

Environmental Alert

Disposal of soils to U1 exempt sites

WHAT HAPPENED?

Hauliers appointed to remove topsoil from our development identified a nearby 'restoration' project requiring topsoil.

The site benefited from a U1 Waste Exemption allowing it accept soils; however, U1 exempt sites are limited to 1,000 tonnes of soil. More than 2,300 tonnes of topsoil left our development to go the restoration site, in breach of the terms of the waste exemption.



Sites operating outside the terms of waste exemptions are considered **illegal waste sites**. The EA visited our site following reports of illegal waste activities.

ACTION TO TAKE

We have a legal duty to fulfil our waste duty of care. This requires us to carry out checks.

We must ensure hauliers removing our waste, and sites and accepting our waste, are legally able to do so.

Prior to the appointment of any haulier/waste contractor companies must provide copies of:

- Waste carriers licence(s)
- Environmental Permits / Licences / Exemptions

The Commercial Dept must check these details against the relevant Public Register:

- [Environment Agency](#)
- [Natural Resources Wales](#)
- [SEPA](#)

Monitor

Any waste going to an exempt site must be carefully monitored. No site with a U1 exemption can accept >1,000t of soil (in its entirety). Exempt sites may have accepted waste prior to our involvement, resulting in a reduction of how much soil we can send to that site.

Keep an eye out for the launch of the **Environmental Management System** soon which will support our teams in fulfilling waste duty of care requirements.

For further advice speak to your GHSEA.