Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0053202

Permit being assessed: QP3422XH

For: GREEN MEADOW GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, **held by:** GREEN MEADOW GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

At: TREHERBERY ROAD, CROESY CEILIOG, CWMBRAN, GWENT, NP44 2BZ.

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On 08/10/2026, between 13:00 and 14:00.

Parts of permit assessed: Discharge

NRW Lead Officer: Alastair Krzyzosiak.

Report sent to: info@greenmeadowgolf.com, Permit Holder, on 12/10/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Non-compliant permit condition
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C2 Significant	2.1.1
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C2 Significant	3.1.2
WQ-D3 - Water Quality - Information - Notifications	C2 Significant	4.3.1
WQ-D3 - Water Quality - Information - Notifications	Action only (X)	
WQ-D1 - Water Quality - Information - Records	Action only (X)	
WQ-A1 - Water Quality - Management - General management	Action only (X)	

Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-C1	RE Condition 2.1.1, Stop polluting discharge. Comply with Permit.	12/11/2026
WQ-C1	RE Condition 3.1.2, Stop polluting discharge. Comply with	12/11/2026

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
	permit.	
WQ-D3	Natural Resources Wales shall be notified without delay following the detection of any future permit breaches.	12/10/2026
WQ-D3	Explain why the pollution issues have not been reported to NRW.	12/11/2026
WQ-D1	Provide weekly monitoring records from May 2025 to now	12/11/2026
WQ-A1	Apply for permit variation	12/01/2027

Action 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 CAR Contains a WARNING.

Environment Officer Alastair Krzyzosiak attended the site as part of routine monitoring. The following observations were made:

- There was no flow in the receiving watercourse upstream of the discharge point.
- The discharge was very clearly not compliant with the permit conditions.
- The only water in the watercourse appeared to be from the sewage discharge itself.
- Below the discharge point, the watercourse was very stagnant and badly affected with sewage fungus.



Condition 2.1.1 states: The discharge shall only be made to a watercourse that normally contains water throughout the year. The site operator reported that the watercourse had been dry for months. Furthermore, when the site was inspected last year, the water level in the watercourse was very low. It appears very likely that the watercourse dries seasonally. Also, the permit states that prior to the discharge, the sewage must have received secondary treatment. The discharge had clearly not received an appropriate level of secondary treatment. These are both breaches of Condition 2.1.1.

Condition 3.1.2 states: The discharge must be clear, with no adverse visible effect on the receiving water or the bed of the watercourse. The watercourse was badly affected with sewage fungus for a considerable distance downstream. This is a breach of Condition 3.2.1.

Condition 4.3.1 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; (b) the breach of a limit specified in these standard rules; (c) or any significant adverse environmental effects. NRW was not notified of a significant permit breach having a clear environmental impact. This is a breach of Condition 4.3.1. **Explain why the permit breaches have not been reported to NRW.**

Condition 3.3 requires you to carry out a weekly inspection and keep records. **Please provide a copy of all records from May 2025 until now.**

Given the multiple breaches, **the site must be brought back into regulatory compliance as a matter of urgency.** However, given that circumstances have clearly changed since the permit was issued, **a permit variation will be needed which meets modern standards**. **You must apply for a permit variation**. This can be done online on NRW's website: Natural Resources Wales / Change (vary) an existing permit for a discharge of domestic sewage

Before NRW can process a variation application, we need to understand what you propose to do to improve both the quality of the effluent, and the discharge location. You cannot discharge into a dry ditch. Therefore, an alternative solution is needed. It is up to you as the permit holder to establish the best course of action to achieve this. NRW can provide advice and guidance on these matters.

You will need to confirm (with accompanying evidence / figures) what the maximum daily discharge volume is.

As the current discharge location is not compliant, an alternative location (which holds water) should be found elsewhere on site. A discharge to ground into a drainage field could also be considered. It must be compliant with BS 6297:2007. This must include a ground suitability assessment, percolation tests, etc, as per the British Standard.

Summary:

- **Action 1**: Stop the polluting discharge
- **Action 2**: Explain why the permit breaches have not been reported to NRW.
- **Action 3**: Provide a copy of all weekly inspection records from May 2025 until now.
- **Action 4**: Bring site back into regulatory compliance by applying for a permit variation. Provide all supporting information as required.

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 to 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
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property

Full list of water quality action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

WQ A: Management

- WQ-A1 General management

WQ B: Operations

- WQ-B1 Permitted activities
- WQ-B2 The site
- WQ-B3 Operating techniques
- WQ-B4 Improvement programme
- WQ-B5 Pre-operational conditions

WQ C: Emissions and monitoring

- WQ-C1 Emissions to water
- WQ-C2 Emissions to land
- WQ-C3 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- WQ-C4 Monitoring
- WQ-C5 Installation of monitoring boreholes

WQ D: Information

- WQ-D1 Records
- WQ-D2 Reporting
- WQ-D3 Notifications

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.