

**Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions**

# Ford Motor Company Limited – Bridgend Engine Plant Decision Document

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## Permit Surrender

The application number is: **EPR/BL2548IF**

The operator is: **Ford Motor Company Limited**

The Installation is located at: **Bridgend Engine Works, Waterton Industrial Estate, Bridgend CF31 3PJ**

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for **Bridgend Engine Works** operated by **Ford Motor Company Limited**. The permit number is **EPR/BL2548IF**.

The operator applied to surrender their permit for the boiler house at the Bridgend Engine Works. The full surrender application was received 15 December 2021 and was duly made as of 27 September 2022. A full surrender site condition report and site closure plan was submitted to NRW within the application.

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid any pollution risk and to return the site to a satisfactory state. We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements.

## Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the operator's application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account

## Confidential information

A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made.

## Identifying confidential information

We have not identified information provided as part of the application that we consider to be confidential. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on commercial confidentiality.

## Extent of the surrender application

The operator has applied to surrender the permit in full.

## Pollution risk

The site condition report submitted to NRW in support of the surrender application was referenced: 'Site Condition Report Ford Bridgend Boiler House Permit Surrender' (dated April 2021 reference: 10040686-AUK-XX-XX-RP-ZZ-0003-01). The report was completed by Arcadis on behalf of the operator, Ford Motor Company Limited. Geoscience specialists at NRW have reviewed the report in line with the principles contained within 'Regulatory Guidance Note, RGN 9: Surrender' and concluded that the information presented in the report indicates that the site is in a 'satisfactory state' and that there appears to have been no notable deterioration in soil and groundwater condition during the life of the permitted installation. On this basis, NRW have no concerns and have no objection to the surrender of the permit.

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid a pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility. Ford Motor Company Limited operated the plant in accordance with the externally accredited ISO14001 Environment Management System and conditions contained within this permit. Measures were required by the permit to prevent pollution from the emissions of

substances not controlled by emission limits. As a result of the site investigation report completed as part of permit application for the installation they show no deterioration in the land and groundwater as a result of the permitted activity.

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state.

The application included the decommissioning and removal of the pollution risk involving the demolition of in October 2019 of the former gas oil tank and infrastructure. Decommissioning activities are complete and all permitted activities have ceased and associated operations cannot be readily restarted. Intrusive investigation to collect data on soil and groundwater for comparison with reference data which supported the site condition report for the permitted installation is complete. The regulatory compliance officer has visited site and provided photographs and notes as part of the sign-off process for permit surrender.

### Satisfactory State

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state. In coming to this decision, we have had regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.