

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0050438

Permit being assessed: AN0376701

For: A1 SKIPS WESTWAY ROAD ALEXANDRA DOC, **held by:** R RODERICK

At: A1 SKIPS, WESTWAY ROAD, ALEXANDRA DOCK, NEWPORT, NP20 2UW.

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On 20/01/2026, between 10:03 and 10:35.

Parts of permit assessed: Site operations and infrastructure

NRW Lead Officer: Elis Nuttall.

Report sent to: Rob Tierney, Site Manager, on 22/01/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Non-compliant permit condition
WQ-A1 - Water Quality - Management - General management	C4 No impact	1.3.1 – Sampling Point

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-A1	Undertake a cut of the vegetation to allow access to the listed sample point at ST3094085810 and submit photographic evidence to confirm its completion. Ongoing maintenance should be undertaken to ensure continued access.	05/03/2026

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.

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

Site Visit Report

This report details the site visit made by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) on the 20/01/2026 to A1 Skips (trading as A1 Waste Management) permit reference number EPR-AN0376701.

I (NRW Environment Officer Elis Nuttall) attended A1 Skips at 10:03 for a water quality permit compliance visit where I met with the site manager (RT) and. The weather was cold with moderate rainfall at the time of the visit.

General Observations

This is a waste management site, primarily focusing on waste separation using both mechanical and hand separation by site operators. Surface water runoff is managed by an interceptor located at approximately ST3099785832 which separates pollutants from the runoff prior to discharge to Maes-glas Pill at ST 30972 85840. The sample point is located at ST3094085810.

The discharge shall consist solely of trade effluent consisting of site drainage. The discharge is permitted to contain no more than 40mg/l of suspended solids and as far as reasonably practicable no significant trace of visible oil or grease. The volume of discharge shall be dependant on rainfall.

The site was operational at the time of the visit.

Initial Discussion

This was the first inspection of this site pertaining to this permit since January 2014, so I began this visit by discussing the operations at the site since then. RT stated that the site's current ownership took over in 2024, however no major changes in site operations (which could impact the nature of the site drainage) has been implemented in this time. The only change discussed was the installation of new mechanical waste separation infrastructure, although it is highly unlikely that this would impact the nature of the surface water runoff.

During this initial discussion, the last two interceptor cleaning records (in the form of waste transfer notes) were presented for inspection and evidence of appropriate management (dated 15/08/2025 and 19/12/2025). I was satisfied with the evidence and frequency of this maintenance and requested digital copies of the transfer notes for my records. These were supplied promptly via email. In addition to regular cleaning and emptying, the interceptor is checked visually weekly with any issues recorded and actioned appropriately.

RT informed me that the interceptor was subject to significant improvements ~18 month prior to this visit after it was noted the condition of the infrastructure left by the previous operator was no longer fit for purpose. As such, a brand new enclosure was built and included the addition of a safety grate for both operator H&S as well as restricting wind blown debris entering the discharge. Further observation on the interceptor can be seen

below.

No further discussions were held and we proceeded to inspect the site infrastructure.

Site Infrastructure

General site conditions were observed to be satisfactory. There was no large volumes of standing water present and no runoff departing site in any location other than via the interceptor. There was some visible oil/fuel present in areas but this was not seen discharging off site. I verbally requested that any spills be dealt with as soon as practicable and that all storage of liquids on site be undertaken using appropriate bunding. Figure 1 is evidence of the general site conditions as observed at the time of the visit.



Figure 1 – Site conditions at the time of the visit.

The site's interceptor was noted to be located at ST3099785832. On inspection it was noted to be secure and fit for purpose. There was some water present in the settlement tank but it did not look overly polluted with no oil visibly present. The level of water within the settlement tank appeared to be below the outlet pipe at the time of the visit, and as such it was assumed that there was very minimal discharge (if any). Figure 2 shows the condition of the interceptor as described at the time of the visit.



Figure 2 – The condition of the interceptor as observed during the visit.

On attempting to reach the sampling point it was clear that the area was overgrown with vegetation and inaccessible. The closest we were able to access was ~ST3098785832. Evidence is shown in Figure 3. This stands as a minor breach of Condition 1.3.1 and is reflected in the breaches section. Please see the required actions by the specified deadline below. RT noted that the sample and discharge points were located just beyond the yellow barrier visible in Figure 3.



Figure 3 – The vegetation restricting access to the sampling point as observed during the visit.

No further observations were made. We returned to the office for final discussions.

Final Discussion

On returning to the office I outlined my observations and actions to RT who raised some further questions regarding timescales for actions to which we discussed and agreed on what would be feasible. No further discussions were held.

I thanked RT for their cooperation and support before leaving the site at 10:35.

Breaches of permit conditions

Below are the permit breaches that were identified during the site inspection.

1. CATEGORY 4 BREACH – PERMIT CONDITION 1.3.1 – Sampling Point

A sample point shall be provided and maintained at National Grid Reference ST3094085810 as shown marked "SAMPLE POINT" on the Site Plan attached to this consent, so that a representative sample of the Discharge may be obtained.

Justification: The sample point could not be accessed at the time of the visit meaning that a representative sample could not have been taken. Please see the actions list below for the requirements to rectify this issue.

Actions required by dates specified

1. Undertake a cut of the vegetation to allow access to the listed sample point at ST3094085810 and submit photographic evidence to confirm its completion.
Ongoing maintenance should be undertaken to ensure continued access.

Deadline: 05/03/2026

If we do not receive the information requested within specified deadline and have not been informed as to why there is a delay then we may serve a Regulation 60 Notice requiring the information under Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

Other advisory comments

No other advisory comments.

Contact details

If you have any queries regarding this CAR form or to provide an update on any actions above, please contact me using the following details: Elis Nuttall, Environment Officer,

elis.nuttall@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk, 03000 65 4651.

Thank you,

Elis Nuttall.

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 required for the permit condition assessed to avoid non-compliance. No non-compliance scored at this time
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

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 Monitoring
- WQ-C5 Installation of monitoring boreholes

WQ D: Information

- WQ-D1 Records
- WQ-D2 Reporting
- WQ-D3 Notifications

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.

Disputing the Content of this Compliance Assessment Report Form

If you disagree with the content of this Compliance Assessment Report form, you should submit your concerns, in writing, to the regulating officer who issued it within **15 working days** of its issue. This will be treated as a **Stage 1 review**.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the stage 1 review, you may request a **Stage 2 appeal**. This request must be submitted **within 21 working days** of receiving the response from the stage 1 review.

Further details on our review and appeal process are available at: [Natural Resources Wales / Appeal a regulatory decision from Natural Resources Wales](#)

Concerns Not Related to the Content of this Compliance Assessment Report Form

If your concerns do not relate to the content of the Compliance Assessment Report form, you should first attempt to resolve the issue with the regulating officer or their line manager.

If the issue remains unresolved, please contact our **Customer Contact Team**:

- **Telephone:** 0300 065 3000 (Monday to Friday, 09:00–17:00)
- **Email:** enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

They will provide details on how to escalate your concerns through our **Complaints and Commendations procedure**.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you may contact the **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**:

- **Telephone:** 0300 790 0203
- **Email:** 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.