

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0052675

Permit being assessed: DB3691CU.

For: Areera Parc Stormy, **held by:** Areera Ltd

At: Solcer House, Unit 2, Parc Stormy, Stormy Down, Bridgend, Bridgend, CF33 4RS.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 21/07/2026 between 10:00 and 11:00.

Parts of permit assessed: all.

NRW Lead Officer: Magda Leonowicz, accompanied by Carl Benjamin.

Report sent to: Craig Thompson, site manager, on 17/08/2026.

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	Action only (X)	
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	Action only (X)	
W4B - Waste - Information - Reporting	Action only (X)	

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?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
W1A	Provide an Environmental Management System (EMS) written in line with the guidance, How to Comply with Your Environmental Permit	01/10/2026
W1A	Provide a Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan (FPMP) written in line with the guidance, Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plans Guidance. Natural Resources Wales / Fire prevention and	01/10/2026

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
	mitigation plans	
W4B	You are required to submit all outstanding waste returns and put in place procedures to ensure that all future returns are completed and submitted in time. Please be aware that if no waste has been accepted during a quarter you are still required to submit a NIL return.	01/10/2026

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.

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

The Waste Regulation Officer, Magda Leonowicz, and the Tackling Waste Crime Officer, Carl Benjamin, attended the permitted site operated by Areera Ltd at Unit 2, Park Stormy, Bridgend, CF33 4RS on 21 July 2026. The environmental permit number is **EPR/DB3691CU**. The site is permitted under Standard Rules Permit **SR2008No23** – Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Authorised Treatment Facility (ATF), excluding ozone-depleting substances.

This was an announced initial site inspection. The purpose of the visit was to introduce ourselves to the operator and discuss the anticipated date on which the site will become fully operational. We met with the Site Manager, Mr Craig Thompson, who provided a tour of the facility. We would like to thank Mr Thompson for his time and assistance throughout the inspection.

At the time of the visit, WEEE, including television screens and computer monitors, was being accepted and stored on site. Once the site becomes fully operational, anticipated in October, these items will be subject to both manual and mechanical dismantling. The site is currently being prepared for treatment activities; and, no treatment operations were taking place during the inspection.

Fridges and freezers were also being accepted for storage only. The treatment of WEEE containing ozone-depleting substances is not permitted under the environmental permit. Table 2.1 of the permit states: *"There shall be no treatment of WEEE containing ozone depleting substances."*

During the inspection, all waste was being stored on an impermeable surface with a sealed drainage system, in accordance with Permit Condition 2.3 (Operating Techniques).

The site currently operates under an ISO 14001 Environmental Management System (EMS). During the visit, it was agreed that a site-specific EMS and Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan (FPMP) will be developed and provided before the site becomes fully operational, to remain compliant with

permit conditions 1.1.1 and 3.4.1.

Following a review of waste returns, our records show that you have not submitted returns for quarter 1, quarter 2. The permit condition 4.2.2 requires a summary report of the waste types and quantities accepted and removed from the site shall be made for each quarter. It shall be submitted to the Agency within one month of the end of the quarter and shall be in the format required by the Agency. For more information please see the link: [Natural Resources Wales / Submit your waste return](#)

Actions:

Please provide the following by **1 October 2026**:

- 1) An Environmental Management System (EMS) written in line with the guidance, *How to Comply with Your Environmental Permit*: [How to comply with your environmental permit](#)
- 2) A Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan (FPMP) written in line with the guidance, *Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plans Guidance*. [Natural Resources Wales / Fire prevention and mitigation plans](#)
- 3) You are required to submit all outstanding waste returns and put in place procedures to ensure that all future returns are completed and submitted in time. Please be aware that if no waste has been accepted during a quarter you are still required to submit a NIL return.

Below are the photographs taken during the visit.





During the visit, Magda Leonowicz went through the first site inspection checklist with the site manager. All sections were discussed and understood.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding your permit or permitted activities on: magda.leonowicz@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

or wasteregulation.southcentral@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk.

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.