Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0052904

Permit being assessed: YP3135TE.

For: Newport Recycling Facility NRW/EPR/YP3135TE/V004, **held by:** Celtic Recycling Ltd

At: Celtic Recycling Ltd Clearwater Road, Clearwater Road, Queensway Meadow Industrial Estate, Newport, South Wales, NP19 4ST.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 30/07/2026 between 09:55 and 11:30.

Parts of permit assessed: IR2A - Permitted Operations.

NRW Lead Officer: Ian James, accompanied by Alexandra Tennant.

Report sent to: Philip Morris, Regional Depot Manager, on 09/09/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR2A - Installations - Operations - Permitted activities	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

Site Inspection Compliance Assessment Report (Public Register Version)

Site Details

Operator: Celtic Recycling
Site Location: Newport
Date of Inspection: 30th July 2026
Regulator: Natural Resources Wales
Site Representative: Regional Depot Manager

Purpose of Inspection

The inspection was undertaken to assess site operations, environmental management arrangements, and compliance with relevant permit requirements (YP3135TE V005). The visit included a review of material acceptance procedures, processing activities, environmental controls, and waste storage arrangements.

Summary of Site Activities

The operator processes a range of materials associated with electrical infrastructure and equipment. During the inspection, site representatives outlined current operational activities and environmental management practices.

The site reported increased operational throughput, with approximately 1,500 tonnes of material processed during June. Shredding activities associated with copper-bearing materials are now undertaken daily, with site operating hours adjusted to accommodate increased activity levels.

Materials accepted on site undergo testing and assessment prior to processing. Sampling and analytical procedures are in place for relevant materials and substances to ensure appropriate management and treatment.

The site undertakes specialist recovery and recycling activities relating to electrical equipment and associated materials. Where treatment is required beyond the scope of activities undertaken at Newport, materials are transferred to appropriately authorised facilities.

Compliance Assessment

Waste Acceptance and Material Testing

The operator demonstrated that incoming materials are subject to inspection, sampling and testing procedures prior to acceptance and processing. Testing arrangements include assessment of potentially hazardous contaminants where relevant.

Compliance Assessment: No compliance concerns identified during the inspection.

Waste Storage and Containment

Battery storage areas were observed to be appropriately contained. The warehouse and associated storage areas benefit from secondary containment measures designed to prevent the release of polluting substances to the environment.

Compliance Assessment: Appropriate containment measures were observed. No compliance concerns identified.

Emissions and Pollution Prevention

The operator advised that annual emissions monitoring is undertaken for relevant plant and equipment. The site's drainage infrastructure includes interceptors which are subject to routine inspection and maintenance.

Containment measures and drainage controls appeared appropriate for the activities being undertaken at the time of inspection.

Compliance Assessment: No compliance concerns identified during the inspection.

Oil and Hazardous Substance Management

The operator has procedures in place for the draining, handling and storage of oils associated with incoming equipment. Sampling and testing arrangements are used to support the management of these materials.

Compliance Assessment: No compliance concerns identified.

Specialist Recovery Operations

The site undertakes specialist recovery and recycling processes as part of its operations. Inspection and maintenance procedures have been established to support the effective management of these activities and minimise the risk of environmental impact.

Compliance Assessment: No compliance concerns identified during the inspection.

Regulatory Conclusion

Based on observations made during the inspection, the site appeared to be operating in accordance with its environmental management arrangements. Environmental controls relating to waste acceptance, containment, drainage management, emissions monitoring and material testing were evident.

No significant compliance issues were identified during the inspection. Continued implementation of the site's maintenance, monitoring and pollution prevention measures is expected to support ongoing compliance with permit requirements.

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 Industry compliance criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

1. Management
- IR1A – General management
- IR1B – Finance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR1C – Energy efficiency
- IR1D - Efficient use of raw materials
- IR1E - Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities
- IR1F - Multiple operator installations

2. Operations
- IR2A – Permitted activities
- IR2B – The site
- IR2C – Operating techniques
- IR2D – Technical requirements
- IR2E – Improvement programme
- IR2F – Pre-operational conditions
- IR2G – Landfill engineering (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2H – Waste acceptance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2I – Leachate levels (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2J – Closure and aftercare (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2K – Landfill gas management (only applicable to Landfill)

3. Emission and Monitoring
- IR3A(1) – Emissions to water
- IR3A(2) – Emissions to air
- IR3A(3) – Emissions to land
- IR3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- IR3C – Odour
- IR3D – Noise and vibration
- IR3E – Monitoring
- IR3F – Pests
- IR3G – Air quality management plans
- IR3H – Monitoring for the purposes of the Industrial Emissions Directive (this heading includes Large Combustion Plants)
- IR3I – Fire

4. Information
- IR4A – Records
- IR4B – Reporting
- IR4C – 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.