

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0043858

Permit being assessed: AN0219101

For: DYFFRYN COMMERCIAL PARK YSTRAD MY, held by PROPERTY MANAGER
At: DYFFRYN COMMERCIAL PARK YSTRAD, YSTRAD MYNACH ,, YSTRAD MYNACH
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Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 22/11/2023.

Parts of permit assessed: All parts

NRW Lead Officer: Megan Jones.

Report sent to: Maria Godfrey , Team Leader, on 26/03/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-A1 - Management - General management	Action only (X)	

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-A1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the outfall only discharges surface water, the permit is no longer required and needs to be surrendered. 	21/05/2024

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

Site report

I (Megan Jones; Environment Officer) arrived at Duffryn Commercial Park on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 10.47 to conduct a permit inspection regarding the discharge of uncontaminated surface water and/or screened crude sewage (the latter reported to be in times of emergency) to the river Rhydney (Permit Number: AN0219101). The weather at the

time of the inspection was cold, sunny and dry.

As the majority of the site surface water drainage is culverted, the culvert exit feeding into a gully which in turns discharges into the Rhymney was located (ST14828 92835) (Fig. 1). From further inspection, it was noted that there was a large amount of detritus and litter in the culvert, resulting in a partial blockage (Fig. 2). However, the gully was dry (although overgrown), with the discharge point also being dry. This is likely due to no rainfall in the past days.



Figure 1. Location of culvert exit into gully which feeds into the River Rhymney.



Figure 2. Evidence of detritus and litter causing a partial blockage of the culvert exit.

There were no foul odours or evidence of solids, sewage fungus or ragging at the outfall (Fig. 3). However, there was evidence of silt, likely due to surface run-off from the un-tarmaced car parks on the commercial park or from sediment transport during high flows in the river (Fig. 3). The NGR stated in the permit is accurate (ST148 928), with the more accurate NGR being (ST14828 92835). Upon further inspection of the water network and discussions with representatives from Dwr Cymru, it was identified that there is no emergency overflow from the pumping station on Duffryn Commercial Park, therefore, this outfall only discharges surface water from the park. However, CCBC are responsible for the maintenance of this asset to ensuring no polluting matter discharges from there into the river.

The inspection ended at 11.13.



Figure 3. Discharge point into the River Rhymney, with silt present on the bottom of the outfall.

Actions required

- As the outfall only discharges surface water, the permit is no longer required. Therefore, it is necessary to surrender the permit and can be done so here: [Natural Resources Wales / Surrendering \(giving up\) your permit for water discharges](#)

Contact details

If you have any queries regarding this CAR form or to provide an update on any actions above, please contact me using the following details: Megan Jones, Environment Officer, megan.jones@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk, 03000 65 4542.

If we do not receive the information requested within specified deadline and have not been informed as to why there is a delay then we may serve a Regulation 60 Notice requiring the

information under Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

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).

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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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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.

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