

This form will report compliance with your permit as determined by an NRW officer

Site	Woodmat Bridgend	Permit Ref	YB3097TR		
Operator/Permit holder	Woodmat Limited				
Regime	Waste Operations				
Date of assessment	19/06/2020	Time in	10:00	Out	11:00
Assessment type	Site Inspection				
Parts of the permit assessed	C4				
Lead officer's name	Lovelock, Elysia				
Accompanied by	Morgan, David				
Recipient's name/position	David Matton/ Director	Date issued	30/06/2020		

Section 1 – Compliance Assessment Summary

This is based on the requirements of the permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations or the licence under the Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Water Act 2003. A detailed explanation is captured in "Compliance Assessment Report Detail" (Section 2) and any actions you may need to take are given in the "Action(s)" (section 4). This summary details where we believe any non-compliance with the permit has occurred, the relevant condition and how the non-compliance has been categorised using our Compliance Classification Scheme (CCS). CCS Scores can be consolidated or suspended where appropriate, to reflect the impact of some non-compliances more accurately. For more details of our CCS scheme, contact your local office.

Permit conditions and compliance summary	CCS Category	Condition(s) breached
C4 - General Management - Storage, handling labelling and Segregation	C3	3.4.1

KEY: See Section 5 for breach categories, suspended scores will be indicated as such.
A = Assessed or assessed in part (no evidence of non-compliance), **X** = Action only,
O = Ongoing non-compliance, not scored.

Number of breaches recorded	1	Total compliance score (see section 5 for scoring scheme)	4
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If the Number of breaches recorded is greater than zero, please see Section 3 for our proposed enforcement response

Section 2 – Compliance Assessment Report Detail

This section contains a report of our findings and will usually include information on:

- The part(s) of the permit that were assessed (eg. Maintenance, training, combustion plant, etc)
- Where the type of assessment was 'Data Review' details of the report/results triggering the assessment
- Any non-compliances identified
- Any non-compliances with directly applicable legislation
- Details of any multiple non-compliances
- Information on the compliance score accrued inc.
- Details of advice given
- Any other areas of concern
- Any actions requested
- Any examples of good practice
- A reference to photos taken

Permitted Facility: Woodmat Ltd, 32 Chilcott Avenue, Brynmenyn Industrial Estate, Bridgend CF32 9RQ

Environmental Permit: YB3097TR

Natural Resources Wales Officers Elysia Lovelock and Senior Officer David Morgan conducted a follow up visit to a compliance visit undertaken on 1st June 2020 to the above permitted facility, on 19th June 2020 at 10 A.M. Gaining access to the site via arrangements made by David Matton for us to be met by Bluestone Security. During our visit the ground was wet and the weather was overcast.

The purpose of the follow up visit was to establish the depth of the waste wood chip deposited on the left upon entering the site, as can be seen in the photographs provided in the previous compliance assessment report, as below. As there has been suggestion in the past that this is unmade ground and woodchip here is only a 'sprinkling' on the top of a naturally raised area of the site.



Officers took measurements of the site and (although some areas of the site were not accessible), dug three trial pits at random points, all measuring at a depth of well over half a meter deep, with no sign of unmade ground and took temperature readings which showed woodchip at 0.5m deep to be 18c, therefore the remaining waste wood chip does not appear to be of concern in regard to self-heating. However, this waste must be stored in line with FPMP guidance. Officers estimate there to be 650 tonnes left on site.

On the site boundary fence, next to the main storage building (rear of site upon entering), Officers measured woodchip at the perimeter to be over 1 meter deep. The material is heavily compacted, damp and Officers found that digging deeper than half/three quarters of a meter beyond the perimeter would probably require mechanical excavation. Either way, we can safely say that this is not a thin layer of chip covering the unmade ground.

The Officers measurements of the site are conservative given that some areas were inaccessible, and the sites actual dimensions are larger, but because of overgrowth and restricted access to some areas, Officers made the following measurements:

- Measurement from yard (from the concrete pad to the rear of woodchip area) was 59 meters. In reality, this goes further but it was not safe to measure further.

- Measurement from rear of woodchip area to the corner by the main storage building was

71 meters. Again, this is a few meters short of the actual length.

- Measurement from this corner across towards the site entrance (width of woodchip area) was 30 meters.

A non-compliance of the permit has been recorded for Condition 3.4.1 (Ref: C4) as a Category 3 – Minor breach

3.4.1 states: The operator shall manage and operate the activities in accordance with a written fire prevention plan using the current, relevant fire prevention plan guidance.

Giving consideration to the efforts made to date, NRW wish to address the continued issue of non-compliance with the storage specifications in accordance with the sites Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan and subsequent remaining deposit, through stipulating the following action be completed within 90 days, unless otherwise agreed with NRW:

ACTION: Removal of the remaining deposit of spread waste wood chip in order to operate activities in accordance with the written fire prevention plan.

BY DATE: Sunday 27th September 2020

We appreciate your co-operation and assistance and trust that the issue identified and action stipulated as per this Compliance Assessment Report will be promptly addressed and actioned accordingly and look forward to continuing working with you in the future. If you wish to discuss this matter further please get in touch with the sites Regulatory Officer.

established by Article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012.

EPR Compliance Assessment Report

**Report ID:
CAR_NRW0036737**

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Section 3 – Enforcement Response

You must take immediate action to rectify any non-compliance and prevent repetition. Non-compliance with your permit conditions constitutes an offence and can result in criminal prosecutions and/or suspension or revocation of a permit. Please read the detailed assessment in Section 2 and the steps you need to take in Section 4 below.

We will now consider what enforcement action is appropriate and notify you, referencing this form.

Section 4 – Action(s)

This section summarises the actions identified during the assessment along with the timescales for when they will need to be completed.

Criteria Ref.	CCS Category	Action required/advised	Due Date
See Section 1 above			
C4	C3	Removal of the remaining deposit of spread waste wood chip in order to operate activities in accordance with the written fire prevention plan.	27/09/2020

Section 5 – Compliance notes for the Operator

To ensure you correct actual or potential non-compliance we may

- Advise on corrective actions verbally or in writing
- Require you to take specific actions verbally or in writing
- Issue a notice
- Require you to review your procedures or management system
- Change some of the conditions of your permit
- Decide to undertake a full review of your permit

Any breach of a permit condition is an offence and we may take legal action against you

- We will normally provide advice and guidance to assist you to come back into compliance either after an offence is committed or where we consider that an offence is likely to be committed. This is without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.
- Enforcement action can include the issue of a formal caution, prosecution, the service of a notice and/or suspension or revocation of the permit.

See our Enforcement and Civil Sanctions guidance for further information

This report does not relieve the site operator of the responsibility to

- Ensure you comply with the conditions of the permit at all times and prevent pollution of the environment
- Ensure you comply with other legislative provisions which may apply

Non-compliance scores and categories

CCS category	Description	Score
C1	A non-compliance that could have a major environmental effect	60
C2	A non-compliance which could have a significant environmental effect	31
C3	A non-compliance which could have a minor environmental effect	4
C4	A non-compliance which has no potential environmental effect	0.1

Operational Risk Appraisal (Opra) - Compliance assessment findings may affect your Opra score and/or your charges. This score influences the resource we use to assess permit compliance.

Section 6 – General information

Data protection notice

The information on this form will be processed by the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s). The NRW may also use and/or disclose it in connection with:

- Offering/providing you with its literature/services relating to environmental matters
- Consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (eg. 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 its service
- Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Regulations request

The NRW may pass it on to its agents/representatives to do these things on its behalf. You should ensure that any persons named on this form are informed of the contents of this data protection notice.

Disclosure of information

The NRW will provide a copy of this report to the public register(s). However, if you consider that any information contained in this report should not be released to the public register(s) on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, you must write to your local area office within fifteen working days of receipt of this form indicating which information it concerns and why it should not be released, giving your reasons in full.

Customer charter

What can I do if I disagree with this compliance assessment report?

If you are unable to resolve the issue with your site officer, you should firstly discuss the matter with officer's line managers using the informal appeals procedure. If you wish to raise your dispute further through our official Complaints and Commendations procedure, phone our general enquiry number 0300 065 3000 (Mon to Fri 08.00 – 18.00) and ask for the Customer Contact team or send an email to enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk. If you are still dissatisfied you can make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. For advice on how to complain to the Ombudsman phone their helpline on 0845 607 0987.

Welsh Language

If you would like this form in Welsh please contact your Regulatory Officer.