

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0049788

Permit being assessed: XB3893HN.

For: Taybrite Works, **held by:** Browns Waste Management & Recycling

At: Hoel Y Bwlch, Bynea, Llanelli, SA14 9ST.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 17/10/2025 between 10:30 and 11:30.

Parts of permit assessed: W1A.

NRW Lead Officer: David Morgan.

Report sent to: Mathew Roderick, Director, on 27/10/2025.

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	C2 Significant	1.1.1 (a)

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
1	31

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	You must operate activities in line with a written management system that identifies and minimises risk of pollution	05/12/2025

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.

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

A routine site inspection was undertaken on Friday 17th October 2025. The following observations were made:

Area Odour & Pest Assessment

Prior to the inspection, Natural Resources Wales officers carried out odour assessments in the area surrounding the site. Officers made assessments at the Bynea Car Park, on the cycle path, Heol-y-Bwlch Road and outside the site entrance. Weather conditions were noted as being dry with no wind.

At the time odour assessments were conducted, on Friday 17th October 2025, odour from site operations was not detected off-site. Seagulls were present, but were not deemed to be causing a nuisance or disruption to leisure and business activities.

There were no signs of other pests (rodents/vermin etc.) in the area.

Operations were assessed as not having a detrimental impact on the amenity.

Site Inspection

Following off-site odour and pests assessments, a site inspection was undertaken.

At the time of the inspection, there were large volumes of waste on site. The site appeared to be at full capacity. Both buildings were full, waste was stored outside and wastes were not segregated (stored separately). Stacks of waste need to be stored away from boundary walls and waste stacks must have firebreaks.

Plastic baled waste outside the main building was very odorous with a strong, sweet, sickly waste-type odour. Although not noticed off-site, it is reasonable to assume, with stronger winds, this odour would have a significant detrimental impact on the local amenity.

This waste was also showing high levels of fly activity. Large volumes of flies were present, although evidence of fly breeding was not found on site on this occasion. It was suggested that pest management contractors were contacted and action taken (fly spray) urgently.

In an onsite discussion, it was suggested by Browns Waste Management & Recycling that the site had been experiencing staffing issues and material process times were longer than usual. It was acknowledged that the current levels of waste being stored on site was not standard operating procedure.

It is accepted that staffing issues may lead to complications in processing material, but in those instances, you must have contingencies to ensure risk is effectively managed. Contingency measures should be listed in the Environment Management System.

At the time of the inspection, risks of amenity related issues (pests, odour) and risk of fire

were not being managed. As large volumes of waste are stored on site with no firebreaks or quarantine area, in the event of an incident occurring, efforts to respond to incidents would be seriously hindered by lack of workable space. It is likely that should a fire incident occur (as that which occurred in 2022), it would result in a major fire and require commitment of significant amount of resources by emergency services.

A non-compliance was recorded (Category 2 - Significant)(Ref: W1A) against Condition 1.1.1 (a) of the Environmental Permit

You must ensure that activities are operated in line with a written management system that identifies and minimises the risk of pollution.

You must reduce the volume of waste on site so it can be safely and effectively managed.

Natural Resources Wales requires you to review and update the site's Environment Management System.

A planned follow-up inspection will be undertaken on Friday 5th December 2025.

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 1st 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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