

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0041873

**Permit being assessed:** AB3191ZE.

For: Wastesavers Resource Centre, held by Wastesavers Limited

At: Wastesavers Resource Centre, Unit 6, Esperanto Way, Newport, Newport, NP19 0RD.

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

On 23/05/2023 between 10:20 and 11:20.

Parts of permit assessed: 1. Management, 2. Operations, 3. Emissions and monitoring, 4. Reporting

**NRW Lead Officer:** Jak Rose, accompanied by Jodie Baskerville.

**Report sent to:** Ian Syms , Head of Operations on 24/05/2023.

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

| Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)                                                                 | Assessment result | Permit condition |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| B1 - Infrastructure - Engineering for prevention and control of emissions                                      | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| B3 - Infrastructure - Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)                                               | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| B4 - Infrastructure - Containment of stored materials                                                          | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| C1 - General Management - Staff competency/training                                                            | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| C2 - General Management - Management system and operating procedures                                           | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| C3 - General Management - Materials acceptance                                                                 | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| C4 - General Management - Storage, handling labelling and Segregation                                          | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| D1 - Incident Management - Site security                                                                       | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| E3 - Emissions - Surface water                                                                                 | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| F1 - Amenity - Odour                                                                                           | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| F3 - Amenity - Dust/fibres/particulates and litter                                                             | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| G4 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales | 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 report details the site inspection conducted by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Officers on 23 May 2023 at: Wastesavers Esperanto Way, Newport NP19 0RD - Permit number EPR - AB3191ZE.

Waste Regulation Officer Jak ROSE and Senior Waste Regulation Officer Jodie BASKERVILLE arrived at 10:20 and met with Mr. Ian SYMS, Head of Operations and Mr. Kris DOWDING, Recycling Manager. The last routine site inspection was completed on 10 November 2022. The weather conditions were fine and dry during the time of inspection. Officers did not detect any signs of odour at the time of inspection outside the site.

### **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS SITE INSPECTION(S) - CAR\_NRW0040672 on 10 November 2022**

| <b>Action(s)</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Completed<br/>(Yes/No/Ongoing)</b> | <b>Action Taken by Operator</b>                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ensure surface run off is controlled by not allowing water to migrate off site.                                                                                                         | <b>Yes</b>                            | The operator emailed NRW on 22/11/2022 confirming that the drainage channels had been cleaned and transfer notes had been provided. |
| Increase frequency of drain maintenance to ensure blockages are removed to allow surface water to be drained. Update EMS to include a drainage maintenance section and service periods. | <b>Yes</b>                            | The operator has increased the frequency of the maintenance and the yard is now free of standing water (see photos below).          |
| Improve the containment of surface water around site perimeter to prevent water leaving areas of surface water collection.                                                              | <b>Yes</b>                            | As highlighted above the operator has now implemented a stringent maintenance schedule of the drainage areas.                       |

**Site observations**

Officers walked towards the Northwest corner of the yard where the Romaquip vehicles are parked. There was a section of fencing that had fallen. Officers queried whether unauthorised access to the site would be an issue with the missing structure, but it was highlighted by the operator that the boundary fence to the entrance runs behind the fallen fence in question therefore preventing any unlawful access to the site.

Officers walked into the waste hall where the picking and sorting line was located. Officers did not walk up to the picking line and observed the line from ground level. The picking line was in operation at the time of the inspection.

Officer ROSE took photos of the baled cardboard and aluminium in this enclosed area awaiting transport **(See Photo 1)**



**Photo 1 – baled aluminium (left) baled cardboard (right).**

Officers continued walking in the direction of the one-way traffic system. Several vehicles were awaiting to unload kerbside collections. Officers saw items of litter within the fencing surrounding the high traffic areas of the site. Please ensure that windblown litter is prevented from escaping the site through the fencing as part of your Litter Management Plan. **(See Photo 2)**



**Photo 2 – the potential for litter to leave the site in busy areas of operation.**

The building used for food wastes are transported directly from the Romaquip vehicles via forklift and stored within an enclosed barn in readiness for onwards transfer. There were no signs of pests in this area.



The bays for the mixed recyclables such as plastics, steel and aluminium cans which lead to the picking line can be seen in the photo above. **(Photo 3)**

Towards the end of the site walkaround Officer ROSE took a photo showing the building to the right. This area of the site has a building containing waste streams such as paper, textiles and outside is a glass bay.

The photo also shows the main yard which is free of any standing water. Compared to the previous inspection (**CAR\_NRW0040672**) this has been a considerable area of improvement. (**Photo 4 below**)



**Photo 4 – yard area with no issues apparent with drainage/infrastructure on site at time of inspection.**

#### Waste returns

Approximately 20,350 tonnes of waste were received during 2022 at site. Thank you for submitting these correct and on time.

#### Technically Competent Manager (TCM)

Mr. SYMS continuing competence certificate expires on 6 December 2023.

No breaches/issues observed at time of inspection.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with the site in the future.

Officers signed out at reception and left site at 11:20.

If you have any issues with this report, please contact Waste Regulation Officer Jak Rose at [jak.rose@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:jak.rose@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk).

***In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) order 2012.***

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

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.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you can contact the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales by phone on 0300 7900203 or by email at [ask@ombudsman.wales](mailto:ask@ombudsman.wales)

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