

# Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

## Bespoke Variation

We have decided to issue the variation for Llandyrnog creamery operated by Arla Foods Limited.

The variation number is EPR/BP3630NH/V003.

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 the decision checklist
- Annex 2 the consultation and web publicising responses

### Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist, the application and supporting information and permit/ notice.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
<b>Consultation</b>		
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.	✓
<b>European Directives</b>		

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Applicable directives	All applicable European directives have been considered in the determination of the application.	✓
<b>The site</b>		
Extent of the site of the facility	<p>The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility including emission points.</p> <p>A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.</p>	✓
Site condition report	<p>The operator has provided a description of the condition of the site. Specifically, this covered the “new” area being incorporated into the site as part of this variation.</p> <p>We consider this description is satisfactory. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on site condition reports – guidance and templates (H5).</p>	✓
<b>Environmental Risk Assessment and operating techniques</b>		
Environmental risk	<p>We have reviewed the operator's assessment of the environmental risk from the facility.</p> <p>The operator’s risk assessment is satisfactory.</p>	✓
Operating techniques	<p>We have reviewed the techniques used by the operator and compared these with the relevant guidance notes.</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>	✓
<b>The permit conditions</b>		
Updating permit conditions during consolidation.	We have updated previous permit conditions to those in the new generic permit template as part of permit consolidation. The new conditions have the same meaning as those in the previous permit(s).	✓

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
	The operator has agreed that the new conditions are acceptable.	
Emission limits	Emission limits unchanged by this variation, although an additional connection to foul sewer has been created.	✓
Monitoring	We have decided that monitoring should be carried out for the parameters listed in the permit, using the methods detailed and to the frequencies specified.	✓
Reporting	We have specified reporting in the permit. The reporting requirements have been minimised by keeping the frequency low (annually).	✓
<b>Operator Competence</b>		
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.	✓

## Annex 2: Consultation, web publicising responses

Summary of responses to consultation and web publication and the way in which we have taken these into account in the determination process. (Newspaper advertising is only carried out for certain application types, in line with our guidance.)

<b>Response received from</b>
Applicant
<b>Brief summary of issues raised</b>
Minor typing error
<b>Summary of actions taken or show how this has been covered</b>
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