

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0051263

Permit being assessed: CB3091ZE.

For: Bryncir Quarry, **held by:** Cambrian Services Limited

At: Bryncir Quarry, Llecheiddior, Uchaf Bryncir, Garndolbenmaen, LL51 9LX.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 05/02/2026 between 13:05 and 13:40.

Parts of permit assessed: As below. .

NRW Lead Officer: Leon Williams, accompanied by Kieran Evans.

Report sent to: John Arwyn Evans, Company Director , on 02/04/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	Action only (X)	
W2A - Waste - Operations - Permitted activities	C3 Minor	1.1.1(a)
W2D - Waste - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
W4A - Waste - Information - Records	Assessed (A)	
W4B - Waste - Information - Reporting	Action only (X)	

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
1	4

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?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
W1A	Please ensure that records are properly maintained and accessible to NRW, documenting the TCM's attendance and the activities undertaken during their time on site	10/04/2026
W2A	Please ensure the height of waste stockpiles remain within 6	10/04/2026

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
	metres as required by the site EMS.	
W4B	Please be aware of permit condition 4.3.1 which requires operators to notify NRW of any equipment malfunctions or breakdowns that have caused, are causing, or may cause significant pollution.	10/04/2026

Compliance 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

Routine site inspection conducted by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Senior Waste Regulation Officer Leon Williams and Waste Regulation Officer Kieran Evans.

Present on site on behalf of Cambrian Services Limited was Company Director John (Arwyn) Evans.

The weather was dry and overcast during the time of the inspection.

W1A - General management

Permit Condition 1.1.1 - The operator shall manage and operate the activities: (a) in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises the risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances, closure and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints.

WRAP quality protocol

Actions were set in Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0049672 requesting the company to further amend procedural document "Quality Protocol for the production of recycled 6F5 construction material at Bryncir Quarry" which represents Cambrian Services Limited's version of a Factory Production Control (FPC) document as required by the WRAP Quality Protocol.

The WRAP Quality Protocol is a framework developed to define when waste materials, specifically aggregates produced from inert waste, can be considered fully recovered and no longer classified as waste.

An updated and amended Factory Production Control (FPC) document was received by NRW on the 12 December 2025.

This document has been reviewed and satisfies our recommendations outlined in CAR_NRW0049672.

Thank you for completing this action.

Waste storage procedures

Section 1.7.7 of the site Environmental Management System (EMS) limits waste stockpile heights to a maximum of 6 metres which is accordance with planning limitations for the site.

During the inspection, NRW highlighted the 6 meter limitation to Arwyn Evans advising that the waste stockpiles appeared to exceed the permitted height limit. It was agreed that corrective measures would be implemented to lower the stockpile heights.

ACTION: Please ensure that waste stockpiles are managed in compliance with the site EMS and kept within the 6-metre height limit. Effective control of inert waste stockpiles is important as excessive or unevenly deposited waste stockpiles can become unstable and collapse creating risks to workers, plant, and site infrastructure.

A CCS category 3 score has been recorded against permit condition 1.1.1(a) for this non-compliance.



Permit Condition 1.1.1 - The operator shall manage and operate the activities: (b) using sufficient competent persons and resources.

Arwyn Evans and Paul Davies have secured Environmental Permitting Operators

Certification (EPOC) for Cambrian Services Limited on the 9 July 2025 and 15 October 2025.

EPOC certification is recognised as a primary competency qualification for this type of waste facility, in accordance with permit condition 1.1.1(b).

NRW is aware that training for additional staff members is ongoing to achieve further technical competency certification within the company.

ACTION: Please ensure that records are properly maintained and accessible to NRW, documenting the TCM's attendance and the activities undertaken during their time on site.

Further information regarding TCM site attendance can be found on page 37 in guidance document "how to comply with your environmental permit".

[How to comply with your environmental permit](#)

W2A - Permitted activities

Permit Condition - Table 2.1 Activities

Waste sand was being imported to site at the time of this inspection for processing into aggregates in accordance with the WRAP quality protocol.

This activity is authorised under Table 2.1 of the site's environmental permit.

W2D - The site

2.2.1 The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in green on the site plan attached to the permit.

NRW acknowledges the constrained size of the permitted waste boundary within which all waste management activities must be undertaken as required under Schedule 1 of environmental permit CB3091ZE.

The limited operational area continues to present challenges for effective on-site waste handling.

Cambrian Services Limited has sought to address this constraint by submitting an application to vary the existing site boundary. This process is ongoing.

The restricted area is considered a significant contributing factor to the excessive height of waste stockpiles observed on site. Notwithstanding the permit variation application, the operator must continue to manage waste stockpiles and incoming waste volumes effectively.

Robust control measures are essential to prevent pollution, maintain compliance with permit conditions and minimise risks to human health and the environment.

W4A - Records

4.1.2 The operator shall keep on site all records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by these standard rules, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales

A collection of waste transfer notes relating to recently imported wastes were made available for inspection on site in accordance with permit condition 4.1.2.

W4B - Reporting

4.3.1 Natural Resources Wales shall be notified without delay following the detection of: (a) any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution.

During the inspection, Arwyn Evans informed NRW that the screener used to process the imported waste sand had recently broken down. This equipment failure had led to a backlog in the waste transfer station storage area preventing the processing of waste sand and resulting in larger stockpiles accumulating within the permitted area.

Following discussion of this issue on site with Arwyn Evans, it was agreed that further imports of waste sand would be diverted to another permitted facility until the screener breakdown was resolved and because the site's storage capacity was limited.

ACTION: Please be aware of permit condition 4.3.1 which requires operators to notify NRW of any equipment malfunctions or breakdowns that have caused, are causing, or may cause significant pollution.

Thank you for your assistance during the site inspection.

In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) order 2012.

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

- W1A – General management
- W1B – Energy Efficiency (MCP/SG facilities only)
- W1C – Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

2. Operations

- W2A – Permitted activities
- W2B – Waste recovery plan
- W2C – Operating techniques
- W2D – The site
- W2E – Waste acceptance
- W2F – Technical requirements
- W2G – Improvement programme
- W2H – Pre-operational conditions

3. Emission and Monitoring

- W3A(1) – Emissions to water
- W3A(2) – Emissions to air
- W3A(3) – Emissions to land
- W3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- W3C – Odour
- W3D – Noise and vibration
- W3E – Monitoring
- W3F – Pests
- W3G – Fire

4. Information

- W4A – Records
- W4B – Reporting
- W4C – 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

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.