

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0051488

Permit being assessed: WP3094FB.

For: ASH Wrexham Recycling Centre, **held by:** Alan's Skip Hire Wales Limited

At: Site One, Redwither Road, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL13 9RD.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 01/04/2026 between 14:30 and 15:30.

Parts of permit assessed: General Management, Permitted activities, Operating techniques, Waste acceptance, .

NRW Lead Officer: Steven White, accompanied by Molly Callow.

Report sent to: Steve Rymill, HSEQ Director, on 24/04/2026.

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)	
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	Action only (X)	
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
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?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
W1A	Reduce size of stockpiles of IBA. Repair netting around the Plasterboard bay and the drying bed areas	22/05/2026
W1A	Plasterboard to be removed from open bay and deposited in	22/05/2026

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
	a sealed, weatherproof container	
W4B	Send requested data regarding movements of IBA	22/05/2026

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

This was an unannounced inspection carried out by Senior Environment Officer Steven White and accompanied by Hazardous Waste Officer Molly Callow (MC) and Workplace Recycling Regs Officer Chris Nunn (CN). Due to an incident involving an ASH wagon Site Manager Danny Flood was unavailable, officers were shown round by Mark Johnson and later joined by HSEQ manager Sophie Davies.

The site was busy with wagons arriving and depositing general waste and separately-collected waste in the main sorting shed and designated areas to the rear. Officers observed a large amount of particulates in the main sorting shed during some waste movements, there was a lot of waste in this unit and officers discussed the fire prevention & mitigation methods available - this included heat cameras and powerful directional hoses able to aim at fire sources.

The pile of incinerator bottom ash (IBA) was discussed, this is sourced from the Virridor incinerator in Runcorn and screened to remove the metal content. Once screened this waste is stored along the northern side of the site, officers observed that this pile of screenings was quite high - over the sides of the bay. This will need to be reduced in height as it could fall into another adjacent bay or over the side fence and off site.

Discussions with MC on site showed the need for further info on this waste. Can you forward the following information from the previous 12 months (1st April 2025- 1st April 2026) to me at the contact details at the end of this report by Friday 22nd May 2026:

- WTNs for IBA that has come in to ASH Wrexham over the last 12 months
- WTNs for the metals which have been screened out of the IBA
- WTNs for the screened IBA that leaves the ASH site
- Testing results for the IBA from the producer
- Any sample testing by ASH once receiving the waste and any testing after the waste has been screened



Pile of screened IBA higher than bay dimensions
ACTION: Screened IBA pile needs to be reduced in height to be within the dimensions of the designated bay by Friday 22nd May 2026

The plasterboard bay was inspected, the external bay had plasterboard stored quite high and was just above the height of the bay. Plasterboard should be stored in a sealed weatherproof container to ensure that water does not enter and affect the plasterboard.



Plasterboard stored in open bay
ACTION: Plasterboard to be removed from this bay and stored in a sealed, weatherproof container by Friday 22nd May 2026

The netting around this area was damaged, this will need to be fixed as soon as possible to stop any litter from leaving the site. At the time of the inspection no litter was observed off site and the fencing was scheduled to be fixed as part of site maintenance. As such this will be logged as an action only. However, due to the nature of operations, the potential for this to result in litter being blown off site could be high and will need to be fixed. There was also an area of fencing close to the drying beds that would require maintenance.



Areas of damaged netting
ACTION: Repair damaged netting by Friday 22nd May 2026

During the visit a wagon containing the separately collected waste deposited cardboard on site at the designated bays. CN discussed the sites compliance with the new EPR separate collection Regs, in line with NRW policy and procedures further information on this will be requested formally via a 'Section 71 EPR notice for information' that will be sent to the company registered address by the team that regulates this activity.



Separately collected cardboard waste deposit

Thank you for your time, please find my contact details below.

Regards

Steven White

Senior Officer (NE Waste Regulation Team)

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Post: Natural Resources Wales, Chester Road, Buckley, Flintshire, CH7 3AJ

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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 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.