

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0052068

Permit being assessed: AF4020401

For: CASTLETON FARM CARAVAN PARK, **held by:** MATTHEW FORREST

At: CASTLETON ROAD, ST. ATHAN, BARRY, SOUTH GLAMORGAN, CF62 4LD.

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On 27/05/2026, between 10:55 and 12:00.

Parts of permit assessed: Relevant conditions

NRW Lead Officer: Charlotte Rhodes, accompanied by: Madeleine Starks.

Report sent to: D FORREST, Site Manager, on 09/06/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Non-compliant permit condition
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C3 Minor	3.1.2
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WQ-B3 - Water Quality - Operations - Operating techniques	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-C1	1. Investigate the underlying cause for the BOD failure and its regular recurrence, despite previous works having been undertaken.	23/06/2026
WQ-C1	2. Once completed, share findings with NRW via a full report and a plan of action to return to compliance, with timescales.	23/06/2026
WQ-B3	3. Investigate the reason for solids in the final settlement tank and take action to ensure this does not impact the treatment process, informing NRW of the plan to do so.	23/06/2026

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.

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

Site report

On Wednesday 27th May 2026, Officer C RHODES and an Environmental Data Collection Officer met with D FORREST, Site Manager, for a routine inspection and monitoring sample from the sewage treatment system servicing Castleton (Residential) Caravan Park, in relation to permit **AF4020401**. Weather at the time of inspection was hot and dry with no recent rainfall.

Following the previous inspection in May 2025, **CAR_NRW0048958**, the site was returned to the regulatory monitoring programme and routine inspection schedule. As such, Officer RHODES was accompanied by an Environmental Data Collection Officer.

Discharge point

The Site Manager accompanied Officers to the outfall, the path to which had been recently cleared of some vegetation. The watercourse, however, was overgrown with weeds and barely visible as shown in the photo below. A path was cleared to the outlet pipe by the Site Manager and monitoring sample taken by the Environmental Data Collection Officer, including field readings.



Sample results against the permitted limits were later confirmed as follows:

Parameter	Permit limit	Sample result	Interpretation
BOD (biological oxygen demand)	40 mg/l	78.3 mg/l	FAIL
Visible oil or grease	None	None	PASS

The above table constitutes a **non-compliance** with **Condition 3.1.2** which states “*the limits given in Schedule 3 shall not be exceeded [ATU-BOD as O₂, 40 mg/l]*”. This follows a pattern of repeated failures with this Condition. Please see actions below.

Treatment plant

Upon lifting the cover of the final tank of the treatment plant, effluent appeared to be brownish in colour and there were solids floating at the surface – photographed below. This is unusual and may contribute to elevated parameter readings, see actions. It is noted that the tank was due for its 3-monthly service and desludge later that week/early the following week as part of a rolling contract.



Actions & further comments

The Regulatory Monitoring sample taken during this visit returned an exceedance result for BOD, constituting a **non-compliance with Condition 3.1.2**. As such, a written **Warning** is issued and the following actions are given:

1. Investigate the underlying cause for the BOD failure and its regular recurrence, despite previous works having been undertaken. **C3, 23/06/2026.**
2. Once completed, share findings with NRW via a full report and a plan of action to return to compliance, with timescales. **Action only, 23/06/2026.**
3. Investigate the reason for solids in the final settlement tank and take action to ensure this does not impact the treatment process, informing NRW of the plan to do so. **Action only, 23/06/2026.**

Please inform NRW within **fourteen days** the reason for this failure and the steps that you intend to take or have taken to prevent recurrence.

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

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