

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0045504

Permit being assessed: BB3494CU.

For: Seiont Mill Brickworks and Quarry, held by Jones Bros Ruthin (Civil Engineering) Co Ltd

At: Seiont Mill Road, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 2YL.

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

On 17/10/2024 between 10:20 and 11:00.

Parts of permit assessed: See below

NRW Lead Officer: Sarah Walton.

Report sent to: Sam Higgitt, Environment Manager on 12/12/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W2C - Waste - Operations - Operating techniques	Action only (X)	

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

Total number of 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?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
W2C	Clarify the nature and origin of the stockpiles found on the haul road on the North West of the quarry. (Action completed over email following inspection).	12/12/2024

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

A routine site inspection was attempted on 17/10/2024. Sarah Walton (Waste Regulation

Officer), is the new regulating officer for the site. Rhys Cadwaladr (Senior Minerals & Waste Planning Officer for North Wales Minerals & Waste Planning Service), accompanied Sarah on the inspection.

The Local Authority had received a number of noise complaints in relation to works taking place in the quarry area since June 2024. As the permit was only authorised to accept wastes from the nearby works to the bypass (which are now complete), the site inspection aimed to check current operations and future plans.

Officers entered the site at approximately 10:20. There was no one on site representing Jones Ruthin (Civil Engineering) Ltd. There were other parties operating on site who greeted and assisted officers. The permit boundary was not entirely clear. There was plant machinery tracking up and down the North-West side of the permit area along the haul road.

Permit Condition 2.3.1 (a) "The activities shall, subject to the conditions of this permit, be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in the documentation specified in schedule 1, table S1.2, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales".

The below stockpiles were identified on site:







**Photographs showing waste storage on site**

The plant machinery on site was actively working in this area, as can be seen from the tyre marks along the track. The material looked to be freshly deposited, given the lack of vegetation growth on and around the stockpiles.

As the operator was not present at the time of inspection, emails were exchanged with the operator following the inspection, to clarify the origin of the material.

Sam Higgitt (Environment Manager for Jones Bros Ruthin (Civil Engineering) Co Ltd), responded to say that some of the waste was leftover from the bypass works and the rest was from a clean up of the compound area used as part of the bypass works.

It was agreed that another site inspection would be arranged with the permit operator, to ensure required parties were present to answer questions in relation to the environmental permit.

Matters regarding the stockpiles observed above, will be followed up in a CAR form following the next inspection.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Walton

Waste Regulation Officer

Gogledd-Orllewin / North West

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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.

What are suspended scores?

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 Industry and Waste action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

A: Permitted activities

- A1 Specified by permit

B: Infrastructure

- B1 Infrastructure – Engineering for prevention and control of emissions
- B2 Infrastructure – Closure and decommissioning
- B3 Infrastructure – Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)
- B4 Infrastructure – Containment of stored materials
- B5 Infrastructure – Plant and equipment

C: General management

- C1 General management – Staff competency/training
- C2 General management – Management system and operating procedures
- C3 General management – Materials acceptance
- C4 General management – Storage, handling, labelling and segregation

D: Incident management

- D1 Incident management – Site security
- D2 Incident management – Accidents, emergency and incident planning

E: Emissions

- E1 Emissions – Air
- E2 Emissions – Land and groundwater
- E3 Emissions – Surface water
- E4 Emissions – Sewer
- E5 Emissions – Waste

F: Amenity

- F1 Amenity – Odour
- F2 Amenity – Noise
- F3 Amenity – Dust/fibres/particulates and litter
- F4 Amenity – Pests/birds and scavengers
- F5 Amenity – Deposits on road

G: Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting

- G1 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Monitoring of emissions and environment
- G2 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Records of activity, site diary/journal/events
- G3 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Maintenance records
- G4 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales

H: Resources efficiency

- H1 Resource efficiency – Efficient use of raw materials
- H2 Resource efficiency – Energy efficiency

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).

We may also use and/or disclose the report in connection with:

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- 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.

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