

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0038878

Permit being assessed: AW1004201

For: LLYSWEN STW CHURCH ROAD LLYSWEN, held by DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG
At: LLYSWEN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, CHURCH ROAD, LLYSWEN, POWYS, .

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 27/10/2021, between 11:25 and 12:10.

Parts of permit assessed: See Criteria Below

NRW Lead Officer: Robert Harding, accompanied by: Chris Gurney.

Report sent to: CARS Mailbox, CARS Mailbox, on 29/10/2021.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-A1 - Management - General management	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B1 - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B2 - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
WQ-C1 - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	Assessed (A)	

Result types are explained in more detail 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

This was a pre-planned OSM site inspection carried out by Natural Resources Wales Officers Robert Harding and Chris Gurney. We were shown around the site by the following DCWW representatives
Lowri Davies- Operations Supervisor
Laura Davis- Assistant Process Scientist
Geraint Michael- Catchment Management
Brian Barrell- Senior Operations

The weather during the visit was overcast with intermittent showers. We were shown through the works from inlet through to the outfall.

General information

The STW is a single filter bed works serving a population equivalent of 390. It is fed directly from the nearby pumping station and does not have a continuous flow.

Inlet and Storm Weir

The incoming flow to the site is pumped up to the inlet point, where telemetry is in place to monitor flows. The inlet is clearly marked and was clear of blockages, there is no screening in place on the main flow channel, as the incoming flows are macerated at the pumping station. Whilst on site some flow entered the works and it appeared macerated and clear of any large solids or rag.



There is a 6mm aperture screen in place for the storm channel. There is EDM equipment in place to monitor storm discharges, at the time of visit there was no flow entering the storm channel.

The flows were well below the storm weir setting in place and there were no flows entering the storm channel. The storm filter showed signs of debris but was clear of any blockages. There is a single storm tank, which was empty at the time of inspection. The storm tank has an automatic return to the head of the works.



Primary Settlement

The primary settlement tank appeared to be operating effectively. There were no signs of significant solids passing into the outfall channel as the scum boards were clearly keeping solids contained. The outfall channel appeared clear of any debris and water was flowing freely. There is a COPA sack in place on the outfall between the primary tank and filter bed. There was some material within the sack, but it was not hindering flow to the filter bed.



Filter Bed

There is a single filter bed which contains stone filter media. The rotation arm was moving in a free and unhindered manner. The distribution points on the arm were clear of debris and water was flowing freely. The filter was free from any substantial vegetation build up, and the filter media appeared level and without dry tracks. The filter bed appeared to be in good working order.



Humus Tank

The humus tank appeared to be operating effectively and there were no signs of solids in the outfall channels. There is a thin covering of duckweed present on the surface of the humus tank, however this does not appear to be hindering its operation and is contained within the scum board. I located a small amount of sewage fungus on the outside of a the scum board, however there was no signs of this within the outfall channel.





Outfall and Sampling point

The final effluent from the humus tank passes through a MCERT Magflow flow meter, which appeared to be operating as required and accessible for inspection. The sample point is clearly marked with appropriate signage including the NGR. A list of permitted limits was always present for operatives to check whilst on site. The inspection chamber and outfall was clear of debris and effluent was flowing freely to the outfall.



General Comments

The works can experience periods of low input, as the flow come from the nearby pumping station. There are automatic processes in place to circulate from the humus tank back to the head of the works. This is to keep movement through the works in periods of low flows. The works appears in very good condition visually and is operating within consented limits

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 only relating to the activity assessment
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

If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?

In line with our guidance, we may suspend non-compliance for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. These will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

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 Installation of monitoring boreholes

WQ D: Information

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

Enforcement response

Any permit condition non-compliance 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).

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- 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.

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What do I do if I disagree with the report or have a complaint?

If you disagree with this compliance assessment report, you should contact the lead officer without delay to discuss your concerns.

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