

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0048897

Permit being assessed: VP3794FN.

For: A S H Bretton Recycling Centre, **held by:** Alan's Skip Hire Limited

At: Broughton Mill Road, Bretton, Flintshire, CH4 0BY.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Incident Response (Incident number 2506537).

On: 15/07/2025 between 14:30 and 15:10.

Parts of permit assessed: 3 (3.1.1) Emissions and Monitoring.

NRW Lead Officer: Joe Weatherley, accompanied by George Nuttall.

Report sent to: Steve Rymill, Director, on 04/08/2025.

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	Action only (X)	

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?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
W1A	Ensure activities are managed and operated in accordance with the site Environmental Management System and Dust Management Plan. Repair damage to netting. Carry out the necessary repairs to the BlueMAC machine. Ensure spray bars situated in storage bays have sufficient water output and area coverage. Ensure the resulting materials from the Blue Mac operation are removed from site upon production or stored in a covered bay, rather than being left out in the discharge bay.	16/08/2025

Compliance 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 report supercedes the CARs report originally sent out to Ash Bretton on 22/07/2025.

At 14:30 hours on Tuesday 15th July 2025, NRW Waste Regulation Officer, Joe Weatherley and Environment Officer George Nuttall attended ASH Bretton Recycling Centre. The purpose of the visit was to investigate reports of fugitive dust emissions coming from the site. Upon arrival the officers were greeted by site operatives who provided information and accompanied the officers during the inspection.

Upon relating the nature of the reports to the site manager, the officers were informed that difficulties had been experienced around dust control due to the recent spells of hot and dry weather and wind.

The site employs a machine known as a BlueMAC to sort the fine particles remaining from the initial sorting process. The machine has a conveyor belt along which the fines are carried before leaving the machine. The conveyor belt should have coverings to prevent dust from leaving the machine during processing. The central cover is missing from the conveyor belt and may cause dust to be emitted from this machine when operating.

Action : Please put in the repairs required for the BlueMAC machine. Do not use the BlueMAC machine until this is actioned, as per point 4.4.5 of the site Management System.



BlueMAC machine with centre conveyor belt cover missing.

The site has netting situated behind the BlueMAC machine, atop the north westerly boundary, as set out in point 4.4.6 of the site Management plan. This is to help minimise the amount of litter that may escape from the site. The netting has been damaged in several places and needs replacing or repairing in order to be effective.

Action: Please replace or repair the damaged netting along the north westerly boundary.



Netting on site boundary showing damage/disrepair.

Upon exiting the BlueMAC machine, the fines empty out into a bay bounded by concrete block on either side. This material is usually transported away to another facility for further

treatment on a regular basis. The other facility has been temporarily out of service for maintenance. As a result of this, at the time of the inspection the pile of material was unusually high due to not being removed for several days. This increases the likelihood of dust from the material becoming airborne.

Action : Please ensure regular removal of fine materials from this process off site. Alternatively: Either store in a covered bay that has the benefit of a spray bar to damp the material down when necessary. Or, in anticipation of the maintenance programme at the other site, limit the amount of waste brought in for processing.



Resulting pile of fine material from BlueMAC process.

Condition 1.1.1 (a) of the site permit states *"The operator shall manage and operate the activities: in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances, closure and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints "*

Although the officers saw no evidence of dust leaving the site during the visit, they believe this may be happening. Please ensure that dust control measures at the site, the site Dust Management Plan is enacted during periods of hot, dry weather to ensure that dust does not escape the site and impact on neighbouring businesses.

If it is perceived site operations will be causing excessive amounts of dust to leave the site and the Dust Management Plan would not be sufficient to keep the dust levels to a

minimum then site operations must cease until this has been addressed and the Dust Management Plan reviewed.

Thank you for facilitating this visit.

Should you wish to discuss the contents of this report, please don't hesitate to contact me using the details provided below.

Kind Regards

Joe Weatherley

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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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