

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0039984

Permit being assessed: PP3139GB.

For: Hafod Quarry Landfill Site, held by Enovert North Limited

At: Hafod Quarry Landfill Bangor Road, Johnstown, Wrexham, LL14 6ET.

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 04/05/2022 between 11:40 and 13:12.

Parts of permit assessed: Site inspection

NRW Lead Officer: Jamie Blythin, accompanied by Rebecca Harwood.

Report sent to: Ian Craven, Area Manager on 07/06/2022.

1. Summary of our findings (full details in section 4)

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
A1 - Specified by permit	Assessed (A)	
F1 - Amenity - Odour	Assessed (A)	
F5 - Amenity - Deposits on road	Assessed (A)	
F4 - Amenity - Pests/birds and scavengers	Assessed (A)	
C3 - General Management - Materials acceptance	Assessed (A)	

Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

Total number of non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
0	0

How we use the non-compliance score to calculate your annual fee is explained in the 'Important Information' section below.

2. What action is required?

No action required.

3. What will happen next?

Any non-compliance we have identified and recorded on this form is an offence. It can result in criminal prosecution and/or suspension or revocation of your permit.

At this time, we do not intend to take any further action.

This statement does not stop us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

4. Details of our assessment

This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) follows a routine site inspection at Hafod Landfill site on 04.05.22. The Area Manager and Site Manager accompanied officers during the inspection.

Officers observed tipping operations in the new landfill cell (5A). This appeared to be a particularly busy day as there was a queue of vehicles on site waiting to tip. Operations were well managed by site staff.

The operator explained that they need to complete engineering works to the upper eastern sidewall of Cell 5a as part of the development of this cell. Following the site inspection, a Construction Quality Assurance Plan (CQA) was sent to NRW for review on 11.05.22. This will be reviewed, and comments sent to the operator in a separate CAR.

A new landfill gas flare unit with increased capacity was installed on 08.03.22 to manage the projected increase in landfill gas volumes at the site. The flare was operational while engine 1 was being serviced.

During the last site inspection (25.01.22- CAR_NRW0039294), officers detected a landfill gas odour in the south east area of the site near the leachate condensate tank. The operator was given the following action:

Action 1- Operator to inspect the integrity and pipework of the leachate condensate tank to ensure there is no potential for off-site odours and consider the feasibility of installing odour filtration to filter any air displaced from the tank. Provide an update to NRW by the date specified and continue to follow the Landfill Gas Management Plan for the site (11.03.22).

The operator completed this action by the specified date and has now installed an activated carbon filter onto the leachate condensate tank. This filter seems to have decreased the potential for odours to be released from this tank. Officers did not detect any significant odours in this area at the time of the inspection. When stood on the western bund, a burning/ chemical smell could be detected which appeared to be coming from the nearby Vauxhall Industrial Estate.

A number of seagulls were observed near Cell 5a. However, these were not observed offsite.

Officers spent some time in the weighbridge office where the weighbridge operator explained waste acceptance procedures, the computer systems used and observed a vehicle being booked in.

Officers noted that the haul road leading onto site and Bangor Road were clear of mud at the time of the inspection.

Immediately after carrying out the inspection, officers completed an off-site odour assessment which included the following areas: Vauxhall Industrial Estate, Heol Estate, Bangor Road and New Hall Road.

There was a slight landfill gas odour detected along New Hall Road. This odour was localised, transient and not considered significant. No landfill gas odour could be detected at the other locations. The offsite odour which was detected while stood on the western

bund of the landfill was also present in the air around the Vauxhall Industrial Estate.

If you have any queries about this report, or to discuss completion of any actions, please contact the NRW Officer named above.

Important information

Legal status of this report

Your permit is issued to you under the Environmental Permitting Regulations. You have a responsibility to comply with the conditions of your permit and prevent pollution/harm of the environment. You must also ensure that you comply with any other relevant legislation that may apply to your site's operations.

This report explains the findings of our assessment and any action you are required to take. We categorise non-compliance using our guidance for assessing non-compliance at regulated sites.

When we find potential non-compliance/s we will normally give you advice on how to maintain compliance.

To correct non-compliance, we may:

- require you to take specific actions
- issue a notice
- review the conditions of your permit.

Any advice and guidance we give will be without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.

Assessment results and non-compliance categories (used in section 1):

Assessment result	Description
Assessed (A)	Assessed or assessed in part, no evidence of non-compliance found
Action only (X)	Action only relating to the activity assessment
Ongoing (O)	Ongoing non-compliance, not scored

Non-compliance category	Description	Score
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	60
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	31
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	4
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property	0.1

How we use assessment scores

The number and severity of non-compliances recorded in a year will affect your annual subsistence fee the following year. A non-compliance factor is added to your site's Operator

Performance Risk Appraisal (OPRA) score when we calculate your fee to reflect the additional resource we use to assess permit compliance.

What are suspended scores?

In line with our guidance, we may suspend scores for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. Suspended scores will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

Full list of Industry and Waste action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**A: Permitted activities**

- A1 Specified by permit

B: Infrastructure

- B1 Infrastructure – Engineering for prevention and control of emissions
- B2 Infrastructure – Closure and decommissioning
- B3 Infrastructure – Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)
- B4 Infrastructure – Containment of stored materials
- B5 Infrastructure – Plant and equipment

C: General management

- C1 General management – Staff competency/training
- C2 General management – Management system and operating procedures
- C3 General management – Materials acceptance
- C4 General management – Storage, handling, labelling and segregation

D: Incident management

- D1 Incident management – Site security
- D2 Incident management – Accidents, emergency and incident planning

E: Emissions

- E1 Emissions – Air
- E2 Emissions – Land and groundwater
- E3 Emissions – Surface water
- E4 Emissions – Sewer
- E5 Emissions – Waste

F: Amenity

- F1 Amenity – Odour
- F2 Amenity – Noise
- F3 Amenity – Dust/fibres/particulates and litter
- F4 Amenity – Pests/birds and scavengers
- F5 Amenity – Deposits on road

G: Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting

- G1 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Monitoring of emissions and environment
- G2 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Records of activity, site diary/journal/events
- G3 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Maintenance records
- G4 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales

H: Resources efficiency

- H1 Resource efficiency – Efficient use of raw materials
- H2 Resource efficiency – Energy efficiency

Enforcement response

Any permit condition non-compliance is an offence and we may take legal action against you. Action we take can include prosecution, serving a notice on you and/or suspension or revocation of your permit. See our Enforcement and Sanctions Guidance for further information.

Data protection notice

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- carrying out statistical analysis, research and development on environmental issues
- providing public register information to enquirers
- investigating possible breaches of environmental law
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving our service
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If you disagree with this compliance assessment report, you should contact the lead officer without delay to discuss your concerns.

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