

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0049010

Permit being assessed: BP0237402

For: Duns Lane/Park street CSO, held by DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

At: Dunns Lane/Park Street, Mumbles, Swansea, Swansea, SA3 4BX.

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

On 10/07/2025, between 09:12 and 09:35.

Parts of permit assessed: Management, Operations, Emissions and Monitoring

NRW Lead Officer: Sarah Bennett.

Report sent to: CARS@dwrcymru, CARS Mailbox, on 31/07/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-A1 - Water Quality - Management - General management	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B1 - Water Quality - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B2 - Water Quality - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B3 - Water Quality - Operations - Operating techniques	Assessed (A)	
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	Action only (X)	
WQ-A1 - Water Quality - Management - General management	Action only (X)	
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	Action only (X)	

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-C1	Please could you confirm which chamber houses the overflow structure and EDM. Is there a screen in this chamber? A photograph would be useful.	18/12/2025
WQ-A1	Please confirm if there is a tidal flex within the outfall that we could not see.	18/12/2025
WQ-C1	Please can you submit the initial report, which should propose a full investigation into the operation of the overflow. If you have already completed an investigation and found the reasons for the exceedance please submit a Trigger Exceedance Reasons Report instead.	28/11/2025

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

This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) relates to a site inspection of Dunns Lane/Park Street Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) on the 10nd July 2025. The weather was dry during our visit and on the days preceding the inspection. We were accompanied by DCWW staff.

In addition to the inspection report, I have also reviewed the Event Duration Monitoring (EDM) 2024 data submitted to us and any completed actions from previous CARs.

The permit for Dunns Lane CSO allows the discharge of storm sewage as defined by the permit conditions via an outfall onto the top of Swansea beach at Mumbles.

During the inspection it was established that the CSO is on a 1-3 month maintenance schedule. The frequency of visits is determined by known risks and information gathered during visits.

According to the plan in the permit, the overflow structure is located in the middle of the Dunns Lane at the end of Park Street. There are a number of covers in the road and we were unable to safely establish which housed the overflow structure and EDM monitor.

Action: Please could you confirm which chamber houses the overflow structure and EDM. Is there a screen in this chamber? A photograph would be useful.

The discharge point was at the location described in the permit. We inspected the outfall which is hard up against the sea wall. There was no tidal flap and pebbles had built up in the end of the pipe. There was no evidence that the CSO had discharged recently.

Action: Please confirm if there is a tidal flex within the outfall that we could not see.

The CSO has an overflow setting of 62 l/s. The spill trigger limit was exceeded in 2023 and 2024. Investigations into the exceedance indicate that the root cause is rainfall related and not a failure to pass forward the correct flows.

Whilst we were unable to inspect the overflow chamber where the EDM is located, we were able to inspect the screen chamber which is located in a carpark. As required by the permit a 6 x 6 mm screen was present. The static wave screen and chamber was clean with no signs of debris or indications that it had recently been full.

The discharge from this CSO is subject to a spill trigger limit of 5 during the bathing water

season. The submitted EDM data for 2024 shows that there were 9 spills during the bathing season lasting for a total of 9.25 hours. During the whole of 2024, 26 spills occurred lasting for a total of 16.75 hours.

We were unable to locate the EDM monitor as it was unsafe to work in the road. The EDM reported data for 99.28% of the time in 2024. We were also unable to determine if a storm sewage sample could be taken at the point of overflow, however, it is possible that one could be taken in the screen chamber.

Review of previous CAR actions.

CAR_NRW0045717 asked you to submit an initial report into the trigger exceedance by the 2 December 2024.

Action: Please can you submit the initial report, which should propose a full investigation into the operation of the overflow. If you have already completed an investigation and found the reasons for the exceedance please submit a Trigger Exceedance Reasons Report instead.

Thank you.

End.

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 to 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
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property

If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?

In line with our guidance, we may suspend non-compliance for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. These will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

Full list of water quality action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**WQ A: Management**

- WQ-A1 General management

WQ B: Operations

- WQ-B1 Permitted activities
- WQ-B2 The site
- WQ-B3 Operating techniques
- WQ-B4 Improvement programme
- WQ-B5 Pre-operational conditions

WQ C: Emissions and monitoring

- WQ-C1 Emissions to water
- WQ-C2 Emissions to land
- WQ-C3 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- WQ-C4 Installation of monitoring boreholes

WQ D: Information

- WQ-D1 Records
- WQ-D2 Reporting
- WQ-D3 Notifications

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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- 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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