

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0045861

Permit being assessed: DB3092FJ.

For: Fiberight Limited, held by Fiberight Limited

At: Unit 1A, Westfield Industrial Park, Waunarlwydd, Swansea, Swansea, SA5 4SF.

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

On 18/12/2024 between 12:00 and 13:00.

Parts of permit assessed: W2D

NRW Lead Officer: David Morgan.

Report sent to: Theo Skipper, Senior Administrator on 19/12/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W2D - Waste - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	

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?

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

A site inspection of Fiberight Limited was undertaken on Wednesday 18th December 2024. Natural Resources Wales had previously been notified that Fiberight Limited (Company No.06638242) was in liquidation and that the company has ceased all operations at Unit 1, Westfield Industrial Estate, Waunarlwydd, Swansea, SA5 4SF.

The purpose of Natural Resources Wales' site inspection was to assess volumes/types of

waste remaining on site and potential risk of incident, and also to ensure the site remains secure while not operational.

Waste Storage

At the time of the inspection, on Wednesday 18th December 2024, it was observed that large volumes of waste remain on site. The majority of waste is in baled form and it was noted that bales are stored in stacks of 20-30 bales with firebreaks in between stacks.

In separate concrete bays, there is pre-treated, loose plastic waste. Towards the front of the building, there are bales of waste that appear to have been delivered (pre-treated) prior to the closure of the site.

It was noted that on the right side of the building, upon entering from the main entrance point, there were approximately two hundred 1 & 2 tonne builders bags of treated waste. Previously, this waste was being analysed with the intention of further use as animal bedding.

Generally, there was no strong odour within the building which suggests plastic waste is not heavily contaminated (as usually associated with food/drinks packaging). Also, waste did not appear to be steaming which suggests waste is not subject to self-heating.

Despite these observations, you must ensure any potential impact from waste is mitigated. Plastic packaging waste, if left in-situ, can potentially attract pests (birds/vermin). You must monitor the waste to ensure any potential self-heating is identified early and mitigated to prevent a major fire.

This waste must be removed from site and treated/disposed of at an appropriate licensed facility. Waste must be transported by a licensed Waste Carrier.

Site Security

It is acknowledged that the site has been kept secure with a number of security measures in place. Westfield Industrial Estate is only accessible via estate security and the site itself has manned security between 8am and 4pm daily. It is noted that there is manned security on the industrial estate on a 24hr basis.

On Wednesday 18th December 2024, site security was assessed as being compliant, however, you must ensure all measures are maintained to prevent unauthorised access which could result in arson/fire.

Summary

Following notification that Fiberight Limited has ceased operations and the company is now in liquidation, Natural Resources Wales has inspected the site to assess waste that remains on site. An assessment of site security has also taken place.

Large volumes of waste remain on site. This waste will need to be removed and taken to an authorised facility by a registered Waste Carrier.

This waste, if left in-situ for an extended period of time poses a risk to the environment through pests and potentially fires (self-heating/accidental ignition/arson).

END OF REPORT

Any compliance criteria not highlighted in the above summary should be considered as not assessed. In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resource Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012. You should note that the Natural Resources Body for Wales has been formed by bringing together the Countryside Council for Wales, Forestry Commission Wales and Environment Agency Wales. The Natural Resources Body for Wales has been empowered to exercise Welsh devolved functions since 1st April 2013 and has, generally, taken over the responsibilities of the Countryside Council for Wales, the Forestry Commissioners and the Environment Agency for Wales.

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:

- 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 20 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 – 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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