

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0049961

**Permit being assessed:** BN0047801

For: FFOSHELYG CARAVAN PARK CILCERNIN, held by C WILLIAMS

At: FFOSHELYG CARAVAN PARK CILCERNNI, CILCERNIN LAMPETER, LAMPETER, LAMPETER, LAMPETER.

**Type of assessment carried out:** Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 19/09/2025, between 13:25 and 13:47.

Parts of permit assessed: See criteria listed below

**NRW Lead Officer:** Bethan Lewis.

**Report sent to:** Mrs C Williams, Permit holder, on 21/11/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-A1 - Water Quality - Management - General management	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B1 - Water Quality - Operations - Permitted activities	C3 Minor	3(a)
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	Action only (X)	

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

### 2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-B1	Comply with condition 3(a), or apply for a new Environmental Permit to enable you to carry out a different discharge activity to that specified in permit BN0047801.	21/05/2026
WQ-C1	Monitor grease levels at the sample point and install grease traps if necessary to avoid causing pollution to the environment.	21/02/2026

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.**

**At this time, we are issuing you with a warning for the non-compliance recorded above. Warnings may influence future enforcement response for continued or further non-compliance.**

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 was a pre-planned site inspection of Ffoshelyg Caravan Park's discharge permit BN0047801 undertaken by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) officer Bethan Lewis. The NRW officer was accompanied during the site inspection by the permit holder.

The site inspection commenced at 13:25 hours on the 19 September 2025 and concluded at 13:47 hours.

The septic tank at Ffoshelyg Caravan Park serves all caravans at the site, in addition to one property. The septic tank is located at approximately SN 52006 60966 and was installed ten years ago. The septic tank is shown in photograph 1 below. The septic tank is deluged every September by a licenced waste carrier and was last deslugged two weeks before the date of the site inspection.



*Photograph 1: Septic tank*

Effluent exiting the septic tank discharges to a filter bed which predates the septic tank. The filter bed is shown in photograph 2 below.



*Photograph 2: Filter bed*

Effluent discharging from the filter bed passes an effluent sample point at SN 52010 60953 as shown in photograph 3 below. At the time of the inspection, grease was visible at the surface of the effluent at the sample point. The NRW officer did not however notice any significant odour. Although the presence of grease does not necessarily represent a breach of permit, NRW ask the permit holder to monitor grease levels at the sample point and install grease traps if necessary to avoid causing pollution to the environment. A deadline of the **21 February 2026** has been assigned for this.



*Photograph 3: Sample point*

After passing the sample point, effluent discharges to ground via a soakaway within a field at SN 52005 60940, as shown in photograph 4 below. The field did not appear waterlogged at the time of the inspection, and the NRW officer did not notice any visible signs of pollution.



*Photograph 4: Soakaway*

Condition 3(a) of the permit states that the discharge must be made into the Nant Carmel. It was stated at the time of the inspection that the sewage treatment system at Ffoshelyg Caravan Park previously discharged to a watercourse, however the system was changed many years ago to discharge to ground. As this represents a breach under condition 3(a), a category 3 non-compliance has been recorded above for a non-compliance that has the potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property. To rectify this non-compliance, the permit holder is asked to comply with condition 3(a), or apply for a new Environmental Permit to carry out a different discharge activity to that specified in permit BN0047801 by the **21 May 2026**. Further information on how to apply for a new Environmental Permit, including the associated costs, can be found under the below webpage:

<https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/water-discharges-and-septic-tanks/septic-tanks-and-private-sewage-systems/apply-for-a-permit-to-discharge-domestic-sewage/?lang=en>

The permit holder should be aware that NRW offer a pre-application advice service which can be utilised before applying for an Environmental Permit. Further information on this pre-application advice service can be found under the below webpage:

<https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/environmental-permits/pre-application-advice-for-environmental-permits/?lang=en>

NRW wish to thank the permit holder for accompanying the NRW officer at the time of the above site inspection. If they wish to discuss the contents of this Compliance Assessment Report (CAR), or require an extension to any of the above deadlines, we encourage them to contact the NRW officer noted above.

*In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) order 2012.*

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.

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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 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](mailto:enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk) for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

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