Agency in relation to this site visit report, the licensee may select the 'Make a Response' link on the actions taken by the licensee to address the issues raised in this site visit report and the target completion dates. This Licensee Public Response provides the licensee with an opportunity to inform both the Agency and the public about the implementing of actions set out in the Agency site visit report. The response must be submitted **within 30 calendar days** of the issue date of this site visit report.

(iii) Publication of Reports

The site visit report will be made available for public viewing via the Agency's Licence Enforcement Access Portal (LEAP), within one day of the issue date. The Site Visit Report and the Licensee Public Response will also be published on the Agency's website, www.epa.ie, 60 calendar days after the site visit report issue date (on the Licence Details Page for the relevant licence).

Please note that licensees are required to comply with the conditions of the licence at all times, and where non-compliance occurs, compliance must be restored within the shortest possible time. These actions will be verified during subsequent Agency visits. Please quote the above Inspection Reference Number in any correspondence in relation this Report.