

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0048705

**Permit being assessed:** DB3497HA.

**For:** Blancomet- Cardiff, **held by:** Blancomet Recycling UK Limited

**At:** Unit 18C, Freemans Parc, Penarth Road, Cardiff, Cardiff, CF11 8EQ.

**Type of assessment:** Site Inspection,

**Reason:** Routine.

**On:** 20/06/2025 between 11:15 and 11:45.

**Parts of permit assessed:** Pre-Operational.

**NRW Lead Officer:** Elysia Lovelock, accompanied by Daniel Hopkin.

**Report sent to:** Operator, Operator, on 04/12/2025.

### 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)	

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

Senior officer Elysia Lovelock and Enforcement Apprentice Daniel Hopkin, attended Unit 18C Freemans Parc, Penarth Road, Cardiff, CF11 8EQ on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to conduct an initial inspection of the recently permitted facility, in relation to environmental permit EPR/DB3497HA, issued 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025.

The Operator, Blancomet Recycling UK Limited, hold a Tier 3 bespoke permit for a metal recycling site. Treatment operations are limited to manual sorting and/or separation; and bulking up for onwards transfer for the purpose of recovery, with a maximum quantity for waste accepted and processed on site of 4,150 tonnes per year.

The Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016 place a duty on regulators to undertake appropriate periodic inspections of regulated facilities (regulation 34(2)).

On our arrival, at approximately 1115am, officers met the Site Manager Mr Erikas Siaciulis and were informed that the premises is not yet operational.

Some general information was provided to Mr Siaciulis concerning the permit, the role of the regulator, subsistence fees, Technical Competence, Compliance Assessment Reports, scoring and fees, waste returns, the Public Register and Enforcement Options available to the Regulator etc.

The Environmental Management System B.PT.EMS.2307.v2 and Fire Prevention Mitigation Plan B.PT.FPP.2307.V2 developed by the sites Technically Competent Manager were discussed. Please ensure a copy of these documents are accessible on site, once operational.

### Hazardous Waste

Please be aware that as a hazardous waste producer in Wales, you have certain obligations under the Hazardous Waste (Wales) Regulations 2005. One of these obligations is to report quarterly returns to Natural Resources Wales (NRW). The quarterly returns must provide details about the hazardous waste that you have produced, collected, recycled or disposed of during the previous three months.

The following are the steps you should take to fulfil your obligations regarding reporting quarterly returns to NRW:

1. **Register with NRW:** If you produce more than 500kg of hazardous waste in a year, you must register to be a hazardous waste producer. You can do this by following [this link](#) which has more details guidance.
2. **Collect information:** Keep records of all the hazardous waste you produce, collect, recycle or dispose of during each quarter.
3. **Prepare the report:** Use the NRW's electronic reporting system to prepare and submit your quarterly returns. The system will ask for information such as the quantity and type of waste, its method of treatment or disposal, and the name and address of the person or company who received it.
4. **Submit the report:** Submit the completed quarterly returns to NRW by the deadline specified by them. The deadlines are usually 28 days after the end of each quarter

(i.e. by 28th April, 28th July, 28th October, and 28th January).

5. **Keep records:** Keep a copy of the completed quarterly returns for at least two years, as NRW may request to see them.

This is all outlined in Natural Resources Wales guidance page, [here](#).

Failure to comply with your reporting obligations can result in enforcement action being taken against you. Therefore, it is important to ensure that you fulfil your obligations and submit your quarterly returns on time.

Whilst it is normally the case that we conduct unannounced inspections without prior notice to verify compliance, as a site walk over/familiarisation is still required, once the facility is up and running, please get in touch and we can arrange an inspection.

We thank you for your time during the inspection.

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](mailto: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](mailto:ask@ombudsman.wales)

### **Welsh Language Standards**

We are committed to establishing Natural Resources Wales as a naturally bilingual organisation. We will provide compliance reports in your preferred language.