

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0052221

Licence being assessed: WA/056/0033/0012.

For: Blaen-y-Cwm Reservoir, **held by:** Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig.

At: Beaufort, Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent, NP23 5HA.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 17/06/2026, between 12:00 and 13:30.

Parts of licence assessed: Site Operations

NRW Lead Officer: Gavin Summerhill.

Report sent to: Kevin Betts, Dwr Cymru Water Resources Technician, on 01/07/2026.

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

Part of licenced activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Non-compliant licence condition
WR-A1 - Water Abstraction - Abstraction specified by licence - Source of supply	Assessed (A)	
WR-A2 - Water Abstraction - Abstraction specified by licence - Points of abstraction	Assessed (A)	
WR-A3 - Water Abstraction - Abstraction specified by licence - Means of abstraction	Assessed (A)	
WR-A4 - Water Abstraction - Abstraction specified by licence - Purposes of abstraction	Action only (X)	
WR-A5 - Water Abstraction - Abstraction specified by licence - Period of abstraction	Assessed (A)	

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WR-A4	Please provide supporting evidence demonstrating that Carno Works is currently not operational	03/08/2026

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 or civil sanctions being imposed depending on the circumstances of the offence.

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

Site Report

On Wednesday 17th June 2026, I carried out an inspection at Blaen-y-Cwm near Beaufort, Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent., in relation to a water resources license. (Permit Number WA/056/0033/0012). Dwr Cymru Water Resources Technician (KB) and Dwr Cymru Water Resources Risk Manager (KL-S) were also in attendance. The weather conditions were overcast with intermittent light drizzle. My inspection commenced at 12pm.

SOURCE OF SUPPLY

Inland water (reservoir) known as Blaen-y-Cwm near Beaufort, Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent.

POINT OF ABSTRACTION

At National Grid Reference SO 17426 12793

MEANS OF ABSTRACTION

A gravity feed pipe of an internal diameter not exceeding 460 millimetres.

PURPOSES OF ABSTRACTION

Public water supply.

Transfer for subsequent re-abstraction for the purpose of public water supply.

PERIOD OF ABSTRACTION

All year.

Observations

General overview of Blaen-y-Cwm Reservoir. Please see Fig 1 below.



Fig 1 - Blaen-y-Cwm Reservoir

The point of abstraction at National Grid Reference SO 17426 12793 was inspected and confirmed to be accurate as stipulated by the permit. The abstraction infrastructure is present and includes a scour valve, which was observed to remain open at the time of inspection. Telemetry systems are in place and operational, enabling monitoring of reservoir levels. Please see Fig 2 and 3 below.



Fig 2 - Point of abstraction



Fig 3 - Scour valve and telemetry

An inspection of the abstraction infrastructure was undertaken, confirming a gravity-fed pipeline equipped with metering. Please see Fig 4 and 5 below.



Fig 4 - Gravity-fed pipeline



Fig 5 - Metering in place

A discussion was held with (KB) regarding the purpose of the abstraction as defined within the permit, which specifies public water supply and the transfer of water. (KB) advised that Carno Works has not been operational for a period exceeding five years. It was further confirmed that the Blaen y Cwm abstraction is currently utilised solely for the transfer of water to Carno Reservoir and Shon Sheffrey Reservoir.

This concluded my site inspection. I left site at 13.30.

Breaches of permit condition:

- No breaches observed.

Action required by date specified:

- Please provide supporting evidence demonstrating that Carno Works is currently not operational

The above actions are required by the **3rd of August 2026**.

Other advisory comments:

- No other advisory comments

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:

Gavin Summerhill (Environment Officer)

gavin.summerhill@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

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.

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 licence is issued to you under the Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Water Act 2003. You have a responsibility to comply with the conditions of your licence 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.

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 licence 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 resource action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**WR A: Abstraction specified by Licence**

- WR-A1 Source of supply
- WR-A2 Points of abstraction
- WR-A3 Means of abstraction
- WR-A4 Purposes of abstraction
- WR-A5 Period of abstraction
- WR-A6 Quantities
- WR-A7 Land
- WR-A8 Other specified on licence

WR B: Abstraction measurement and records

- WR-B1 Means of measurement
- WR-B2 Recording
- WR-B3 Reporting

WR C: Surface / Groundwater level and protected flow

- WR-C1 Minimum hands-off flow/level requirements
- WR-C2 Flow/level measurement devices
- WR-C3 Recording
- WR-C4 Reporting

WR D: Environmental monitoring and information

- WR-D1 Recording
- WR-D2 Reporting
- WR-D3 Notifications

WR E: Fish and eel passage

- WR-E1 Infrastructure specified by licence
- WR-E2 Maintenance and records

WR F: Discharge

- WR-F1 Point of discharge
- WR-F2 Infrastructure
- WR-F3 Measurement
- WR-F4 Recording
- WR-F5 Reporting

WR G: Impoundment specified by licence

- WR-G1 Inland water to be impounded
- WR-G2 Manner and extent of impoundment
- WR-G3 Point(s) of impoundment
- WR-G4 Construction and removal requirements
- WR-G5 Other specified on licence

WR H: Borehole infrastructure

- WR-H1 Infrastructure and accessibility
- WR-H2 Maintenance and calibration

Enforcement response

Any non-compliance with a licence condition is an offence and we may take legal action against you. Action we take can include prosecution or civil sanctions. 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 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](#)

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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**.

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- **Telephone:** 0300 790 0203
- **Email:** ask@ombudsman.wales

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