

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0050481

Permit being assessed: BB3896HJ

For: Church Street CSO, Maesteg, **held by:** DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

At: Church Street, Maesteg, Bridgend, CF34 9AD.

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On 20/01/2026, between 10:59 and 11:06.

Parts of permit assessed: 2 and 3.1

NRW Lead Officer: Natalie Wrangham, accompanied by: Paul Latham.

Report sent to: CARS@dwrwymru, mailbox, on 26/01/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Non-compliant permit condition
WQ-B1 - Water Quality - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B2 - Water Quality - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B4 - Water Quality - Operations - Improvement programme	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B3 - Water Quality - Operations - Operating techniques	Assessed (A)	
WQ-C4 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Monitoring	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B3 - Water Quality - Operations - Operating techniques	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-B3	Condition 2.3.1 (b) The discharge shall not be comminuted or macerated and shall have passed through screens as specified and shall not contain a significant quantity of solid matter with a particle size greater than any indicated. All screenings shall be removed from the discharge.	31/03/2026

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
	It is difficult to determine whether the debris seen around the channel was a s a result of this CSO discharge, or from another asset upstream. Please investigate to determine whether the current set up delivers the compliance required by the permit	

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 Report

Environment Officers from the Cwm Taf and Bridgend Environment Team met with DCWW Pollution Prevention Technician and Network Engineer for the Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend area to carry out inspections of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs). The weather was overcast with intermittent showers.

This report is for permit number EPR-BB3896HJ, Church Street, Maesteg. This asset was previously identified as an unpermitted CSO. It was permitted as a storm discharge in 2020.

The asset was situated on the road near to a pub on Church street. There was no discharge occurring at the time of inspection. There was no sign of blockage within the chamber, and the overflow weir and screen appeared clear of rag and debris. We were unable to verify the mesh size of the screen as stated in condition 2.3.1 (see image 1 and 2 below).



Image 1: CSO chamber on Church Street



Image 2 - close up of screen in CSO chamber

In accordance with improvement condition 2.4, an improvement form was submitted dated

01/12/2022 confirming the weir setting of the chamber to be at 16.1l/s.

Event duration monitoring apparatus is installed. No reports have been submitted of issues with telemetry at this asset. The last recorded spill was on 11/01/2026 between approximately 19:45 and 20:00. Nearest rainfall gauge shows heavy rainfall between 19:00-20:00.

Condition 2.2.1 - discharge location to watercourse (see image 3 below). Some evidence of rag on the vegetation around the concrete channel from the discharge location.



Image 3: CSO discharge location to Llynfi

Breaches of permit conditions

- *Condition 2.3.1 (b) The discharge shall not be comminuted or macerated and shall have passed through screens as specified and shall not contain a significant quantity of solid matter with a particle size greater than any indicated. All screenings shall be removed from the discharge.* It is difficult to determine whether the debris seen around the channel was as a result of this CSO discharge, or from another asset upstream. Therefore this has been considered for action only.

Actions

- Please investigate to determine whether the current set up delivers the compliance required by the condition 2.3.1 (b) of the permit by **31/03/2026**
- Confirm screen mesh / aperture size as stated in permit by **31/03/2026**

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 email address:

cwmtaf&bridgendconsultations@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

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.

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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

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