

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0048055

Permit being assessed: XP3691EG.

For: Clays Site, **held by:** William Lewis

At: Bryn Estyn Rd, Llan -y- Pwll, Wrexham, Clwyd, LL13 9UB.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 08/04/2025 between 14:20 and 14:50.

Parts of permit assessed: Schedule 1-Operations.

NRW Lead Officer: Joe Weatherley.

Report sent to: Gemma Christie, Operations Manager, on 22/04/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W2A - Waste - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
W2B - Waste - Operations - Waste recovery plan	Assessed (A)	
W2D - Waste - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
W4A - Waste - Information - Records	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

At 14:20 hours on Tuesday 8th April 2025, Waste Regulation Officer Joe Weatherley attended Clays site to carry out an unannounced, routine site inspection. The purpose of the visit to establish that no more waste had been deposited on site since the last inspection and that the deposits were being used for the purpose of recovery. The officer was accompanied by a site operative, who provided access to the recovery site.

The landscaped areas had become covered in weed growth. The operative explained that the recovery project had been put on hold but was unsure as to why. They stated that the site owner was recovering after recent illness.





Photographs showing existing landscaped areas and unused topsoil

During the last site visit in April 2022, the inspecting officer highlighted several piles of inert waste from construction and demolition that were present. This waste is still being stored on site. The intention is to use it to provide drainage for the golf course. Prior to use it will require treatment (i.e crushing and screening). The site permit doesn't allow for treatment of waste,

as stated in the introductory notes at the start of the permit
"There is to be no pre-treatment of waste prior to use".

In order to carry out treatment a permit variation must be applied for. The application process can take several months and it should be pointed out that there is no guarantee a variation will be granted.





Photographs showing remaining stored waste intended for use in assisting drainage

I should also point out that the site permit allows the operator to store and subsequently use waste for the purpose of recovery. It does not allow for indefinite storage of waste on site.

The purpose of the permit is to facilitate the creation of a golf course using the waste types described in the permit. Despite several estimated completion dates being stated previously by the site owner, the work is incomplete. NRW officers will carry out regular visits to monitor progress and determine whether the purpose of the permit is fulfilled.

Action : Please ensure any remaining stored waste materials are used for this purpose within a reasonable time frame. Provide an estimated date for completion of the golf course.

All site waste returns have been provided and are up to date.

Thankyou for your cooperation in facilitating this visit.

Should you wish to discuss this CAR form or any other matter please get in touch using the details below.

Kind Regards

Joe Weatherley

Waste Regulation Officer (NE Waste Regulation Team)

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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.

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- 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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If you disagree with this compliance assessment report, you should contact the lead officer without delay to discuss your concerns.

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