

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0050133

Permit being assessed: DB3391CQ.

For: 1 Acre Farm, **held by:** G W Lewis & Sons Ltd

At: Springfield Hill, Pentre Halkyn, Holywell, CH8 8BA.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 11/12/2025 between 11:25 and 11:45.

Parts of permit assessed: 1.1.1, waste returns, TCM, waste storage, waste acceptance, .

NRW Lead Officer: Boguslawa Pierzchala.

Report sent to: Geraint Lewis, Owner , on 29/12/2025.

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	C3 Minor	2.3.1
W4B - Waste - Information - Reporting	Ongoing (O)	4.2.2
W2E - Waste - Operations - Waste acceptance	Assessed (A)	
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	Action only (X)	

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
1	4

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	Action: Please store contaminated waste on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage system.	31/01/2026
W4B	Please revise the waste returns for 2024 and re-submit by no later than the 31st of January 2026	31/01/2026

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
W1A	Please provide your WAMITAB certificate for our record	09/01/2026

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

On Thursday the 11th of December 2025 Natural Resources Wales (NRW) officers attended at G W Lewis & Sons Ltd site.

This was a planned and announced visit, due to Mr Lewis' commitments.

Mr Lewis, the site owner, accompanied the officer throughout the inspection.

The site's infrastructure has improved, with an additional part of the yard concreted to provide impermeable storage for ELVs.

The depollution area was checked and appeared in order.

W1A General Management

Environmental Management System (EMS) and Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan (FPMP).

Environmental Management System (EMS) and Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan (FPMP) have been re-submitted to NRW and will be assessed.

General management - Waste storage

It was noted that mixed metal and plastic parts, some with visible oil residue were stored in two piles on permeable ground.



Waste stored in a pile on permeable ground

Permit condition 2.3 Operating techniques states:

2.3.1 The activities shall be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in **Table 2.3** below.

1. Fully depolluted end-of-life vehicles, uncontaminated plastic, glass and ferrous and non-ferrous metal wastes arising from the treatment of end-of-life vehicles shall be stored on hard standing or an impermeable surface with sealed drainage system. **All other wastes shall be stored on an**

impermeable surface with sealed drainage system.

This is a breach of the above-mentioned permit condition and subsequently has been assigned a **C3** score.

Action: Please store contaminated waste on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage system. Please comply by the **31st January 2026**.

Tyres stored on site.

Waste tyres were seen stored stacked up but also in piles in several places around the site. This waste stream can be stored on permeable surface but please ensure that the storage of tyres and all waste is as described in the site EMS/FPMP to minimise environmental and fire risk.

W4B Reporting – waste returns

A review of the waste returns submissions for permit EPR-DB3391CQ has been completed.

Please note there is an outstanding action relating to the 2024 Waste returns as It was noted that not all waste leaving site had been recorded on the form. Please revise the waste returns and re-submit by no later than the **31st of January 2026**

W1A General Management**Technical competence for waste operations . Technically Competent Manager TCM**

Mr Lewis is the TCM for the site.

Action: Please provide your certificate for NRW records by no later than the **9th of January 2026**.

Thank you for your time during the visit please find my contact details below.

Kind regards,

Boguslawa Pierzchala Waste regulation Officer (Waste Regulation Team)

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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.

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