

Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

Bespoke permit

We have decided to grant the permit for Trawsnant Cottage operated by Dr John Perry.

The application number is PAN-002873

The permit number is EPR/AB3994HR

This is an existing discharge that is being brought into line with current regulations and permitted for the first time. The permit will regulate a discharge of secondary treated sewage effluent: a maximum of 1.2 cubic metres per day treated by a package treatment plant and discharging into a ditch leading to an unnamed tributary of the Afon Cynrig.

The system serves a single domestic property: a 3 bedroom house used as a holiday let. Previously the site was served by an unregulated septic tank that discharged to surface water.

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account
- justifies the specific conditions in the permit other than those in our generic permit template.

Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

Structure of this document

Annex 1: decision checklist

This checklist should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist.

| Aspect | Justification / Detail | Criteria met |
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| | | Yes |
| Consultation | | |
| Scope of consultation | The consultation requirements were identified and implemented. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 6 High Profile Sites, our Public Participation Statement and our Working Together Agreements. | ✓ |
| Responses to web publicising | No responses were received from web publicising. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance. | ✓ |
| Operator | | |
| Control of the facility | We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of the facility after the grant of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with EPR RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of operator. | ✓ |
| European Directives | | |
| Applicable directives | All applicable European directives have been considered in the determination of the application. | ✓ |
| The site | | |
| Extent of the site of the facility | The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility including discharge points. A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary. | ✓ |
| Environmental Risk Assessment and operating techniques | | |
| Environmental risk | We have carried out a risk assessment on behalf of the operator. The operator considers this risk assessment is satisfactory. The assessment shows that, applying the conservative criteria in our guidance on Environmental Risk Assessment, all emissions may be categorised as environmentally insignificant. | ✓ |

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| Operating techniques | <p>We have reviewed the techniques used by the operator and compared these with the relevant guidance notes according to TGN EPR 7.01.</p> <p>The proposed techniques / emission levels for priorities for control are in line with the benchmark levels contained in the TGN and we consider them to represent appropriate techniques for the facility.</p> | ✓ |
| The permit conditions | | |
| Considerations of foul sewer | We agree with the operators justification for not connecting to foul sewer. | ✓ |
| Operator Competence | | |
| Environment Management System | There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management systems to enable it to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence. | ✓ |
| Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (SMNR) | | |
| Considerations of SMNR - Compliance with our General Purpose | We are satisfied that this decision is compatible with our general purpose of pursuing the sustainable management of natural resources in relation to Wales and applying the principles of sustainable management of natural resources” | ✓ |