

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0048391

Permit being assessed: BV9683IH.

For: Teifi Park Abattoir EPR/BV9683IH, **held by:** Dunbia UK

At: Teify Park , LLANYBYDDER, Carmarthenshire, SA40 9QE.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 09/05/2025 between 10:00 and 14:00.

Parts of permit assessed: Management, Operations, Emissions and monitoring, Information.

NRW Lead Officer: Alex Bowder, accompanied by Daren Pike.

Report sent to: Dunbia (UK), Environmental Manager, on 29/05/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR1A - Installations - Management - General Management	Assessed (A)	
IR2A - Installations - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
IR2B - Installations - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
IR2C - Installations - Operations - Operating techniques	Assessed (A)	
IR3C - Installations - Emissions and monitoring - Odour	Assessed (A)	
IR3D - Installations - Emissions and monitoring - Noise and vibration	Assessed (A)	
IR3F - Installations - Emissions and monitoring - Pests	Assessed (A)	
IR4A - Installations - 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

This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) details the comments of Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Officers for the site inspection conducted on 9 May 2025 at Teify Park Abattoir and Meat Processing Plant, Teify Park, Lampeter Road, Llanybydder, Carmarthenshire SA40 9QE for activities undertaken by Dunbia (UK) (the operator) under environmental permit EPR-BV9683IH.

The visit purpose was to conduct a general inspection of permitted activities in the compliance year 2024/25. There were no permit condition non-compliance scores recorded.

Attendees

- Alex Bowder - Senior Regulation Officer, NRW
- Daren Pike - Senior Regulation Officer, NRW
- Environmental Coordinator, Dunbia
- Environmental Manager, Dunbia
- Environmental Graduate, Dunbia

Inspection commentary

At 10:00am NRW officers arrived at the site reception and signed in where they were met by Dunbia staff and taken to the office. A introduction was provided with discussions around the recent permit variation issued to the operator in 2024 (EPR-BV9683IH/V007) to add a new hot water, boiler (MCP) one electric powered, steam boiler, one air source heat, pump, storage tank for white diesel, and relocation of crate wash.

Procedural management documents were discussed and an update on site activities was provided by the operator.

Lairage cleaning

In April 2025, the operator conducted its routine lairage cleaning activity and notified NRW prior to the activity. There were no issues were identified or reported with regard to amenity for this event. The waste is typically accumulated and collected via tanker to be transported offsite. The operator spoke of potential changes to the material management with regard to this work area going forward.

The operator discussed a change to the lairage material offsite disposal destination, which was routinely being sent for agricultural appliance. Site intentions are to send the accumulated lairage waste to anaerobic digestion plants for further processing. This should not impact the activity

codes, however raised the point around the disposal and recovery codes listed in the permit, and the need to consider any changes to waste return submissions. The operator was also reminded to update any management systems when any site changes are implemented so that procedures reflect the current activities.

Tour of process

Following the discussion in the office a tour of the factory was conducted. Officers witnessed parts of the beef and lamb process lines and asked how the drainage channels worked within the respective rooms. The operator informed officers about the different categories for segregation of animal parts (1 – 3) dictated by the Animal By-products Regulations, which sets out specific requirements regarding disposal and use.

Officers walked around the outside looking at: (i) effluent treatment plant (ii) blood tanks (iii), steam and hot water boilers, (iv) crate wash area, and (v) rear of site.

Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP)

The operator explained the cleaning regime for the DAF units, which is done routinely as part of planned maintenance and cleaning schedules; a daily check document was produced and checked. This was confirmed to be being carried out by ETP operative and commented with a pass result. The Preventive Maintenance System generates the site actions to be carried out, accompanied by the SCADA control system used for controlling the parameter levels and associated dosing mechanisms.

All chemicals used in the effluent process were stored within IBCs placed on appropriate secondary containment bunding. The plant possesses the ability to recirculate effluent if a fault or compliance issue is detected.

Drainage network

Officer enquired into the site drainage maintenance and specifically queried how a potential blockage would be detected at the discharge point (or within the drainage network onsite). It was commented that this would be a visual issue with flow and would be rectified by facilities staff. Boundary checks of W2 were verified to be carried out on a monthly basis.

Odour management

The operator has an Odour Management Plan (OMP) that identifies all the potential odour sources within the boundary and the offsite sensitive receptors. Onsite odour assessments are conducted by staff weekly at six locations (AS 1 - 6) and rated on a scale of 0 - 7 intensity. Offsite assessments are conducted on a monthly basis at ten locations (AR 1- 10).

The operator has increased the frequency of its offsite odour assessments to bimonthly. The officer inspected recent odour assessment forms completed on 3 and 8 April 2025; no odour above 2 intensity was detected at any location on either report.

Carbon filters are used as an odour abatement measure with two units onsite for beef and lamb. Officers queried how frequently the carbon filters are replaced, which are done biannually. A preventative maintenance check was shown by the operator evidencing this.

Incident management

The operator has strict procedures in place in the event of any report received with regard to noise or odour amenity issues. The future NRW notification template sent from the Incident Communication Centre (ICC) in reported events will be updated with current contact information and response wording.

The officers returned to the office for an inspection summary and left site at 14:00.

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END OF REPORT

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 Industry compliance criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

1. Management

- IR1A – General management
- IR1B – Finance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR1C – Energy efficiency
- IR1D - Efficient use of raw materials
- IR1E - Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities
- IR1F - Multiple operator installations

2. Operations

- IR2A – Permitted activities
- IR2B – The site
- IR2C – Operating techniques
- IR2D – Technical requirements
- IR2E – Improvement programme
- IR2F – Pre-operational conditions
- IR2G – Landfill engineering (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2H – Waste acceptance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2I – Leachate levels (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2J – Closure and aftercare (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2K – Landfill gas management (only applicable to Landfill)

3. Emission and Monitoring

- IR3A – Emissions to water, air or land
- IR3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- IR3C – Odour
- IR3D – Noise and vibration
- IR3E – Monitoring
- IR3F – Pests
- IR3G – Air quality management plans
- IR3H – Monitoring for the purposes of the Industrial Emissions Directive (this heading includes Large Combustion Plants)
- IR3I – Fire

4. Information

- IR4A – Records
- IR4B – Reporting
- IR4C – 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

We are committed to establishing Natural Resources Wales as a naturally bilingual organisation. We will provide compliance reports in your preferred language.