

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0050536

Permit being assessed: HB3690HC

For: Settlement lagoons serving, **held by:** TARMAC TRADING LIMITED

At: Dolyhir/Strinds Quarry, Old Radnor, Presteigne, Powys, LD5 2RN.

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On 14/01/2026, between 11:10 and 11:35.

Parts of permit assessed: Various

NRW Lead Officer: Chris Gurney, accompanied by: Kirsty Allwood.

Report sent to: Operations Manager, Operations Manager, on 30/01/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Non-compliant permit condition
WQ-D2 - Water Quality - Information - Reporting	C3 Minor	4.2.2
WQ-B2 - Water Quality - Operations - The site	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-D2	Submit the latest reporting data as required by condition 4.2.2. by email or post to the South Powys Environment Team	27/02/2026
WQ-B2	Submit a current and accurate drainage plan to NRW by email or post	27/02/2026

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

Please note this CAR form relates to both **HB3690HC** and **AN0234601** and is duplicated for both.

On 14 January I attended site on a pre-arranged inspection with colleagues Kirsty Allwood, Jannette Price and Kate Gwynn. The weather was cold but dry and bright.

On arrival we signed in and spoke with the Ops Manager and discussed some of the previous arrangements for sampling. We also confirmed the layout of the site and operation of pumps and discharges – this hadn't changed since my previous inspection in 2024.

We then left to inspect the sample point and confirm sampling procedure for NRW staff. At the sample point, there was evidence of contamination – most likely from heavy rainfall in the preceding days – and the settlement lagoons were full. This was raised on site with the Ops Manager who advised there was a contractor already booked to clear and remediate.

On returning to the vehicles, the PTP for the Dolyhir offices (AN0367801) was being inspected, and we were advised works were being undertaken to replace the pumps and update the facility following inundation with suspended solids/road run-off.

On drafting this CAR form and further investigations into the permit history, it became clear that no data has been supplied for Turbidity or Flow as required by Condition 4.2.2. This is a breach of the permit conditions and has been scored C3. Please supply the outstanding data as soon as possible and continue to do as required by the permit.

ACTION: Submit the latest reporting data as required by condition 4.2.2. by email or post to the South Powys Environment Team no later than 27/2/26. Email: environmentteam.southpowys@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk Post: NRW, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 5LG

It also became clear that the site drainage is no longer in accordance with the permits, which were split in 2016 to accommodate the separate drainage catchments across the sites. My current understanding is that the only discharge point is now below the asphalt plant, but HB3690HC was issued in order to split the discharges from the various catchment areas and discharge near to the Dolyhir offices. Technically if the discharge from catchment areas C3, C6, C7, C7 and C16 are being included within the discharge from AN0234601 as previously discussed; this would be a breach of permit conditions. Given the current uncertainty around this, this is not being scored but listed as Action Only.

ACTION: Submit a current and accurate drainage plan to the South Powys Environment Team by email or post, detailing the site drainage from each of the applicable catchments within both Dolyhir and Strinds Quarries and the relevant holding/settlement lagoons and any overflows, no later than 27/2/26.

I recommend you undertake a thorough investigation of current site drainage and flow pathways, then consider if the permits need to be varied accordingly.

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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 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

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