

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0049144

Permit being assessed: AB3294CP

For: Nos. 1-6 Lord Russell Close and Nos. 1-8 and 10 Harold Close, held by St Nicholas Residents Management Company Limited

At: Nos. 1-6 Lord Russell Close and Nos. 1-8 and 10 Harold Close, Trellech, Monmouthshire, NP25 4UA.

Type of assessment carried out: Check Monitoring/Sampling, Reason: Routine.

On 29/07/2025, between 12:40 and 13:00.

Parts of permit assessed: 3.1.2

NRW Lead Officer: Simon Worrall, accompanied by: Peter Jones.

Report sent to: S Rodden, Director, on 14/10/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C2 Significant	3.1.2

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	Improve operation s	30/09/2025

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.

You are non-compliant with your permit.

We are currently considering taking enforcement action against you for the non-compliance recorded above. We will contact you in due course.

4. Details of our assessment

Following a previous breach of permit condition 3.1.2 on the 27 November 2024, which you were notified of in CAR_NRW0045894 and issued with a warning. A second sample of the final effluent was collected at 12:40 on the 29 July 2025, from the final effluent sample point by Senior Environment Officer Simon Worrall and Environment Officer Peter Jones. At the time of the inspection there was a continuous flow of final effluent into the sample point chamber and the

effluent could clearly be seen exiting the sample chamber.

Section 3 of your permit, Emissions and monitoring, sets out the limits for substances which can be discharged to the Penarth Brook at grid reference SO 50229 05631. The point source emissions to water, and their limits are set out in Schedule 3, Emissions and monitoring on page 8 of the permit.

The sample taken on the 29 July produced a result of:

12.2 mg/l for Total Phosphorous. This figure has breached the permitted maximum limit for Total Phosphorous by a figure of 12. The permitted maximum limit for Total Phosphorous set out in schedule 3 is 1 mg/l.

16.1 mg/l for BOD, the permitted limit is 6 mg/l

48 mg/l for ammonia, the permitted limit is 3 mg/l

We have classed this noncompliance as a Category 2 breach which could have a significant environmental effect. We will now consider our enforcement response and will be in touch with you shortly.

The final effluent discharge point into the Penarth Brook at grid reference SO 50229 05631 was also checked to assess for any visual impact to the receiving water. There was no flow from the final effluent discharge point. The final discharge point has been checked on previous occasions and each time a no flow has been observed. To try and confirm this is the correct location of the final effluent discharge point, fluorescence dye was added to the final effluent at the final effluent sample point adjacent to the treatment plant. Despite checking the discharge point for a number of hours there was no discharge from the final effluent point. The officers also checked a number of chambers on the rising main leading from the treatment plant to the discharge point. There was no flow visible in any of the chambers checked.

The site plan in schedule 7, page 14 of the permit shows the location of the final effluent point, rising main and pumping station which is linked to the treatment works. The permitted discharge volume from the works is 9 m³/day, typically for a discharge of this size, flow from the final effluent point can usually be observed. Can you please confirm the final effluent point listed in the permit is correct and details on how the pumping station operates. Please include details on the capacity of the wet well in cubic meters and the frequency of the flow being passed forward by the pumping station to the final effluent discharge point.

If you have any queries regarding this CAR please get in contact with me by e-mail or telephone using the details provided below.

E-mail: Peter.A.Jones@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Mobile telephone: 07760443974

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:

- 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 20 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 – 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

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