

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0043174

Permit being assessed: BB3693CG

For: Cantref Adventure Farm, held by Cantref Adventure Farm Ltd

At: Upper Cantref, Cantref, Brecon, LD3 8LR.

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

On 10/01/2024, between 13:30 and 14:00.

Parts of permit assessed: Whole permit

NRW Lead Officer: Chris Gurney, accompanied by: Chloe Howard.

Report sent to: Colin Evans, Permit Holder, on 19/01/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-B3 - Operations - Operating techniques	C3 Minor	1.1.1
WQ-B2 - Operations - The site	C4 No impact	3.3.1

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-B3	Improve operations to ensure no contamination of watercourse	01/03/2024
WQ-B2	Improve infrastructure to ensure access is available at any time	01/03/2024

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

Myself and Chloe Howard attended site on 10 January 2024 at 13:30, the weather was cold but dry.

On arrival we identified ourselves at reception and confirmed the locations of the tanks. The septic tank for Outlet 2 was quite overgrown but accessible and there was no indication of oil or grease within the system. However when looking about it was identified there was small ditch/watercourse that was running in parallel with the road/infiltration field for Outlet 2 that had sewage fungus within, suggesting contamination

from the septic tank/infiltration field. Its possible that the infiltration field has failed, it's best practice to avoid compaction of these fields and I noticed the area was used as a car park which could lead to significant compaction and/or failure of the field.

Outlet 1 we were unable to inspect fully as we could not access the manholes. This will need rectifying as per 3.3.1. Similarly, the infiltration field for Outlet 1 appeared to be being used as part of the camping grounds, with access for vehicles/caravans, which could cause compaction/failure.

We did attempt to speak to someone on site at the time but there was no one about when we returned to the reception area.

You will need to carry out maintenance on these assets and NRW will then re-inspect to confirm compliance.

Summary of actions:

- **Carry out maintenance to ensure systems are available for inspection at any time, as per Condition 3.3.1, no later than 1 March 2024.**
- **Inspect Outlet 2 system and ensure system is functioning correctly and not contaminating surface water, no later than 1 March 2024.**
- **Confirm usage and layout of infiltration fields and any actions taken to mitigate against compaction from vehicles, no later than 1 March 2024.**
- **Confirm with NRW these actions have been completed, no later than 1 March 2024. NRW will then conduct a follow-up inspection.**

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.

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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
- Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations requests.

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