

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0051681

**Permit being assessed:** AN0106601

**For:** TRETOWER STW TRETOWER CRICKHOWELL, **held by:** DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

**At:** TRETOWER STW, TRETOWER, CRICKHOWELL, POWYS, .

**Type of assessment carried out:** Site Inspection,

**Reason:** Routine.

**On** 01/05/2026, between 10:20 and 10:30.

**Parts of permit assessed:** Various

**NRW Lead Officer:** Chris Gurney, accompanied by: Kirsty Allwood.

**Report sent to:** Regulatory Compliance Officer, Regulatory Compliance Officer, on 06/05/2026.

### 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	C3 Minor	3.ii
WQ-A1 - Water Quality - Management - General management	C3 Minor	4
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C3 Minor	3

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	Undertake required remediation/mitigation to manhole upstream of works	22/05/2026
WQ-A1	Visit site and repair asap to restore compliance	22/05/2026
WQ-C1	Improve treatment on site to avoid causing an impact	22/05/2026

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.

**You are non-compliant with your permit.**

**At this time, we are issuing you with a warning for the non-compliance recorded above. Warnings may influence future enforcement response for continued or further non-compliance.**

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

On 1 May 2026 Myself and Kirsty Allwood attended Tretower Sewage Treatment Works (STW) on an unannounced and un-planned visit while on route to another site.

The unannounced nature meant we were unable to access the compound but visually inspected from the perimeter.

There was no evidence any efforts had been made to remediate the field/manhole immediately upstream of the works where the recent groundwater ingress had caused a discharge. This was an action listed in CAR\_NRW0051037 that has exceeded it's required deadline so has been scored a Cat3 breach due to potential impact to land/amenity.

**ACTION: Undertake required remediation/mitigation to manhole upstream of works**

While we could not access the site we were able to witness the pumps engage and distribute the settled effluent, however Filter Arms 2 were not rotating so there was no distribution to half of the filter bed. Filter 1 appeared to be operating as designed.

**ACTION: Undertake required works to ensure Filter 2 distributes as designed.**

The outfall was dark-grey in colouration, suggesting insufficient or issues with treatment, which would tie-in with the issues of Filter 2. The impact appeared to be localised to the pool adjacent to the outfall however because of shifting river profiles, the outfall was currently distanced from the main flow and had caused some degree of sewage fungus to grow on the riverbank. DCWW may need to consider how or where the effluent is discharged to prevent further discharge to land rather than main flow, though I appreciate this may take some investment.

**ACTION: Improve treatment on site to avoid the discharge impacting the riverbank/beach area when flows are low.**

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.

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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)

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