

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0040545

**Permit being assessed:** BP0316301

For: Gower Lodge (Swansea) Ltd, held by GOWER LODGE (SWANSEA) LTD

At: Ty Seren, Cefn Style Road, Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3QS.

**Type of assessment carried out:** Check Monitoring/Sampling, Reason: Routine.  
On 12/10/2022.

Parts of permit assessed: Composition

**NRW Lead Officer:** Sarah Bennett.

**Report sent to:** Orbis Education & Care Ltd , Director of Estates and Development, on 14/10/2022.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-C1 - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C3 Minor	1.6.1 (b) Composition Ammoniacal Nitrogen
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WQ-C1 - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C4 No impact	1.6.1 (c) Composition Suspended Solids

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

### 2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-C1	Investigate reasons for failure and take steps to bring the discharge back into compliance with the permit. Action already completed.	Already completed
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WQ-C1	Investigate reasons for failure and take steps to bring the discharge back into compliance with the permit. Report findings, any actions and ongoing issues to NRW.	11/11/2022

Action criteria codes are listed in the 'Important information' section below.

### 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

A water quality compliance sample was taken by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) from the sewage treatment plant at Ty Seren, Swansea on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2022. The sample failed the limit of 20 mg/l for Ammoniacal Nitrogen with a result of 28.5 mg/l. We requested that you investigate the reasons for this failure and, if necessary, take action to bring the discharge back into compliance with the permit.

You provided us with information on the work done on the package plant during July and the beginning of August as a result of your investigations. The work included the replacement of both pumps, electrical maintenance and clearing of the lines.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2022 another sample was taken by NRW and this sample also failed the Ammoniacal Nitrogen limit with a result of 26 mg/l. We informed you of this failure on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August. My understanding is that you arranged for a tanker to de-sludged both chambers on the same day. We did not require you to investigate this failure any further because you informed us that the majority of the work described in the previous paragraph was not completed until the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2022, which may not have given the plant time to recover from any alterations or improvements before the next sample was taken on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.

My understanding is that you arranged for your own samples to be taken following the de-sludging and these samples indicated that the discharge was compliant with the permit limits.

Two other parameters, Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Suspended Solids, are measured at the same time as Ammonia. At this point, neither of these had failed their limits in 2022.

However, the sample taken by NRW on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 failed the limit of 30 mg/l for Suspended Solids. The Ammoniacal Nitrogen and BOD were within the limits of the permit.

We informed you of the failure on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 by email.

Please investigate the reasons for this failure and take steps to bring the discharge back into compliance with the permit conditions. Please report your findings, any actions taken and any on-going issues to the Swansea Environment Team by email.

It may be prudent to start looking into whether or not the current treatment plant is able to adequately treat both the nature and volume of the incoming sewage.

It is an offence under Regulation 38 (2) of the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016 for a person to fail to comply with or to contravene an environmental permit condition. Any advice and guidance given in this report is formal.

Thank you.

End.

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

### If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?

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

**Full list of water quality action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):****WQ A: Management**

- WQ-A1 General management

**WQ B: Operations**

- WQ-B1 Permitted activities
- WQ-B2 The site
- WQ-B3 Operating techniques
- WQ-B4 Improvement programme
- WQ-B5 Pre-operational conditions

**WQ C: Emissions and monitoring**

- WQ-C1 Emissions to water
- WQ-C2 Emissions to land
- WQ-C3 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- WQ-C4 Installation of monitoring boreholes

**WQ D: Information**

- WQ-D1 Records
- WQ-D2 Reporting
- WQ-D3 Notifications

**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**

You should make sure that anyone named in this report knows that the information it contains will be processed by Natural Resources Wales to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s).

We may also use and/or disclose the report in connection with:

- offering or providing you with our literature or services relating to environmental matters
- consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (e.g. Health and Safety Executive, local authorities) on environmental issues
- 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
- Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations requests.

We may also pass it on to our agents or representatives to do these things on our behalf.

**Disclosure of information – this report will be available to view on-line**

If you think this report contains commercially confidential information that should not be placed on our public register, you must contact your local Natural Resources Wales office within **fifteen working days** of receiving this report, using the contact details in the accompanying email or letter. You must give a full explanation of why it should not be

added to our public register, including specifying which information is commercially confidential. We will assess your request and respond to you within 20 working days to let you know if we agree to your request.

**What do I do if I disagree with the report or have a complaint?**

If you disagree with this compliance assessment report, you should contact the lead officer without delay to discuss your concerns.

If you are unable to resolve the issue with the lead officer or their line manager you should contact our Customer Contact team on 0300 065 3000 (Monday to Friday 08:00 – 18:00), or email [enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk) for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

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