

Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID:
CAR_NRW0031624

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

Site	City Skips Transfer Station	Permit Ref	NP3997EE		
Operator/Permit holder	City Skips (N W) Limited				
Regime	Waste Operations				
Date of assessment	24/04/2017	Time in	10:00	Out	10:30
Assessment type	Site Inspection				
Parts of the permit assessed	storage, handling, labelling, segregation; site security; Pests, birds and scavengers				
Lead officer's name	White, Steven				
Accompanied by	Sowerby, Andrew R.				
Recipient's name/position	Rhodri Owen Roberts/ Director	Date issued	02/06/2017		

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
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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	0	Total compliance score (see section 5 for scoring scheme)	0
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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

This was an arranged inspection to assess compliance with the site permit prior to a court appearance on 25/04/2017, the visit was carried out by Steven White and Andrew Sowerby, Rhodri Roberts accompanied officers throughout the inspection.

The site was in a much better condition than on previous inspections, a lot of waste had been removed off site and the bays and shed previously covered with waste were visible. There were three main piles of waste on site: A pile of inert construction/demolition waste in one of the bays estimated at 10m³; A pile of household waste in adjacent bay (a mix of historic and recently brought in waste) estimated at ~35m³; and a small pile of inert construction/demolition waste estimated at 2m³.



Waste piles on site (24/04/2017)

The site was just over compliance with its permit, an expected removal of the household waste (1 x articulated lorry, ~15-20T) later that day would likely bring the waste volumes to below the limits (25m³ of biodegradable waste) set in the site permit.

It is estimated that approximately 200T of waste has left the site in recent months with the household waste being sent to Gwynedd Skip Hire and the inert being sent to either Maes Mynnan Quarry (Breedon Aggregates) or Roadrunner.

As it is likely, following the removal of the lorry-load of waste later that day, that the site would be back in compliance with its permit it was recommended that a Formal Caution be offered instead of the forthcoming prosecution. This Formal Caution was signed by Rhodri Roberts at Llandudno Magistrates Court on 25th April 2017.

The current site permit and working plan is deemed not fit for purpose for the efficient running and regulation of the site; a NRW-led variation of the site permit is being undertaken so that the permit is up-to-date with current regulations and practices, part of this process would require an updated Environment Management System and Fire Prevention Plan for the site.

During the visit a rat was observed in the household waste pile, due to the very close proximity of neighbouring businesses - especially the livestock market - you must ensure that pests and vermin are controlled on site as they could potentially have a significant impact on adjoining businesses.

Site security was checked during the visit; the perimeter fence adjacent to the A55 was intact with no breakages, there was some very minor damage to the palisade fencing adjacent to the caravan sales yard from the waste leaning against it.

City Skips (NW) Ltd is in the process of applying for an extension of planning permission to run a waste transfer station to encompass the entire yard and not just the small portion of the yard that currently has permission to do so.

Due to the non-compliances with the permit over the past 12 months City Skips (NW) Ltd has increased on our 'risk register' for

future non-compliances and subsequently will be visited on a more regular basis to ensure that the site remains in compliance.

Thank you for your time during the inspection, please find my contact details below.

Regards

Steven White

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EPR Compliance Assessment Report

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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.

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			

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

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- 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

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Customer charter

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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.

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