

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0052337

**Permit being assessed:** AB3895CN.

**For:** Byass Works, **held by:** A W D Group Ltd

**At:** Byass Works, The Docks, Port Talbot, Neath Port Talbot, SA13 1RS.

**Type of assessment:** Site Inspection,

**Reason:** Routine.

**On:** 26/06/2026 between 10:00 and 11:15.

**Parts of permit assessed:** W1A, W3G.

**NRW Lead Officer:** David Morgan.

**Report sent to:** Alyn Wyn Davies, Director, on 10/07/2026.

### 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             | Assessed (A)      |                  |
| W3G - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Fire             | 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

A site inspection of AWD (Group) Ltd was undertaken on 26 May 2026. The purpose of the inspection was to assess compliance with the Environmental Permit and to further evaluate the impacts arising from the significant fire incident that occurred on 29 April 2026. It was noted that recovery and remediation activities were continuing at the site.

Present during the inspection were:

- David Morgan, Natural Resources Wales
- Alyn Wyn Davies, AWD (Group) Ltd

An inspection of the operational areas was completed, following which relevant site documentation, including the Environmental Permit and associated records, was requested.

### **W1A – General Management**

Following the fire incident in April 2026, several storage bays within the main yard have been cleared. Remediation and clearance works remain ongoing within this area. Waste stored to the front of the yard, adjacent to the picking line, is currently confined to designated bays.

It was observed that the site continues to accept certain plastic waste streams, although operational arrangements have changed as a result of the fire. The primary picking line remains out of service and, consequently, incoming plastic waste is being deposited within the storage shed where manual sorting operations are undertaken.

A substantial quantity of feedstock was damaged during the fire. This material is currently stored in a single stockpile to the rear left-hand side of the yard upon entering the site. Given that this material was directly affected by the fire and is considered fire-damaged waste, regular inspections should be undertaken to identify and manage any potential sources of heat generation or ignition, including the presence of batteries or other combustible materials.

A Remediation Plan has been developed which identifies the waste volumes to be removed from site. Fire-damaged waste is being removed as general waste, with stock levels expected to reduce gradually over the coming months through the export of approximately two to four articulated vehicle loads per month.

It was agreed that AWD (Group) Ltd would provide Natural Resources Wales with a copy of the Remediation Plan.

### **W3A – Fire Prevention and Management**

It was noted that plastic waste is currently being deposited within the storage shed where a manual picking line is operating. This area is identified within the site's Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan (FPMP) as "Byass 3".

At the time of the inspection, waste within this area was stored as a single continuous stockpile without any fire breaks. This arrangement is not consistent with the storage requirements set out within the site's approved FPMP.

During the inspection it was observed that:

- Waste was not being stored within defined concrete bays;
- Different waste types were not segregated;
- Storage areas were not clearly marked to identify maximum storage limits.

However, it is acknowledged that the FPMP also identifies this area as a designated quarantine area intended for temporary use during incident recovery situations.

Natural Resources Wales accepts that the storage of waste within Byass 3 does not represent normal operational arrangements and that the use of this area is a temporary measure associated with recovery from the recent fire incident.

In light of the exceptional circumstances arising from the fire incident, a non-compliance score was not recorded in relation to the storage of waste within Byass 3 during this inspection.

However, the Remediation Plan must now be expanded to include:

- Clear timescales for the removal of waste currently stored within this location;
- Defined milestones for reducing stock levels;
- A projected date by which normal storage arrangements will be reinstated;
- Details of when waste will again be stored in accordance with the approved bay layout, storage locations and stockpile dimensions.

**Please provide an updated copy of the Remediation Plan at your earliest convenience.**

### **Fire Incident – 29 April 2026**

As discussed during the inspection, Natural Resources Wales has not yet received the Fire Investigation Report prepared by Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

Natural Resources Wales intends to review information relating to the incident supplied by Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service and any other relevant external agencies. Matters relating specifically to the fire investigation will be progressed separately from this Compliance Assessment Report, and AWD (Group) Ltd will be contacted in due course regarding those enquiries.

**End of Report**

***In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.