

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0045456

Permit being assessed: LP3895FK.

For: Trehir Civic Amenity Site, **held by:** Caerphilly County Borough Council

At: Trehir Quarry, Pandy Lane, Llanbradach, Caerphilly, CF83 3RP.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 11/10/2024 between 11:30 and 12:15.

Parts of permit assessed: various.

NRW Lead Officer: Mark O'Gorman, accompanied by Chris Burge.

Report sent to: Scott Jones, TCM, on 21/10/2024.

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)	
W2C - Waste - Operations - Operating techniques	Assessed (A)	
W2D - Waste - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
W2E - Waste - Operations - Waste acceptance	Assessed (A)	
W2F - Waste - Operations - Technical requirements	Assessed (A)	
W3A - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water, air or land	Assessed (A)	
W4B - Waste - Information - Reporting	Assessed (A)	

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

Total 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

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Enforcement Officer apprentice Mark O’GORMAN and NRW Officer Chris BURGE attended Trehir Civic Amenity Site 3RP, Pandy Rd, Llanbradach, Caerphilly CF83 8EL, at 11:20am on Friday 11th September 2024 to conduct an unplanned site inspection of Permit site EPR- LP3895FK. The weather conditions were dry and sunny at the time of visit. Officer O’GORMAN and Officer BURGE met with a member of staff who accompanied Officers around the permitted area.

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PERMIT INSPECTION

At the time of the inspection the site was fully operational and open to the public. During the inspection NRW officers were shown and explained the waste disposal procedure when members of the public attend site. All waste streams have separate storage containers. Staff at site regularly check if user’s waste is compliant and being disposed of in the correct way. On a previous inspection date 25/3/24 it was highlighted to staff that waste bins were overflowing as seen in the image below. You can see from image 2 that this has been rectified and this area is now fully compliant with the permit.



Image 1 shows recycling bins on previous inspection dated 25/3/24 11/10/24



Image 2 shows recycling bins in current condition during inspection dated 11/10/24

Image 3 below was taken from the raised ramp where members of the public drive in and unload their vehicles. As shown there are multiple large roll on roll off skips, with appropriate signage stating what waste(s) are allowed in them. When these skips become full the site has the facilities to move and replace them with an empty skip. When removed the full skips are taken to a larger permitted facility.



On a previous inspection date 25/3/24 it was highlighted to staff that waste bins used for empty oil containers were overflowing as seen in image 4 below. You can see from image 5 that this has been rectified and this area is now fully compliant with the permit.



Image 4 shows condition from previous inspection dated 25/3/24
11/10/24



Image 5 shows current condition on inspection dated

WASTE ACTIVITIES

All waste storage containers were clearly marked, and signage was in place to inform members of the public what each bin contained.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM

The drainage appeared to be working efficiently at the time of the inspection.

WAMITAB

The current TCM for the site is Scott Jones. The WAMITAB certificate expires February 2026.

WASTE RETURNS

Waste returns for this permit are quarterly and need to be submitted prior to the deadline dates below.

Deadlines for submitting waste returns

Quarterly returns

Quarters	Deadline for return
January 1 to March 31	April 30
April 1 to June 30	July 31
July 1 to September 30	October 31
October 1 to December 31	January 31

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: Mark O’GORMAN, Enforcement Officer Apprentice, mark.ogorman@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk, 03000654279.

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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