

### **13 SAXON PIT, PETERBOROUGH ROAD, WHITTLESEY**

- 13.1 In January 2018 the Environment Agency (EA) received a number of odour complaints associated with inadequate waste acceptance procedures taking place at Saxon Pit as part of filling the excavation void which is covered by a County Council waste planning permission.
- 13.2 Investigations undertaken by the EA have revealed a large scale problem regarding the acceptance and depositing of nonconforming material containing shredder residue and trommel fines mixed with clay and lime covering a large area down to an approximate depth of 2 metres.
- 13.3 The EA are leading on this investigation because there are multiple breaches of the operator's environmental permit including the mixing and blending of waste. All work on site has stopped whilst the operator voluntarily comes up with a remediation strategy to be agreed by EA. The EA are keeping County Planning updated on progress with their investigation and the remediation.
- 13.4 The net result of the unauthorised activity is that the stabilisation project will not be completed by November 2018 as originally intended. Therefore, it is likely that a S73 application will be submitted to extend permission for the development by one year and the operator is still preparing a planning application to buttress the southern face of the old quarry.