

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0052249

Permit being assessed: WB3993HE.

For: Gellia'r-gwellt Uchaf Transfer & Composting Station, **held by:** Bryn Recycling Limited

At: Gellia'r-gwellt Uchaf Transfer & Composting Station, Hengoed, Caerphilly, CF82 8FY.

Type of assessment: Other,

Reason: Other.

On: 28/05/2026 between 19:58 and 21:35.

Parts of permit assessed: 3.3, 3.4.

NRW Lead Officer: Cerys Phillips, accompanied by Jodie Baskerville.

Report sent to: Jennifer Price, Site Manager & AD Plant Manager, on 02/07/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W3C - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Odour	Assessed (A)	
W3D - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Noise and vibration	Assessed (A)	

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
0	0

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?

No action required.

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.

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

Concerns in relation to perceived odour emissions from the activities undertaken at the site have been raised over a number of years and remain a key concern of local residents and community leaders.

Permit condition 3.3.1 states 'Emissions from the activities shall be free from odour at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of Natural Resources Wales, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved odour management plan, to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the odour.'

On 28th May 2026, between 19:58 and 21:35 Natural Resources Wales officers Cerys PHILLIPS and Jodie BASKERVILLE undertook an odour survey locally to Bryn Recycling at locations across Nelson, Gelligaer and Penybryn.

During the survey period the site appeared to be not operational, and the operator was unaware of the survey being undertaken.

The results of the odour survey are presented in Table 1.

Survey locations are presented in Figure 1.

Weather data collected from the nearest weather stations (Weather Station ID ITREHA3 and IHENGO3) during the survey period is presented in Table 2 and 3.

Table 1. Odour survey results

Time	Location	Notes
19:58	Arrive at Pen y Bryn – Trosnant Crescent – ST 13598 96206	No odour
20:06	ST 13558 96400	No odour
20:09	Claerwen - ST13070 96763	Strong farming type odour
20:15	Entrance to Bryn site	No odour
20:17	Arrive at Nelson area	No odour
20:20	ST 11302 95785	No odour
20:26	ST 11064 96123	No odour
20:39	Arrive at Parc Penallta	No odour

20:48	ST12900 95884	No odour
21:02	ST 13545 96279	No odour
21:05	Heol Cattwg	Strong farming type odour
21:12	ST 12871 97072	No odour
21:25	ST 10962 95425	No odour
21:30	ST 10710 95171	No odour
21:35	Left the area	Left the area

Figure 1: Map of survey locations

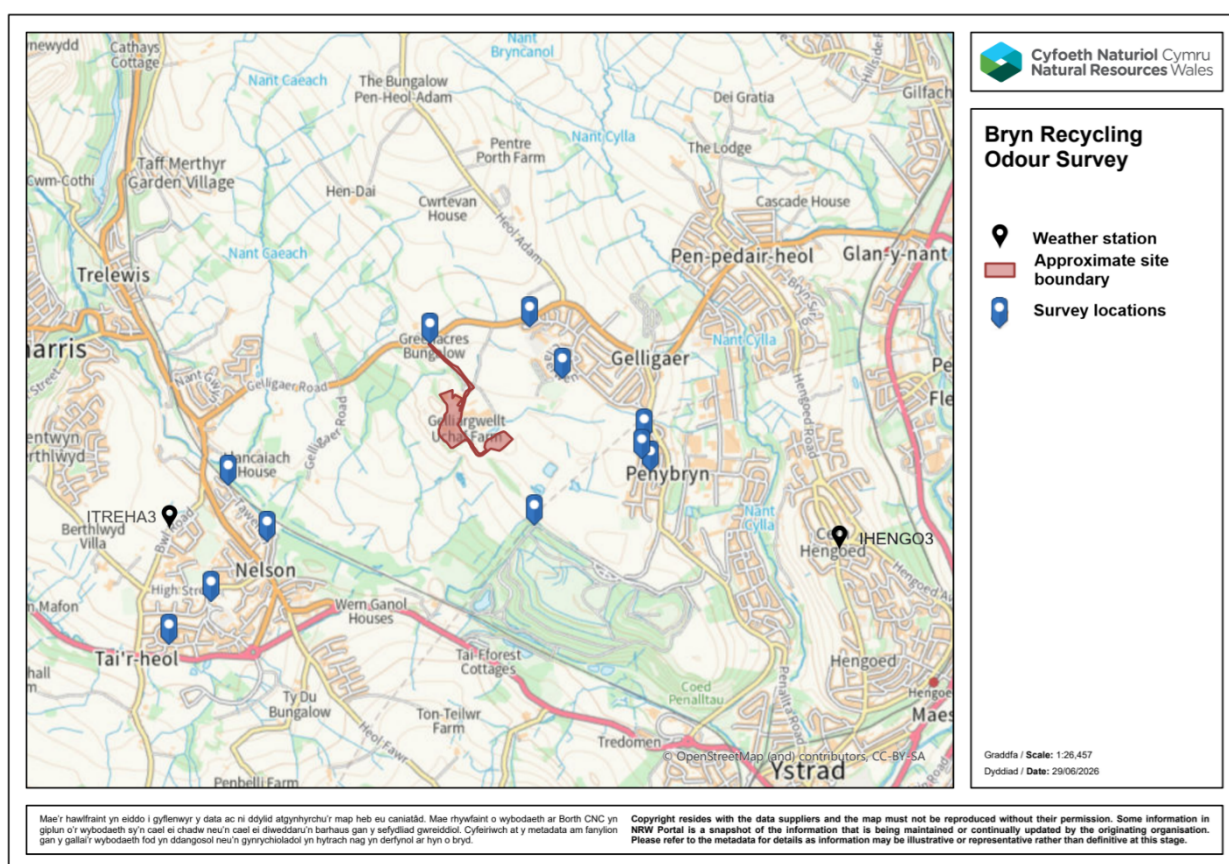


Table 2. Weather data collected from Weather Station ITREHA3 during the survey period

Time	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Speed	Gust	Pressure	Precip. Rate
7:59 PM	66.0 °F	74 %	SW	2.2 mph	2.2 mph	30.71 in	0.00 in
8:04 PM	66.1 °F	74 %	West	1.8 mph	1.8 mph	30.71 in	0.00 in
8:09 PM	66.1 °F	74 %	West	2.2 mph	2.2 mph	30.71 in	0.00 in
8:14 PM	65.8 °F	74 %	SW	1.7 mph	1.7 mph	30.71 in	0.00 in
8:19 PM	65.7 °F	74 %	SW	1.9 mph	1.9 mph	30.71 in	0.00 in
8:24 PM	65.4 °F	75 %	WSW	2.1 mph	2.2 mph	30.72 in	0.00 in
8:29 PM	65.3 °F	75 %	WSW	1.8 mph	1.8 mph	30.72 in	0.00 in
8:34 PM	65.1 °F	75 %	West	1.9 mph	2.0 mph	30.71 in	0.00 in
8:39 PM	64.8 °F	76 %	WSW	2.2 mph	2.2 mph	30.72 in	0.00 in
8:44 PM	64.5 °F	76 %	West	2.2 mph	2.3 mph	30.72 in	0.00 in
8:49 PM	64.4 °F	75 %	West	1.4 mph	1.4 mph	30.72 in	0.00 in
8:54 PM	64.0 °F	76 %	WSW	1.6 mph	1.6 mph	30.71 in	0.00 in
8:59 PM	63.8 °F	76 %	WSW	2.1 mph	2.1 mph	30.71 in	0.00 in
9:04	63.6 °F	77 %	SW	1.7 mph	1.7 mph	30.72 in	0.00 in

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9:09 PM	63.4 °F	77 %	West	1.0 mph	1.0 mph	30.72 in	0.00 in
9:14 PM	63.1 °F	78 %	West	1.8 mph	1.8 mph	30.72 in	0.00 in
9:19 PM	62.7 °F	80 %	WSW	1.9 mph	1.9 mph	30.73 in	0.00 in
9:24 PM	62.4 °F	80 %	SW	1.3 mph	1.3 mph	30.73 in	0.00 in
9:29 PM	62.1 °F	80 %	SSW	1.2 mph	1.2 mph	30.73 in	0.00 in

Table 3. Weather data collected from Weather Station IHENGO3 during the survey period

Time	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Speed	Gust	Pressure	Precip. Rate.
7:59 PM	66.1 °F	80 %	ESE	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.46 in	0.00 in
8:04 PM	65.8 °F	80 %	SE	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.46 in	0.00 in
8:09 PM	65.5 °F	80 %	East	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.45 in	0.00 in
8:14 PM	65.1 °F	81 %	SE	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.46 in	0.00 in
8:19 PM	65.0 °F	81 %	SE	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.46 in	0.00 in
8:24 PM	64.9 °F	81 %	East	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.46 in	0.00 in
8:29 PM	64.7 °F	81 %	East	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.46 in	0.00 in
8:34 PM	64.5 °F	82 %	SE	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.47 in	0.00 in
8:39 PM	64.2 °F	82 %	ENE	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.46 in	0.00 in
8:44	63.9 °F	83 %	East	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.46 in	0.00 in

PM							
8:49 PM	63.6 °F	83 %	ESE	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.47 in	0.00 in
8:54 PM	63.4 °F	84 %	East	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.47 in	0.00 in
8:59 PM	63.3 °F	84 %	SE	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.47 in	0.00 in
9:04 PM	63.1 °F	83 %	East	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.47 in	0.00 in
9:09 PM	63.1 °F	83 %	SE	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.47 in	0.00 in
9:14 PM	63.0 °F	84 %	East	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.48 in	0.00 in
9:19 PM	62.7 °F	85 %	East	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.48 in	0.00 in
9:24 PM	62.5 °F	85 %	SE	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.48 in	0.00 in
9:29 PM	62.1 °F	86 %	South	0.0 mph	0.0 mph	29.48 in	0.00 in

Conclusion

No malodours attributable to activities undertaken under the permit were observed at any of the survey locations during the survey period. A farming odour was observed at Hoel Cattwg and Claerwen, however this is to be expected in such close proximity to a farm, and unrelated to industrial activities.

There was also no noise attributable to industrial activities heard at any point during the survey. No amenity complaints in relation to perceived odour emissions or noise were received by NRW on the day of the survey.

The outcome of the survey was shared with the operator at a later date.

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.