

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0050508

**Permit being assessed:** BU8819IV.

**For:** Pwllfawatkin Landfill Site EPR/BU8819IV, **held by:** FCC Waste Services (UK) Limited

**At:** Pwllfawatkin Landfill Site , Pontardawe, SWANSEA, West Glamorgan, SA8 4RX.

**Type of assessment:** Report/Data Review,

**Reason:** Routine.

**On:** 15/12/2025.

**Parts of permit assessed:** See Section 4.

**NRW Lead Officer:** Benjamin Taylor.

**Report sent to:** Environmental Compliance Advisor, FCC Environment Ltd, on 29/01/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR2G - Installations - Operations - Landfill engineering (only applicable to landfill)	Assessed (A)	

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
0	0

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?

No action required.

### 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

### Introduction

This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) is regarding the three Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Validation Reports submitted by the FCC Environment (UK) Ltd (the Operator), following a series of works undertaken on infrastructure associated with the landfill.

### Scope

This CAR focuses on the following CQA Validation Reports:

- Retrospective Drilling of PWLMW4NB.
  - Document Ref: *Pwllfawtkin Leachate Redrill CQA Validation Report Rev 0 August 2025 EA Issue* (submitted by the Operator on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2025).
- Installation of Additional Gas Extraction Infrastructure.
  - *Pwllfawtkin Gas Drilling CQA Validation Report September 2025 NRW Issue (002)* (submitted by the Operator on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2025).
- Permanent Capping and Restoration Works.
  - *CQA Validation Report for Pwllfawtkin Permanent Capping Nov 2025 NRW Issue* (submitted by Sirius on behalf of the Operator on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2025).

### CQA Validation Assessment

#### *Retrospective Drilling of PWLMW4NB*

NRW received Sirius CQA Validation Report reference WR7981/05/01 dated August 25 which was deemed satisfactory and accepted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2025. This was read in conjunction the requirements of the CQA Plan and Specification Documents (CQA Plan Reference WR7981/01/01 Rev 0 August 2023 and Specification WR7981/01/02 Rev 1 October 2023).

#### *Installation of Additional Gas Extraction Infrastructure*

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2025, Sirius CQA Validation Report Reference IEG1019/05/01 dated September 2025 was deemed satisfactory and accepted by NRW. This was read in conjunction with the requirements stipulated within CQA Document Reference: IEG1019/01/01 June 2025.

#### *Permanent Capping and Restoration Works*

NRW received Sirius CQA Validation Report Reference WR8087/05/01 dated November 25 which was deemed satisfactory and accepted on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2025. This was read in conjunction the requirements of the CQA Plan and Specification Document FCC 479-SW-2016-07 Version 1.1 dated May 2016.

### Aftercare Transition

Following cessation of waste acceptance and completion of the permanent capping and soils restoration works, FCC Environment must now begin to transition the Landfill towards Closure/Aftercare status.

As specified by permit condition 2.9.1 detailed below:

*'The operator shall maintain a closure and aftercare management plan.'*

FCC Environment is required to submit a permit application to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to incorporate these plans into *Schedule 1: Table S1.2* of the EPR permit. They must also submit a Closure Report to NRW for review during this determination.

#### **Action:**

**FCC Environment is to submit a permit variation application to transition the Pwllfawatkin Landfill Site into Definite Closure and Aftercare status.**

### Guidance

[Landfill operators: environmental permits - Close your landfill site - Guidance - GOV.UK](#)

[Understanding the Landfill Directive LFD 1](#)

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 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	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 Industry compliance criteria (used in section 1 and 2):****1. Management**

- IR1A – General management
- IR1B – Finance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR1C – Energy efficiency
- IR1D - Efficient use of raw materials
- IR1E - Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities
- IR1F - Multiple operator installations

**2. Operations**

- IR2A – Permitted activities
- IR2B – The site
- IR2C – Operating techniques
- IR2D – Technical requirements
- IR2E – Improvement programme
- IR2F – Pre-operational conditions
- IR2G – Landfill engineering (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2H – Waste acceptance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2I – Leachate levels (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2J – Closure and aftercare (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2K – Landfill gas management (only applicable to Landfill)

**3. Emission and Monitoring**

- IR3A(1) – Emissions to water
- IR3A(2) – Emissions to air
- IR3A(3) – Emissions to land
- IR3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- IR3C – Odour
- IR3D – Noise and vibration
- IR3E – Monitoring
- IR3F – Pests
- IR3G – Air quality management plans
- IR3H – Monitoring for the purposes of the Industrial Emissions Directive (this heading includes Large Combustion Plants)
- IR3I – Fire

**4. Information**

- IR4A – Records
- IR4B – Reporting
- IR4C – 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.