

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0051662

Permit being assessed: AN0412201

For: LLECHWEN HALL HOTEL, **held by:** LLECHWEN HALL HOTEL LIMITED

At: ., LLANFABON, NEAR PONTYPRIDD, CAERPHILLY, CF37 4HP.

Type of assessment carried out: Check Monitoring/Sampling,

Reason: Routine.

On 14/04/2026, between 11:15 and 11:30.

Parts of permit assessed: Emissions limits

NRW Lead Officer: Elis Nuttall.

Report sent to: James Beccano, Director of Hotel Operations , on 01/05/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Non-compliant permit condition
WQ-C2 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to land	C4 No impact	3.1.2 - Emissions Limits
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WQ-C2 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to land	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-C2	Improve operations to bring the discharge into compliance with permitted limits.	01/06/2026
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WQ-C2	Produce a report on why the system is not meeting limits of the permit	01/06/2026

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

Routine Sampling Report

On the 14/04/2026, NRW officers visited the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) serving Llechwen Hall Hotel, Llanfabon to undertake routine water quality sampling (Permit no. AN0412201).

During this visit, breaches of emissions limits were recorded for suspended solids and biological oxygen demand (BOD). Please see details, justification and actions below.

Breaches of permit condition:

1. CATEGORY 3 BREACH: Condition 3.1.2 - Emissions Limits

The limits given in schedule 3 shall not be exceeded.

- *Suspended solids (measured after drying at 105° C): 60mg/l*

Justification – The concentration of suspended solids during this routine sampling was measured at 120mg/l, over 20% of the permitted limit of 60mg/l. This has been assessed as a Category 3 (minor environmental impact). However, due to the discharge being to ground there is no direct impact to a watercourse. As such, this has been downgraded to a Category 4 breach (no environmental impact). Therefore, the enforcement action will be advice and guidance only. Please see a list of actions below to bring the discharge back within the permitted limits.

2. CATEGORY 3 BREACH: Condition 3.1.2 - Emissions Limits

The limits given in schedule 3 shall not be exceeded.

- *ATU-BOD as O2: 40mg/l*

Justification – The concentration of BOD during this routine sampling was measured at 54.7mg/l, over 20% of the permitted limit of 40mg/l. This has been assessed as a Category 3 (minor environmental impact). However, due to the discharge being to ground there is no direct impact to a watercourse. As such, this has been downgraded to a Category 4 breach (no environmental impact). Therefore, the enforcement action will be advice and guidance

only. Please see a list of actions below to bring the discharge back within the permitted limits.

Actions required by date specified

1. Improve operations to bring the discharge into compliance with permitted limits
2. Produce a report on why the system is not meeting limits of the permit

The deadline for the above actions is **01/06/2026**.

If we do not receive the information requested within specified deadline and have not been informed as to why there is a delay then we may serve a Regulation 60 Notice requiring the information under Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

Other Advisory Comments

As noted in previous correspondence, an assessment of the system's treatment efficiency is required, but one thing to be mindful of is the size of treatment plant. A review may be required due to the variable capacity of the site i.e. it is not always at capacity. This also means that the system should not be "too large" as there needs to be sufficient input and holding time so the bacteria can multiply. Adjustments should be made accordingly to ensure the system can treat effluent efficiently.

Contact details

If you have any queries regarding this CAR form or to provide an update on any actions above, please contact me using the following details:

Elis Nuttall (Environment Officer)

elis.nuttall@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

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

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.