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**Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions**

**Ystum Colwyn Farms Limited  
(Ystum Colwyn Anaerobic  
Digestion Plant)**

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## Standard rule permit

We have decided to issue the variation for Ystum Colwyn Anaerobic Digestion Plant operated by Ystum Colwyn Farms Limited.

The permit number is [EPR/CB3395CX/V005](#).

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

## Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account.

## Structure of this document

- [Annex 1: the decision checklist](#)

## Annex 1: decision checklist

This checklist should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist the application and supporting information and permit/notice.

Aspect	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
<b>Receipt of submission</b>		
Standard rules criteria met	The application meets the criteria for the standard rules identified throughout the application documents and is currently held by the operator (SR2023 No01). These standard rules were not listed as option on the application form, therefore declaration of compliance was obtained separately (see operator competence section).	✓
<b>Advertising</b>		
Consultations and advertising	As per our public participation statement, we do not consult on applications for Standard Rules Permits.	N/A
<b>Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (SMNR)</b>		
Considerations of SMNR - Compliance with our General Purpose	We are satisfied that this decision is compatible with our general purpose of pursuing the sustainable management of natural resources in relation to Wales and applying the principles of sustainable management of natural resources.	✓
<b>The site</b>		
Extent of the site of the facility	<p>The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility. A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.</p> <p>During the duly making process it was identified that the previous permit (EPR/CB3395CX/V004) contained a site map with omitted areas which were not formally surrendered. This was deemed to be an error. This has been corrected in this variation, as it reinstates those areas as well as the adding the proposed extended area.</p>	✓
Screening	<p>Screening was performed against the criteria listed in 2.2.2 and 2.2.3 of SR2023 No01.</p> <p>No sites were identified within relevant distances.</p>	✓
<b>Operator competence</b>		

Aspect	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Operator declaration	<p>As SR2023 No01 was withdrawn for new applicants, the application form submitted for this variation did not list these standard rules as an option. The Operator was therefore unable to make a satisfactory declaration including the ability to comply with the conditions of SR2023 No1.</p> <p>SR2023 No01 was also revised and updated in December 2025 following receipt of the application.</p> <p>To address both of these issues we requested a fresh declaration confirming compliance with the updated version of SR2023 No01 from the operator via a not duly made letter. This was provided prior to the application being duly made on the 30/03/2026.</p>	✓
Technical competence	<p>Technical competency is required for activities permitted in the standard rule set.</p> <p>As the operator already holds this standard rules permit, we have not assessed technical competency as part of this variation application. This is because this will have been subject to assessment when the original permit was granted and as part of the ongoing compliance actions undertaken since.</p>	✓
Relevant Convictions	<p>Enforcement Database has been checked to ensure that all relevant convictions have been declared.</p> <p>No relevant convictions were found.</p> <p>The operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence.</p>	✓
Financial competence	<p>As the operator already holds this standard rules permit, we have not assessed financial competency as part of this variation application. This is because this will have been subject to assessment when the original permit was granted and as part of the ongoing compliance actions undertaken since.</p>	✓