

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0051739

**Permit being assessed:** LB3790HA.

**For:** Anaerobic Digester, **held by:** Glanmiheli Farm Ltd

**At:** Glanmiheli Farm, Kerry, Newtown, Powys, SY16 4LN.

**Type of assessment:** Site Inspection,

**Reason:** Routine.

**On:** 01/05/2026 between 10:50 and 12:15.

**Parts of permit assessed:** General Management; Outstanding Compliance Actions.

**NRW Lead Officer:** Malcolm Dines, accompanied by Luke Taylor.

**Report sent to:** Lloyd Powell, Technically Competent Manager, on 11/05/2026.

### 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	C3 Minor	1.1.1(a)
W3A(2) - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to air	Assessed (A)	
W3E - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Monitoring	Assessed (A)	
W4A - Waste - Information - Records	Assessed (A)	
W2G - Waste - Operations - Improvement programme	Action only (X)	
W3G - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Fire	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	Submit ALL sections of the Management System for the site relevant to stack emission monitoring	12/07/2026
W2G	Comply with the requirements of Improvement Condition 1	11/06/2026
W3G	Submit a copy of the Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan	16/08/2026

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.

### 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

This was a routine compliance visit carried out by Malcolm Dines (Waste Regulation Officer) and Luke Taylor (Senior Waste Regulation Officer) to assess site compliance and to discuss the failure of the Operator to comply with the actions required by Compliance Report CAR\_NRW0050584 dated 4 February 2026. The officers met with Lloyd Powell (Technically Competent Person and Site Manager) and Lucy Owen (Technically Competent Manager) who accompanied the officers for the duration of the site visit.

### **Permit Breaches**

W1A - General Management - Environmental Management System and Records Demonstrating Compliance with Permit Condition 1.1.1 - Cat 3: Permit Condition 1.1.1 & 1.1.2

You have been given this Category 3 breach of permit conditions 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 as the company failed to comply with the actions required by Compliance Report CAR\_NRW0050584, dated 4 February 2026. The company was required to

1. submit a written explanation as to why the levels of VOAs and the Alkalinity to VOA Ratio, on 2 June 2025, 4 August 2025 and 11 August 2025, were outside the expected parameters for a farm-fed Anaerobic Digester.
2. Submit a written explanation as to why the levels of alkalinity in your digester, on 6 May 2025 and 23 June 2025, exceeded the typically expected parameters of a farm-fed Anaerobic Digester
3. Submit the current Hydraulic Retention Time of your digester
4. Submit all sections of your Management System that are relevant to the monitoring

### of stack emissions

None of this information was supplied by the compliance deadline of 8 May 2026. These matters were discussed during the compliance visit and it was confirmed that following an review of the data, there was no explanation for why the FOS/TAC ratio and Alkalinity Levels in the digester were outside the expected parameters for a farm-fed anaerobic digester, nothing had been noted in the site records for those dates to show any unusual activity within the digester for the dates in question. The hydraulic retention time was discussed during the compliance visit and it was confirmed that it is 70 days.

The requirement to submit the sections of the environmental management system relevant to Stack Emission Monitoring was because the company failed to undertake Stack Emission Monitoring in 2025. During this compliance visit it was confirmed that the company is willing to supply any section of the management system that is required to be reviewed.

**Action:** submit ALL sections of the Management System for the site relevant to stack emission monitoring **by 12 July 2026**

### Other Matters

#### Stack Emission Monitoring

The stack emission monitoring report for the testing undertaken on 4 February 2026 was reviewed and showed that all emissions tested were below the emission limit values in the permit and so the company is compliant with the monitoring of emissions to air.

#### Legal Entity and Waste Transfer

It was also confirmed that the operator, Glanmiheli Farm Ltd, is only the legal entity for the Anaerobic Digestion plant and no other activity at the farm. this means that the company must ensure that Waste Transfer Notes are provided with all poultry manure imported to the Anaerobic Digester, including poultry manure produced at Glanmiheli Farm.

#### Standard Rules Permits and uupdated rules

During the compliance visit the new version of the ruleset for permit were discussed. As the site operates under a Standard Rules Permit, it is important to remember that it is the responsibility of the operator to ensure that are operating to the latest version of the rules. The rules were extensively updated in December 2025, with operators being contacted at the time to advise of the change to the rules.

#### Improvement Conditions

The most important change to the rules is rule 2.4.1 - Operating Techniques. Under this rule the company is required to undertake an inspection and works programme to ensure that all infrastructure requirements specified in Operating Techniques 1, 9, 10, 11 & 14 are fit for purpose.

**Action:** comply with the requirements of Improvement Condition 1 **by 11 June 2026**

#### Fire Prevention and Mitigation

Another new rule is Rule 3.7.1, which requires the company to The operator shall manage and operate the activities in accordance with a written fire prevention plan using the

current, relevant fire prevention plan guidance.

**Action:** Submit a copy of the Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan **by 16 August 2026**

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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](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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