

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0052051

Permit being assessed: DB3298FN.

For: Capital Valley Recycling, **held by:** Capital Valley Recycling Ltd

At: Unit 2-4, Capital Valley Industrial Park, Rhymney, Tredegar, Caerphilly, NP22 5PT.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 01/06/2026 between 10:45 and 12:30.

Parts of permit assessed: Various.

NRW Lead Officer: Anna Andrews, accompanied by John Jowett.

Report sent to: Kelly Sherratt, Environment Manager, on 15/06/2026.

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	Assessed (A)	
W2A - Waste - Operations - Permitted activities	C3 Minor	2.4.1
W2D - Waste - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
W2E - Waste - Operations - Waste acceptance	Assessed (A)	
W3C - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Odour	Assessed (A)	
W3D - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Noise and vibration	Assessed (A)	
W4A - Waste - Information - Records	Assessed (A)	
W4B - Waste - Information - Reporting	C4 No impact	4.2.2

Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
2	4.1

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
W2A	Please stop operations occurring outside of the authorised permitted boundary. Please also ensure that waste stored under the S2 exemption is kept separate from waste associated with permitted site operations. Both should have clearly defined storage areas so that activities under each permit or exemption remain clearly distinguished.	15/01/2027
W4B	Please provide the outstanding waste return for Q1 2026.	15/07/2026

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 report details the site visit made on 1 June 2026 to Capital Valley Recycling Ltd for an unannounced routine site inspection. Natural Resources Wales (NRW) officers Anna ANDREWS and John JOWETT arrived at Capital Valley Eco Park, Rhymney, Tredegar, NP22 5PT at 10:45 am and met with the Environment Manager. Weather conditions were overcast and wet at the time of the inspection.

Permit Breaches

W2A – Permitted Activities (Category 3) –

During the site inspection the environment manager informed officers that the permitted activities were currently operating outside of their authorised permitted boundary. Section 2.4.1 of your permit states:

“The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in green on the site plan attached to the permit”.

Action: Please stop operations occurring outside of the authorised permitted boundary and please ensure that waste stored under the S2 exemption is kept separate from waste associated with permitted site operations by the 15 January 2027. Both should have clearly defined storage areas so that activities under each permit or exemption remain clearly distinguished.

W4B – Reporting (Category 4 Breach) –

Section 4.2.2 of your permit states: *“Within one month of the end of each quarter, the operator shall submit to Natural Resources Wales using the form made available for the purpose, the information specified on the form relating to the site and the waste accepted and removed from it the previous quarter”.*

Action: Please provide the outstanding waste return for Q1 2026 by the 15 July 2026.

Site Inspection Observations

At the time of inspection, the site entrance was observed to be clean and free from residues. It was noted that street sweepers are used to ensure the road to the site remains clean.

Upon arrival, the environment manager provided officers with a site induction, followed by a comprehensive overview of how Capital Valley Eco Park is currently operated and their future development plans. The site is divided into several distinct operational areas, including the two permitted activities and several registered exemptions.

The environment manager advised that the site is currently operating outside the authorised permitted boundary due to ongoing construction works. As a result, material has been relocated to the S2 exemption waste pile situated centrally within Capital Valley Eco Park, overlapping both the permitted and non-permitted areas. Whilst the waste pile is covered by an S2 waste exemption, it was acknowledged that some of the pile is still being used under the SR2008 No11 permit (DB3298FN) and its associated operations. Officers reminded the environment manager that under the [S2 waste exemption](#):

“You cannot:

- treat waste under this exemption - see the section ‘related exemptions’*
- store waste destined to be disposed of - see the section ‘related permits’*
- store mixed waste*
- mix hazardous with non-hazardous waste.*
- register this exemption to increase the storage capacity at the place where another treatment exemption such as T1, T4, T11 or a U activity is carried out.”*

As a reminder, all activities and waste stored under the S2 waste exemption should be kept separate from all activities and waste associated with the permitted site operations. Both should have clearly defined storage areas so that activities under each permit or exemption remain clearly distinguished.

In addition to this, operating outside of the authorised permitted boundary is a breach of section 2.4.1 of your permit:

“The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in green on the site plan attached to the permit.”

Officers were escorted to the permitted section of the site, avoiding the ongoing demolition works of a unit adjacent to the authorised boundary. During the site inspection, there was no evidence of excessive dust, noise, or odour. Within the permitted area, stockpiles were observed and appropriately segregated by material type (see images 1 and 2).



Images 1 and 2: Left – Storage piles of waste rebar and other refined materials. Right – storage piles of treated material.

Ongoing infrastructure works were also noted, including the installation of new drainage and hardstanding to support large segregation bays (see images 3 and 4).



Images 3 and 4: Left – Segregation Bay awaiting renovation. Right – Segregation Bay undergoing renovation.

Site security measures include a 24/7 site foreman, CCTV coverage, locked access gates, and perimeter fencing. NRW officers Anna ANDREWS and John JOWETT departed the site at 12:30 pm.

Environmental Management System (EMS)

The environment manager provided officer ANDREWS with an electronic copy of the EMS, which appears to be suitable for the site's current operations.

WAMITAB

Mr William Stefan Thomas is the TCM, who has a WAMITAB with an expiry date of the 11 April 2027.

Waste Returns

The site is permitted to accept up to 75,000 tonnes of waste per year. During the reporting period, a total of 32,009.62 tonnes of waste were accepted and 4,732.37 tonnes were removed, which is within the site's permitted allowance.

During Q2 2025, the site accepted 216.5 tonnes of soil and stone, an authorised waste type typically recorded under EWC 17 05 04 or EWC 20 02 02. However, this waste was incorrectly documented

as EWC 19 12 12 (other wastes from the mechanical treatment of waste). Additionally, the annual waste return submitted for 2025 records 28,082.37 tonnes of waste accepted, which does not align with the total of 32,009.62 tonnes reported across the quarterly waste returns. Please ensure that all waste returns are completed accurately and consistently going forward.

As detailed in the permit breaches section, during the site inspection officers reminded the environment manager that quarterly waste returns need to be submitted after each quarter, even if the waste return is null (see below for details). **Please provide the outstanding waste return for Q1 2026.**

Quarterly returns

Quarters	Deadline for return
January 1 to March 31	April 30
April 1 to June 30	July 31
July 1 to September 30	October 31
October 1 to December 31	January 31

Contact Details

If you have any queries regarding this Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) please contact Dr Anna Andrews at anna.andrews@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk.

In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resource Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012.

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.