Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0053220

Permit being assessed: AN0237001

For: CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT WAUN-Y-POUN, **held by:** HANSON AGGREGATES

At: CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT, WAUN-Y-POUND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, EBBW VALE, BLAENAU GWENT, NP23 6PL.

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On 08/10/2026, between 14:00 and 14:25.

Parts of permit assessed: Permit compliance

NRW Lead Officer: Elis Nuttall.

Report sent to: Ryan Sturgess, Regional operations manager, on 13/10/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Non-compliant permit condition
WQ-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-A1	Provide waste transfer notes for the most recent removal of wastes from site.	Already completed

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.

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 report

This report details the site inspection made by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) on the 08/10/2026 to Heidelberg Materials UK (previously known as Hanson Aggregates), permit reference number EPR/AN0237001.

I (NRW Environment Officer Elis Nuttall) attended Heidelberg Materials UK at Waun-Y-Pound Industrial Estate, Ebbw Vale for a permit compliance inspection at 14:00 where I met with the site manager (NH). The weather was clear and dry at the time of the inspection.

General observations

This site is a concrete batching plant and has held an EPR permit since 1995. The permit only holds one numeric consented limit:

- No sample of the discharge shall contain more than 100 milligrams per litre of suspended solids (measured after drying at 105° Celsius).

The permit also includes several descriptive emissions conditions, which are as follows:

- The discharge shall not contain any poisonous, noxious, or polluting matter or solid waste matter.
- The discharge shall consist only of treated trade effluent from a concrete batching plant.
- The maximum volume of effluent discharged shall be dependent on rainfall.
- As far as reasonably practicable, the works shall be operated so as to prevent:

i. any matter being present in the effluent, other than matter specifically covered by numerical conditions in this consent, to such an extent at to cause the receiving waters, or any waters of which the receiving waters are a tributary, to be poisonous or injurious to fish in those waters, or otherwise cause damage to the ecology of those waters.

ii. the treated effluent from having any adverse environmental impact.

The consented discharge point is listed to be located at SO15651081, with the consented sample point listed to be located at SO15561060.

The site was operational at the time of the inspection.

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Initial discussion

I began this visit by outlining the purpose of my attendance to NH. I have previously inspected this site so I was familiar with site operations. No issues were raised during the previous inspection and NH noted that the only change on site was that an updated access route to the sample point has been constructed and associated infrastructure updated (chamber covers etc). As no breaches were recorded on the previous inspection I had no concerns or updates to address and we proceeded to inspect the site infrastructure.

Site infrastructure inspection

On observation, the general site conditions were good at the time of the inspection. There was no excessive standing water or sediments. While to active processing operations were ongoing at the time of the inspection, there was a road sweeper on site which NH noted was part of the routine maintenance of the site. I raised no concerns on the condition of the site. These observations can be seen in Figure 1.











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**.

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- **Telephone**: 0300 790 0203
- **Email**: ask@ombudsman.wales

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