

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0046189

**Permit being assessed:** ZP3198FN.

**For:** Briton Ferry Shipping Services Ltd, **held by:** Briton Ferry Shipping Services Ltd

**At:** Briton Ferry Shipping Services Ltd, Giants Wharf, Briton Ferry, Neath, N P T, SA11 2LP.

**Type of assessment:** Site Inspection,

**Reason:** Routine.

**On:** 31/01/2025 between 12:15 and 13:15.

**Parts of permit assessed:** W1, W2.

**NRW Lead Officer:** David Morgan.

**Report sent to:** Neil Rickard, Shipping Manager, on 07/02/2025.

### 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)	

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

A routine site inspection was undertaken on Friday 31st January 2025. The previous regulatory inspection of the site carried out by Natural Resources Wales had been on 22nd February 2023.

On Friday 31st January 2025, an inspection was undertaken and the following observations were made:

#### **Waste Storage & Duty of Care**

At the time of the inspection, it was noted that the material being stored outside on the wharf was 'millscale', waste material from steel works. This material, which is dried and screened prior to arrival at site did not appear to be having an impact on the site. At the time of the inspection, there was no leachate, dust or any other matter emanating from the stack.

Storage of this material was assessed as being compliant with the requirements of the Environmental Permit.

This material, which is shipped under Annex 7 as a 'Green List' material was accompanied to site by Duty of Care Waste Transfer Notes which were made available for inspection.

This material (EWC 16 11 04) is listed in the 'list of acceptable wastes' in the Environmental Permit.

Generally, waste storage and management of the site appeared to be of a high standard and operations were not in contravention of the Environmental Permit and/or having a detrimental impact on the environment.

On Friday 31st January 2025, operations were assessed as being compliant with the Environmental Permit and no non-compliances were recorded.

#### **Site Layout & Security**

It is noted that the site covers a large area and is in close proximity to a public footpath. The site is not currently accepting/storing flammable/combustible waste such as woodchip and/or Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF).

We discussed potentially reviewing site security measures should operations change and if other wastes that are flammable/combustible start to be accepted at site. In such

circumstances, site security must prevent unauthorised access which can help mitigate the threat of vandalism and arson.

### **Summary**

A regulatory inspection was undertaken on Friday 31st January 2025. No non-compliances were recorded and activities were deemed to be fully compliant with the Environmental Permit.

Duty of Care Waste Transfer Notes for material on site were provided upon request.

Please consider a review of site security should you wish to start accepting flammable/combustible waste material.

Thank you for your time during the inspection.

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***Any compliance criteria not highlighted in the above summary should be considered as not assessed.***

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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.

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