

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0049958

Permit being assessed: AP3398FW.

For: A48 Auto Salvage, **held by:** Stephen Marchant

At: Stormy Down, Bridgend, Glamorgan, CF32 0NP.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 06/11/2025 between 11:45 and 12:15.

Parts of permit assessed: W1A, W2A, W2D, W2E, W4A, W4B.

NRW Lead Officer: Daniel Hopkin, accompanied by Marc Campbell.

Report sent to: Gavin Marchant , Site operator, on 19/11/2025.

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)	
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	C3 Minor	Condition A of the EPR Amendments 2018
W4B - Waste - Information - Reporting	C4 No impact	6.1.1

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
2	4.1

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	Please send us a copy of your WAMITAB certificate for us to update our records.	05/12/2025
W1A	Please always keep a copy of your permit and EMS in the site office, available to all staff working at the site.	Already completed
W4B	Please submit your waste returns for the 2023 and 2024 period.	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.

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

A48 Autosalvage (EPR/AP3398FW) – 06/11/2025

Officers Daniel Hopkin and Marc Campbell attended the permitted facility of A48 Autosalvage at The Old Quarry Road, Heol-Y-Splot, Stormy Down, Bridgend, CF32 0NP on the 6th of November 2025 to undertake a routine site inspection. A48 Autosalvage hold a bespoke permit. We arrived at 11:45, the weather was overcast with little rain during the inspection.

Site Infrastructure

On arrival we were met by the site operator who showed us around and answered our questions. At the site entrance they had clear signage and a clear site identification board in line with permit condition 4.2 Provision of site identification board.

The site had a new hard standing as you entered which ensured no mud or debris would leave and there was no water pooling in this area, meeting the standard set out in Table 3.1 of the permit, for a) Hardstanding.

All depolluted vehicles were being stored appropriately and well within the allowed limit of 1000 cars, this is in accordance with Table 2.1. At the time of the inspection there were no vehicles on site waiting to be depolluted.

We were shown designated skips on site as shown in the sites SM/002 plan for waste removed such as tyres. Waste batteries were stored securely indoors under cover with no water ingress.

The operator demonstrated they had sufficient contingencies in place if the waste oil leaked from the storage containers, this included being stored on an impermeable surface and an area to catch any spilt oil. There were also spill kits available in the depolluting bay if needed.

The site benefited from good security measures, this included high perimeter fences and a large lockable gate that remains secure when the site is unattended. This is compliant with condition 4.1 Site security.

Site paperwork

The site currently holds a valid and up-to-date WAMITAB certificate, confirming that the technically competent manager meets the required standards for waste management operations. The current certificate expires on the 12/11/2026.

Action: Please send us a copy of your WAMITAB certificate for us to update our records. Please complete this by the 5th of December 2025.

As part of this inspection, we discussed waste codes of some of the components that are taken off the vehicles and removed from site. I was given a selection of waste transfer notes to look at, the waste codes for tyres, batteries and catalyst converters were all coded correctly.

W1A - General Management

As per [The Environmental Protection \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2018 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#), you are required under "PART 3 'Waste operations: management and technical competence conditions' to manage and operate the waste operation in accordance with a system (a "written management system").

How to comply with your environmental permit states - *"Staff and contractors must be aware of the permit requirements, have convenient access to the permit and management system, any relevant standard rules, and understand how the site management system works. It is not always practical to have the permit at the site of the activity, but the relevant documents must be readily available to anyone responsible for the operation of the activity."*

During the inspection it was confirmed that the permit and relevant documents i.e. environmental management system (EMS) was not kept on site. Making sure these documents are readily available to anyone responsible for operations on site is a vital part to the site operations, and failure to have these documents readily available constitutes a category 3 (minor) breach of the permit.

Action: Please always keep a copy of your permit and EMS in the site office, available to all staff working at the site. Please complete this by the 5th of December 2025.

Waste returns**W4B – Reporting**

Permit condition 6.1.1 – *"A summary of the waste types and quantities accepted and the waste types and quantities removed from the site shall be made for each financial year and shall be submitted to the Agency within 1 month following the end of that year. The summary record shall be in the format specified in Appendix B, and shall include the specified information."*

During the site inspection I discussed with you that we are missing your 2023 and 2024 annual waste returns. These waste returns are to be submitted within 1 month following the end of that year. This constitutes a category 4 (no environmental impact) breach of condition 6.1.1.

Action: Please submit your waste returns for the 2023 and 2024 period. Please complete this by

the 5th of December 2025.

Thank you for your time during the inspection. The site inspection concluded at 12:15.

If you have any queries regarding this Compliance Assessment Report, please contact me on the details below.

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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.

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 twenty 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 to 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

Welsh Language Standards

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