

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0049454

Permit being assessed: AB3895CN.

For: Byass Works, **held by:** A W D Group Ltd

At: Byass Works, The Docks, Port Talbot, Neath Port Talbot, SA13 1RS.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 18/09/2025 between 11:30 and 13:00.

Parts of permit assessed: W1, W2, W3.

NRW Lead Officer: David Morgan.

Report sent to: David Morgan, Commercial Director, on 23/09/2025.

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)	
W3C - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Odour	Assessed (A)	
W3D - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Noise and vibration	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 Thursday 18th September 2025. Present at the time of the inspection were: David Morgan (Natural Resources Wales) and David Morgan (Commercial Director, AWD Group).

During the previous inspection, which took place on 9th June 2023, no non-compliances were recorded. The inspection on Thursday 18th September 2025 was the first inspection since 9th June 2023.

On Thursday 18th September 2025, the following observations were made:

Materials Acceptance and Treatment

All waste on site appeared to conform with the list of acceptable wastes in the Environmental Permit.

An inspection of the processing area was undertaken. Incoming plastic waste was being sorted at a picking line where scrap metal, Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), black plastics and other contaminants were separated and temporarily stored different bays under the picking line.

A discussion was held with staff on the picking line where staff showed a good understanding of the process and their responsibilities in relation to compliance with the permit. This suggests training through 'toolbox talks' is taking place and is effective.

Following sorting on the picking line, selected plastics are then taken for granulation on site inside the building.

It was noted that UPVC waste is not granulated on site at the current time.

Waste Storage

Waste is stored outside in the open yard in stacks of pre-sorted material, contrary waste (destined for landfill) and other recyclable materials (e.g. scrap metal, WEEE).

We discussed the storage requirements in relation to stack sizes and it was agreed that a

follow-up visit would take place in the near future where the focus of the inspection would be on measuring dimensions of waste stacks (including relevant firebreaks).

Waste must be stored in a manner that is compliant with the Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan, based on relevant guidance.

We discussed the risk of self-ignition from WEEE items in the pre-sorted plastic waste.

At the time of the inspection, granulated plastics were stored in large 1/2 tonne sacks in the building.

Management Systems

Copies of both the Environmental Permit and Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan were available on site when requested. Please ensure these documents are up to date with most recent versions and staff on site know where to find these documents.

Summary & Next Inspection

A site inspection was undertaken on Thursday 18th September 2025. Wastes on site were as listed in the permit and all waste was clearly separated and segregated.

When asked, staff on site had a good understanding of the processes and their role in achieving compliance on site.

No non-compliances with the permit were recorded during the inspection.

Natural Resources Wales will undertake a follow-up inspection on **Friday 7th November 2025** where the focus of the inspection will be:

- Site Boundary Checks (ensuring waste is not escaping site & site security)
- Compliance with the Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan
- End-of-waste Quality Protocols

Thank you for your time during the inspection.

END OF REPORT

Any compliance criteria not highlighted in the above summary should be considered as not assessed. In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resource Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012. You should note that the Natural Resources Body for Wales has been formed by bringing together the Countryside Council for Wales, Forestry Commission Wales and Environment Agency Wales. The Natural Resources Body for Wales has been empowered to exercise Welsh devolved functions since 1 st April 2013 and has, generally, taken over the responsibilities of the Countryside

Council for Wales, the Forestry Commissioners and the Environment Agency for Wales.

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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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.

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