

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0044165

**Permit being assessed:** CG0328301

For: CEFN BRITH STW NR CERRIGYDRUDION, held by DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG  
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**Type of assessment carried out:** Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.  
On 30/04/2024, between 10:30 and 11:00.  
Parts of permit assessed: 4a

**NRW Lead Officer:** Nathan Owen, accompanied by: Cathrine Kiely.  
**Report sent to:** Cars mailbox , Cars mailbox , on 01/05/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-B1 - Water Quality - Operations - Permitted activities	C3 Minor	4a

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

### 2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-B1	site should be maintained in line with permit Condition 4a and ensure it remains fully functional all all times.	30/06/2024

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.

**You are non-compliant with your permit.**

**At this time, we are issuing you with a warning for the non-compliance recorded above. Warnings may influence future enforcement response for continued or further non-compliance.**

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

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 NRW Environment Officer Nathan Owen accompanied by SEO Cathrine Kiely visited the Cefn Brith STW and were accompanied by DCWW's NW Operational Supervisor.

The weather was dry with overcast cloud, the area had seen heavy showers in the day leading to the site visit.

**Image 1 intake pipe**



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Growth visible on the tipping trough. This trough should be kept clear of growth to ensure even distribution to the distribution arms left and right.

**Image 2 Media bed and distribution arms**



Significant grass growth on the surface of the media bed, this should be maintained and cleared to aid in treatment

**Image 3 distribution arms on media bed**



The distribution arms on the surface for the media bed were bent out of shape meaning the gaps allowing for distribution are closed which is preventing an even distribution of effluent, this has also led to large parts of several distributions arms to be blocked by matter further restricting distribution to the media bed.

**Image 4 growth and matter on surface of Media bed**



The edges of the media bed were blocked with matter which is believed to be paper and sanitary products, meaning the filter process is not evenly distributed impacting treatment.

**Image 5, seepage from the side of the reed bed.**

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It was clear from the ground conditions adjacent to the reed bed, treated effluent was seeping out of the side of the reed bed and not being discharged and the 100mm discharge pipe as per permit condition 3. The reed bed needs maintaining regularly to maintain the sites full operation capacity and to ensure discharge occurs in the correct area.

NRW are requesting that by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 all the raised issues at the STW are resolved or a suitable action plan with appropriate dates is submitted to resolve the issues currently at the site.

NRW thanks DCWW for their time on the day.

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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
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