

Habitats Regulations Assessment by the authorising team

This form should be completed by the authorising team.

AUTHORISING TEAM: Newport Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Environment Team

APPLICANT: Emma Smith, Senior Permitting Officer, Installations and RSR Permitting, Permitting Service

APPLICATION DATE: 03/02/2026

TYPE OF AUTHORISATION: Variation to add to an existing permit a new medium combustion plant (MCP)

PROJECT DETAILS: PAN-025512 Bryn Power Ltd. Gelliargwellt Farm Anaerobic Digester Facility.

1. We have carefully considered the Form 1 HRA report provided with this application, and we consider that it adequately addresses the potential implications for any European sites potentially affected by the project. We note that, where relevant, the necessary consultation has taken place with the ANCB and that their representations have been properly taken into account. On this basis, we adopt the reasoning and conclusions of the HRA report provided. Any additional comments are noted below.
- ~~2. We have carefully considered the Form 1 HRA report provided with this application and we have discussed the HRA with applicant. We are not satisfied that the applicant's HRA adequately addresses the potential implications for European sites. Our main reasons for this are summarised below. We have carried out our HRA which is recorded in the attached HRA report.~~
- ~~3. We note that no HRA report has been provided with this application and we are satisfied that the project does not require an HRA. Any additional comments are noted below.~~

E.J. Sharp

Signed:

Name: Emma Sharp, Officer 2 (Conservation), Newport, Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Environment Team

Date: 13/02/2026

Additional comments by the authorising team:

I agree with the content and conclusions of the HRA report submitted by the applicant. Based on the air quality assessment, I agree that the proposed operation is not likely to damage the special interest of Aberbargoed Grasslands SAC.