

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0044493

Permit being assessed: MB3390HF.

For: Land Adjacent To Herbert Road, **held by:** Riversee Ltd

At: Newport, NP19 0RD.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 21/05/2024 between 11:00 and 11:30.

Parts of permit assessed: Various.

NRW Lead Officer: Greg Gardner, accompanied by Jodie Baskerville.

Report sent to: Mr. Darran Watts, Site Owner, on 05/06/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	Assessed (A)	
W2A - Waste - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
W2D - Waste - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
W3C - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Odour	Assessed (A)	
W3D - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Noise and vibration	Assessed (A)	
W3G - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Fire	Assessed (A)	
W4B - Waste - Information - Reporting	C4 No impact	4.2.2

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
1	0.1

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?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
W4B	Submit outstanding waste returns to NRW. Waste returns must be submitted even if a null return and must be submitted to NRW on time and in full by the deadline dates as outlined within the CAR form whilst the permit is active.	02/08/2024

Compliance 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

This report details the site visit made on the 21st May 2023 to Riversee Ltd, Newport, permit reference number EPR-MB3390HF.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Officers Greg GARDNER and Jodie BASKERVILLE attended the Riversee Ltd site at the Land adjacent to Herbert Road, Newport, for an unannounced routine site inspection at 11:00am. The weather was dry, and reasonably mild which it had also been the previous day.

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS SITE INSPECTION(S) - CAR_NRW0040383 on 01/09/22

Date	Action	Completed (Y/N)	Action Taken
01/09/23	Submit outstanding waste returns to NRW. Waste returns must be submitted even if a null return	Yes	Mr. WATTS submitted all required outstanding waste returns to NRW

PERMIT COMPLIANCE BREACHES

CATEGORY 4 BREACH – PERMIT CONDITION 4.2.2

(G4) – REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION TO NATURAL RESOURCES WALES

"Within one month of the end of each quarter, the operator shall submit to Natural Resources Wales using the form made available for the purpose, the information specified on the form relating to the site and the waste accepted and removed from it

during the previous quarter."

- Riversee Ltd have failed to submit any waste return data since quarter 4, 2022.

Please see report content for further justification

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The general housekeeping of the site was in good order, (as seen in photos 1-3). The vast majority of the material on site was for storage of building materials which is classed as a product which is to be used on a nearby development. There were no excessive deposits on the road and there was also no excessive noise, dust or odour issues. The site was active at the time of the inspection with heavy machinery transporting building materials to the nearby development.



Photo 1 - Overview of site containing building materials



Photo 2 - Overview of site containing soil and rubble



Photo 3 - Overview of site containing soil and rubble

PERMIT SURRENDER

The operator has indicated that they wish to pursue a permit surrender in the near future. In order to surrender the permit you must ensure the Waste Recovery Plan that was submitted to NRW has been fulfilled and all the material brought onto site has been either used or cleared. You will be required to complete a H5 Site Condition Report detailing that there has been no pollution or contamination of the site during the time of the permit:

<https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/environmental-permits/horizontal-guidance/?lang=en>

You will also need to provide evidence via CAR Forms, photos and incident diary records to demonstrate the current condition of the site and that there has been no pollution. We must confirm that an intrusive investigation is not needed in line with the criteria in box 1 of the H5 Site Condition Report. We will need assurance that there has been no fly-tipping on the land and will state that we are satisfied that the site has been cleared to a reasonable standard.

We would require to do a final inspection to confirm these factors.

Here is the link to our websites that details the requirements and forms required to be submitted for a surrender:

<https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/waste/waste-permits/apply-to-surrender-a-waste-permit/?lang=en>

WASTE RETURN SUBMISSIONS

According to NRW records, Riversee Ltd have failed to submit any waste return data since quarter 4, 2022.

Permit condition 4.2.2. states that *'Within one month of the end of each quarter, the operator shall submit to Natural Resources Wales using the form made available for the purpose, the information specified on the form relating to the site and the waste accepted and removed from it during the previous quarter'*.

As a reminder to the operator, please see below the waste return submission deadlines:

Waste Return Submission Deadline

Quarter	Period	Deadline
1	1 January to 31 March	30 April
2	1 April to 30 June	31 July
3	1 July to 30 September	31 October
4	1 October to 31 December	31 January

Waste returns must still be submitted to NRW even if it is a null return. Site management need to put in place measures to ensure that the Return data is submitted diligently every quarter. This can be done by setting calendar reminders or having a consultant to submit the business' data. We can escalate breaches if this is a continuing non-compliance.

ACTION: Submit outstanding waste returns to NRW. Waste returns must be submitted even if a null return and must be submitted to NRW on time and in full by the deadline dates as outlined within the CAR form whilst the permit is active.

NRW Officers left site at 11:30am the same day.

If you have any issues with this report please contact Greg Gardner on greg.gardner@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Thank you.

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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 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.

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

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 Waste compliance criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

1. Management

- W1A – General management
- W1B – Energy Efficiency (MCP/SG facilities only)
- W1C – Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

2. Operations

- W2A – Permitted activities
- W2B – Waste recovery plan
- W2C – Operating techniques
- W2D – The site
- W2E – Waste acceptance
- W2F – Technical requirements
- W2G – Improvement programme
- W2H – Pre-operational conditions

3. Emission and Monitoring

- W3A – Emissions to water, air or land
- W3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- W3C – Odour
- W3D – Noise and vibration
- W3E – Monitoring
- W3F – Pests
- W3G – Fire

4. Information

- W4A – Records
- W4B – Reporting
- W4C – Notification

Enforcement response

Any non-compliance with a permit condition 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 twenty 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 to 18:00), or email 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

Welsh Language Standards

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