

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0052630

Permit being assessed: DB3691ZM.

For: Forest Wood Quarry, **held by:** Aggregates Express Quarry Products Ltd

At: Talygarn, Pontyclun, Rhondda Cynon Taff, CF72 9XD.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 30/07/2026 between 09:00 and 17:00.

Parts of permit assessed: 1.1.1, 1.1.4, 2.3.1.

NRW Lead Officer: Marc Campbell.

Report sent to: Operator, Operator, on 10/08/2026.

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)	
W2C - Waste - Operations - Operating techniques	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

Aggregates Express Quarry Products Ltd First Site Inspection - DB3691ZM – 05/07/2026

Waste Regulation officer Marc Campbell, Waste Regulation officer Gareth Morris and Tackling Waste Crime Officer Carl Benjamin visited Aggregates Express Quarry Products Ltd, Forest Wood Quarry, Brynsadler, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Wales, CF72 9XD

The operator holds a: Standard rules SR2008No11 permit for an inert and excavation waste transfer station with treatment.

This was the first site inspection as the site was granted a new permit on the 17/02/26. We entered the main office as advised by signage at the site and explained the reason for the visit. We were met by Ian Bowen, Technical Competence manager (TCM) for the site.

I went through our introductory checklist with Ian to explain the key areas of the permit as well as NRW expectations and procedures as the regulator.

Ian kindly took us around the site and explained how the operation will look and be structured once they begin work. He advised of the company's plans to apply for a new bespoke permit to allow large amounts of waste to be brought onto site, treated and stored in the future.

Site Assessment.

W1A- General Management –

Permit Condition 1.1.1 (A) states: **The operator shall manage and operate the activities:**

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.

You provided a copy of the site's Environmental Management System (EMS) during the inspection. The EMS was available onsite and forms part of the site's management framework for ensuring permit compliance and environmental protection. This will be reviewed in due course.

The site office maintained a comprehensive and well-organised document management system. I reviewed the site documentation and confirmed that records required by the permit, including the site diary, were readily available and appropriately maintained.

You advised that discussions are currently ongoing with South Wales Fire and Rescue

Service regarding the preparation of a Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan (FPMP). As waste activities at the site increase, the operator was reminded that all management documents, including the EMS and any approved FPMP, must be kept up to date, be readily accessible to site personnel and accurately reflect site operations.

Permit Condition 1.1.4 states: **The operator shall comply with the requirements of an approved competence scheme.**

You provided evidence of technical competency certification for both yourself and Luke Preston. The documentation reviewed demonstrated that suitably qualified persons have been identified to fulfil the technical competence requirements associated with the permitted activity.

We discussed the requirement for ongoing compliance with competence scheme attendance and continuing competence obligations. You confirmed your understanding of these requirements.

W2C- Operating Techniques

Permit Condition 2.3.1 **The activities shall be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in Table 2.3 below.**

At the time of inspection, site activities were limited. The waste returns showed the only waste accepted to date was:

17 01 07 – Mixtures of concrete, bricks, tiles and ceramics other than those mentioned in 17 01 06.

The material observed onsite appeared consistent with the authorised waste stream and storage arrangements were generally satisfactory.

I discussed waste acceptance procedures and the operator's responsibilities under both the permit and Duty of Care requirements.

Specific attention was drawn to waste classification requirements relating to mirror-entry wastes. The operator was advised that where wastes are accepted under codes that may require assessment to determine hazardous or non-hazardous status, adequate waste characterisation procedures must be in place. This should include the use of producer-supplied information, supported where necessary by verification checks, inspections, sampling and testing in accordance with the risk presented by the waste stream.

The responsibility for ensuring waste is correctly classified remains with the site operator and cannot be fully delegated to the waste producer. Whilst producer-supplied WM3 assessments may form part of the waste acceptance process, operators should retain sufficient evidence to demonstrate confidence in the accuracy and continued validity of any

information relied upon.

During the inspection, you sought clarification regarding appropriate testing requirements for incoming waste materials.

Waste classification should be undertaken in accordance with WM3 Technical Guidance and that the level of testing required will depend upon the nature of the waste, source process, available supporting information and associated environmental risk.

Please refer to the WM3 guidance on how to sample and test.

Photograph 1 – 170107 stored at site.



Inspection Summary:

The inspection provided assurance that you understand the requirements of your permit and have established appropriate management arrangements for the commencement of operations.

Thank you again for taking the time to show me and my colleagues around the site. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Many Thanks,
Marc.

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.