

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0052052

Permit being assessed: DB3597FA, **Deployment reference:** PAN-032441.

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

At: .

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 03/07/2026.

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	Section 1.1.1
W2A - Waste - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
W2D - Waste - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
W2F - Waste - Operations - Technical requirements	Assessed (A)	
W2H - Waste - Operations - Pre-operational conditions	Assessed (A)	
W4A - Waste - Information - Records	Assessed (A)	

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	Please provide an electronic copy of the Environmental	31/07/2026

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
	Management System (EMS).	

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

W1A – General Management (Category 3 Breach) –

Section 1.1.1 of your permit states:

“The operator shall manage and operate the activities:

(a) in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances, closure and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints”

Action: Please provide an electronic copy of the Environmental Management System (EMS) by the 31 July 2026.

Site Inspection Observations

During the site inspection, officers were escorted around the site and shown the mobile plant used to treat waste soil, soil substitutes and aggregate (see image 1). The permit for the mobile plant was obtained on 26 September 2025, and the MPD1 form was submitted on 13 April 2026. **Please ensure that all operations associated with the mobile plant permit cease and do not recommence until the permitting team has agreed a deployment form in writing for that particular site.** Where section 2.1. of your permit states:

“2.1.3 The activities shall not begin at any site until Natural Resources Wales has agreed a deployment form in writing, for that particular site.

2.1.4 The activities shall only be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the agreed deployment form unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.”



Image 1: Mobile plant for soil, soil substitutes and aggregate treatment.

The plant was not in operation at the time of the visit due to mechanical faults, and no notification had been made to Natural Resources Wales (NRW). Please ensure that NRW is notified without delay of any such incidents in the future, where condition 4.3.1 of the permit states:

“Natural Resources Wales shall be notified without delay following the detection of:

(a) any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution.”

Opposite the mobile plant was a stockpile of untreated soil/aggregate awaiting processing, along with several bays segregated by concrete blocks containing treated material ready for recovery (see images 2 and 3).



Images 2 and 3: Left – Unsorted soil/aggregate waste pile. Right – Treated soil/aggregate waste material in a segregated bay.

NRW officers Anna ANDREWS and John JOWETT left the site at 12:30 pm.

Environmental Management System (EMS)

Please provide an electronic copy of the EMS by the 31 July 2026.

WAMITAB

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

Waste Returns

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 remember to begin submitting waste returns quarterly once your deployment has been agreed in writing by NRW.

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.