

Geomorphology Photo Survey: Version 2 (Date: 19th September 2022)

Applicant's Name: Mark Sealy

Site Name: Brithdir Forest Hydro

Site Address: Brithdir Forest, Brithdir, Dolgellau, LL40 2SA

Watercourse Name: Nant Helygog

Basic site information:

1. The hydropower scheme proposed is 34kW and will produce an estimated 175,000 kWh (units) of electricity per year sufficient for 60 average UK homes and a 37 tonne reduction of carbon dioxide emissions annually. *(Average UK home uses 2,900 kWh/yr according to Ofgem's 'Typical Domestic Consumption Values' for 2020. Government figures for 2021 for emissions from electricity production: 0.21233kg CO₂e per kWh)*
2. Intake Grid Reference: SH 79432 18555
3. Intake weir crest elevation: 314.143mAOD
4. Power house (turbine) Grid Reference: SH 79200 19608
5. Power house (turbine) finished floor elevation: 220.300mAOD
6. Outfall Grid Reference: SH 79205 19597
7. Outfall invert (base) elevation: 218.890mAOD
8. Catchment Area and Watercourse Flow
 - a. Catchment Area: 2.256 square kilometres
 - b. Annual Rainfall: 2,400mm
 - c. Annual Runoff: 1,759mm
 - d. Average Daily Flow (ADF) or Mean Flow: 126 litres per second
 - e. Length of depleted reach: 1,265 metres
 - f. Fall along length of depleted reach: 97.5 metres
 - g. Average depleted reach gradient 8%
9. Flow Rates & Abstraction Regime
 - a. Turbine's Gross Head: 92.3 metres
 - b. Turbine's Net Head (@ design flow): 87.9 metres
 - c. Design Flow (Max Turbine Flow): 51.2 litres per second
 - d. Minimum Turbine Flow: 3 litres per second
 - e. Hands Off Flow (Q95): 14 litres per second
 - f. Abstraction Regime Above Q95: 70%

Effect of abstraction on Flow Regime:

| % Exceedance Probability | Flow upstream of abstraction [l/s] | Abstraction [l/s] | Abstraction as percentage of upstream flow | Residual flow downstream of weir [l/s] | Residual flow as percentage of upstream flow |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| 5% | 439 | 51.2 | 11.7% | 388 | 88.3% |
| 10% | 292 | 51.2 | 17.5% | 241 | 82.5% |
| 15% | 234 | 51.2 | 21.9% | 183 | 78.1% |
| 20% | 176 | 51.2 | 29.1% | 125 | 70.9% |
| 25% | 149 | 51.2 | 34.4% | 98 | 65.6% |
| 30% | 122 | 51.2 | 42.0% | 71 | 58.0% |
| 35% | 106 | 51.2 | 48.5% | 54 | 51.5% |
| 40% | 89 | 51.2 | 57.5% | 38 | 42.5% |
| 45% | 78 | 44.8 | 57.4% | 33 | 42.6% |
| 50% | 67 | 37.1 | 55.4% | 30 | 44.6% |
| 55% | 59 | 31.5 | 53.4% | 28 | 46.6% |
| 60% | 51 | 25.9 | 50.8% | 25 | 49.2% |
| 65% | 45 | 21.7 | 48.2% | 23 | 51.8% |
| 70% | 39 | 17.5 | 44.9% | 22 | 55.1% |
| 75% | 34 | 13.7 | 40.7% | 20 | 59.3% |
| 80% | 28 | 9.8 | 35.0% | 18 | 65.0% |
| 85% | 23 | 6.3 | 27.4% | 17 | 72.6% |
| 90% | 18 | 2.8 | 15.6% | 15 | 84.4% |
| 95% | 14 | 0.0 | 0.0% | 14 | 100.0% |
| 100% | 9 | 0.0 | 0.0% | 9 | 100.0% |

Intake site: (Location 8) NGR : SH 79432 18555

The proposal is to build a steel weir and intake box (with a coanda screen) off site and then fit it approximately where the orange wire-frame model is shown in the photo below. It will be sealed to the boulders using concrete:

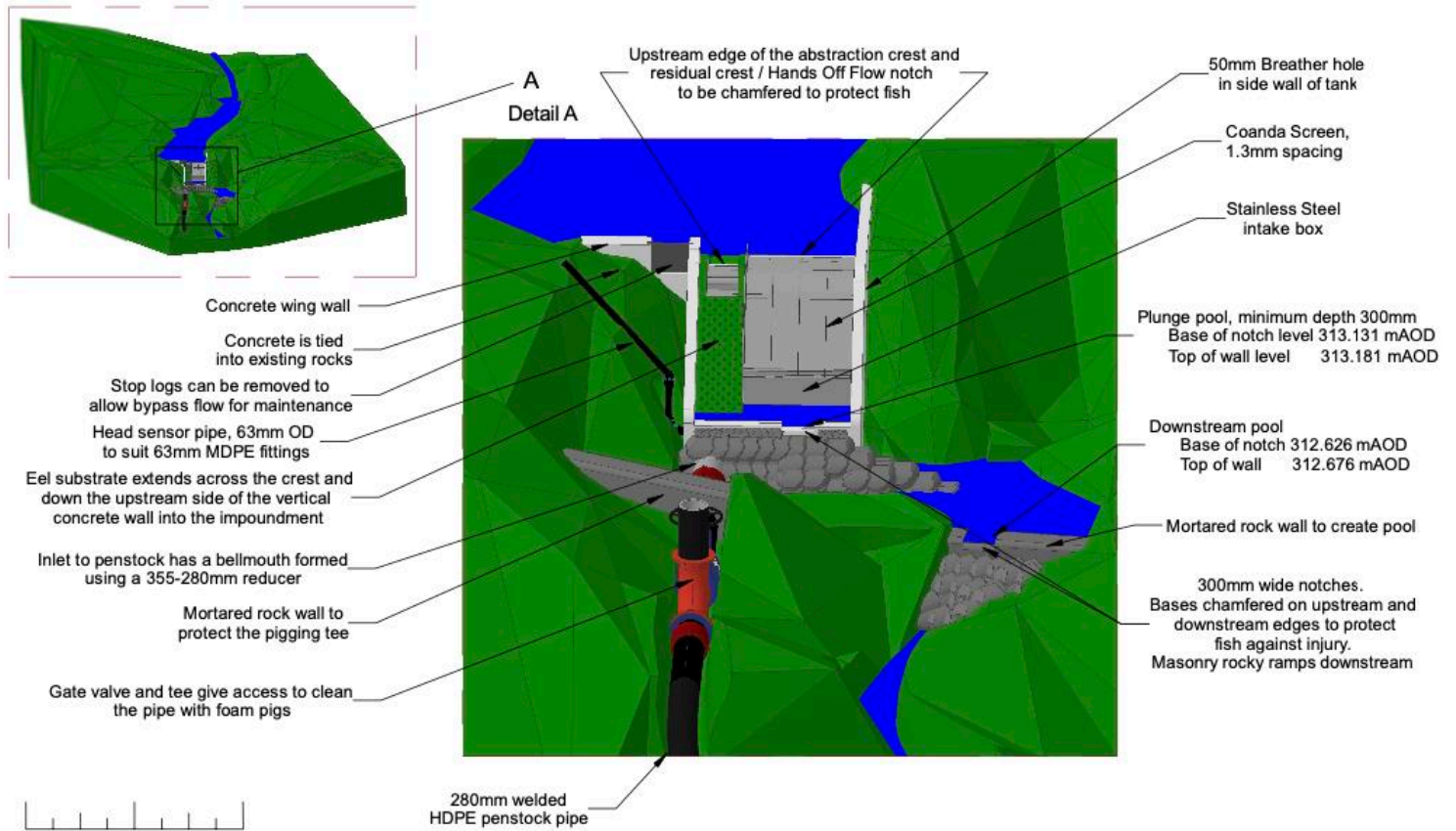
View looking south-west (looking upstream)



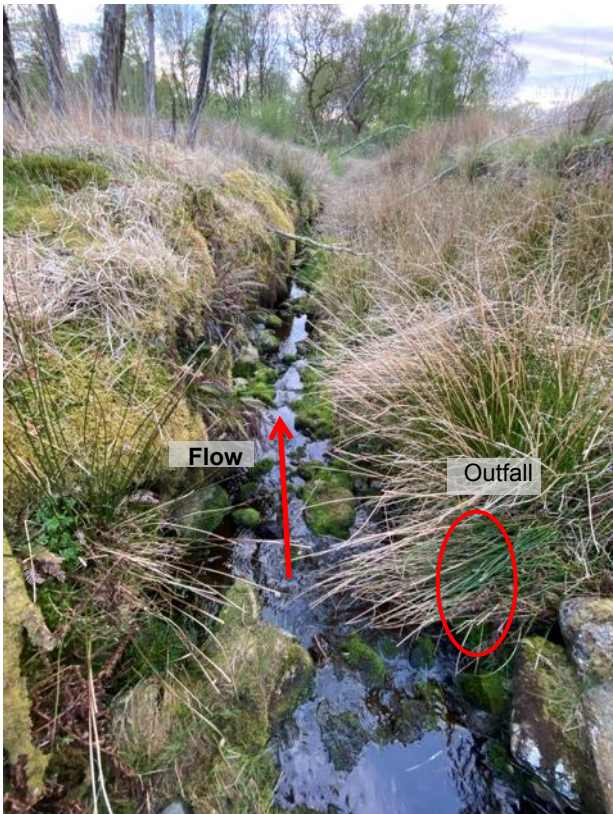
View looking north (looking downstream)



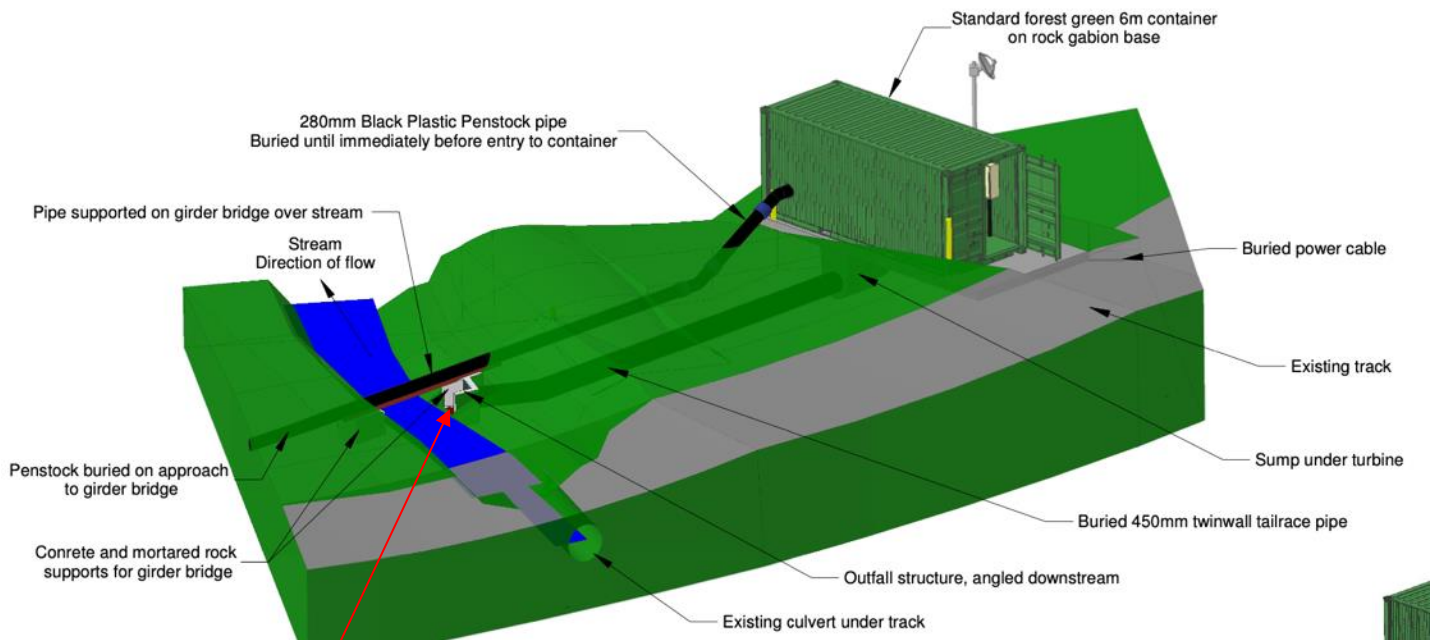
3D model of proposed intake weir



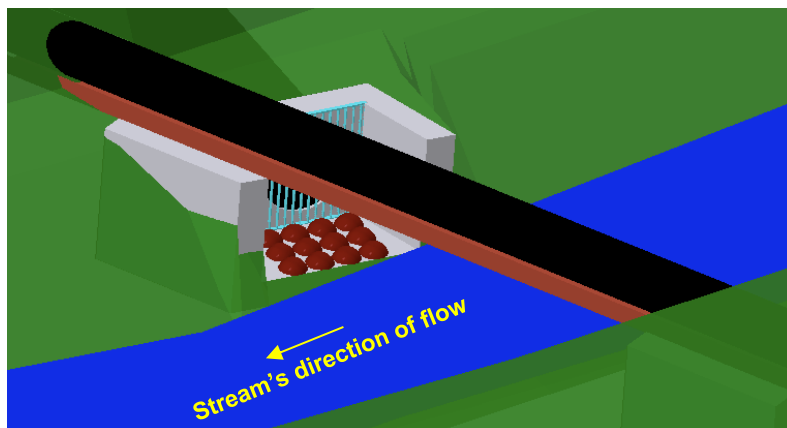
Outfall site: (Location 22) NGR : SH 79205 19597



3D model of the power house and outfall



Outfall headwall arrangement



List of photo locations

All photo location numbers refer to the numbers highlighted **yellow** on the attached site plan. Where heights of falls are stated, these have been measured using a Leica Disto D510 laser measure.

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|-------------|------|----------------|---------------------|
| Location 1 | NGR: | SH7962218203 | |
| Location 2 | NGR: | SH7958118259 | 1.2m high falls |
| Location 3 | NGR: | SH7954918306 | |
| Location 4 | NGR: | SH7952218350 | 1.4m high falls |
| Location 5 | NGR: | SH7949318394 | 1.0m high falls |
| Location 6 | NGR: | SH7947018478 | |
| Location 7 | NGR: | SH7945518509 | |
| Location 8 | NGR: | SH 79432 18555 | Intake |
| Location 9 | NGR: | SH7941218645 | 1.6m high falls |
| Location 10 | NGR: | SH7932618777 | 2.0m high falls |
| Location 11 | NGR: | SH7928718816 | 2.4m high falls |
| Location 12 | NGR: | SH7925018845 | 5.9m high falls |
| Location 13 | NGR: | SH7917118959 | |
| Location 14 | NGR: | SH7914419048 | |
| Location 15 | NGR: | SH7919719145 | Culvert bridge |
| Location 16 | NGR: | SH7922519261 | |
| Location 17 | NGR: | SH7920819346 | |
| Location 18 | NGR: | SH7920619428 | |
| Location 19 | NGR: | SH7911719610 | |
| Location 20 | NGR: | SH7913019614 | |
| Location 21 | NGR: | SH7918819598 | |
| Location 22 | NGR: | SH 79205 19597 | Outfall |
| Location 23 | NGR: | SH7909919625 | Road bridge |
| Location 24 | NGR: | SH7907619683 | 1.4m high falls |
| Location 25 | NGR: | SH7902819729 | |
| Location 26 | NGR: | SH7898519725 | |
| Location 27 | NGR: | SH7894619760 | |
| Location 28 | NGR: | SH7888819781 | Road bridge |
| Location 29 | NGR: | SH7887219803 | Disused intake weir |
| Location 30 | NGR: | SH7887919871 | ~10m high falls |

Location 1 NGR: SH7962218203



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)

Location 2 NGR: SH7958118259 1.2m high falls



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Location 3 NGR: SH7954918306



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Location 4 NGR: SH7952218350 1.4m high falls



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Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)

Location 5 NGR: SH7949318394 1.0m high falls



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



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Location 6 NGR: SH7947018478



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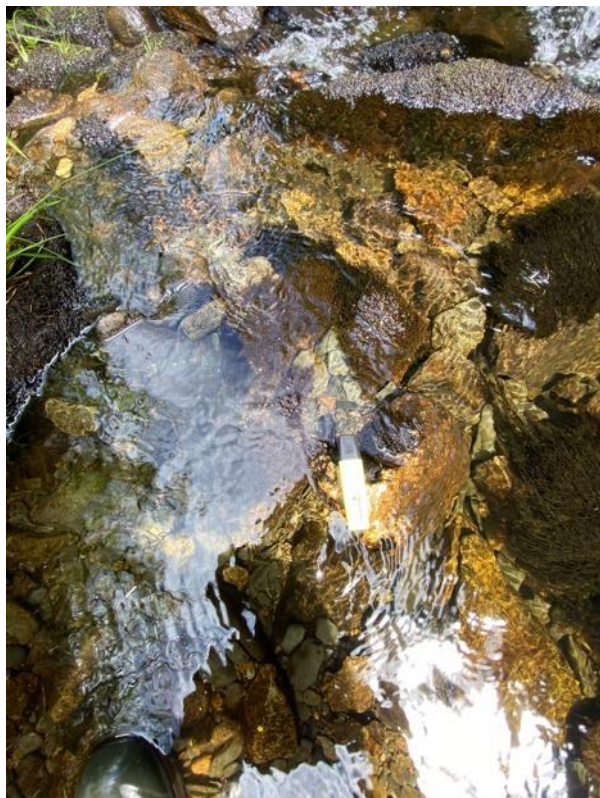
Location 7 NGR: SH7945518509



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Location 8 NGR: SH 79432 18555 Intake



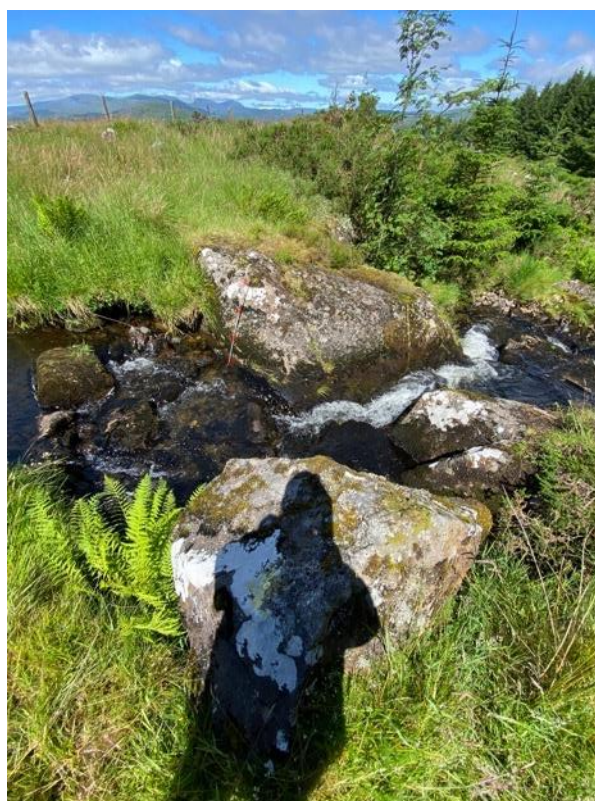
View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



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View looking NW (1250mm staff for scale)

Location 9 NGR: SH7941218645 1.6m high falls



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



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Location 10 NGR: SH7932618777 2.0m high falls



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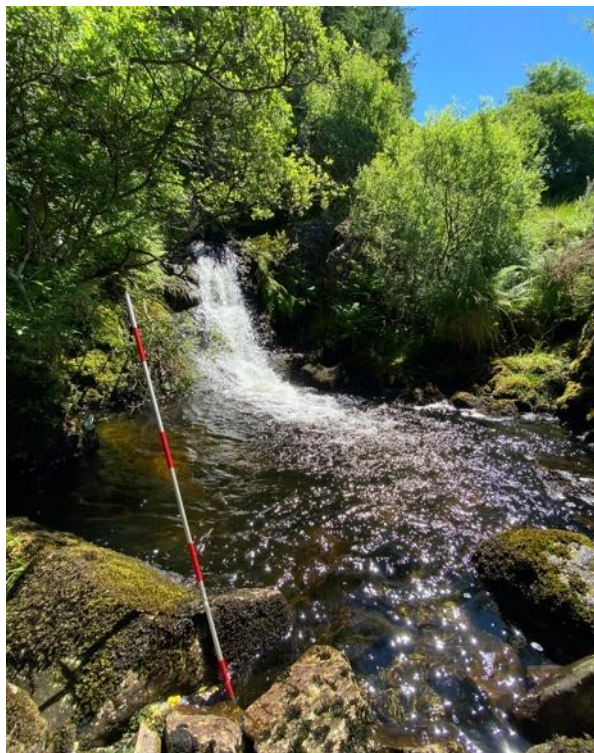


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Location 11 NGR: SH7928718816 2.4m high falls



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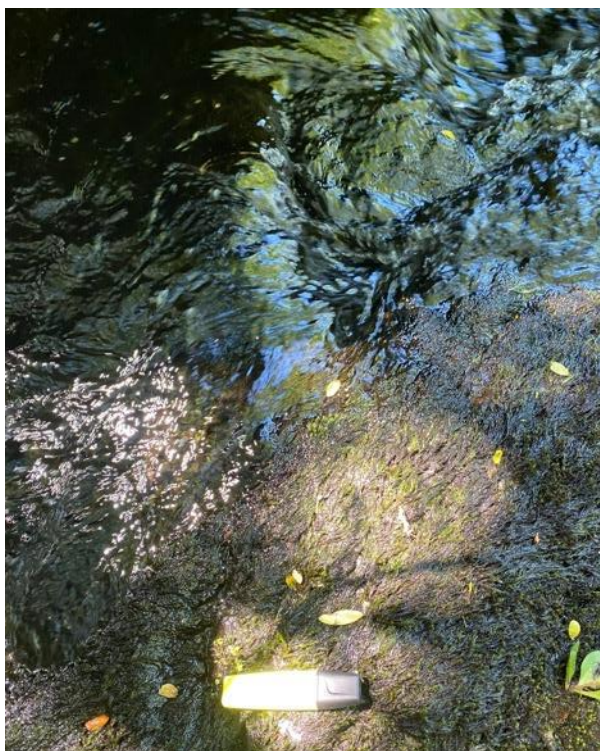
Location 12 NGR: SH7925018845 5.9m high falls



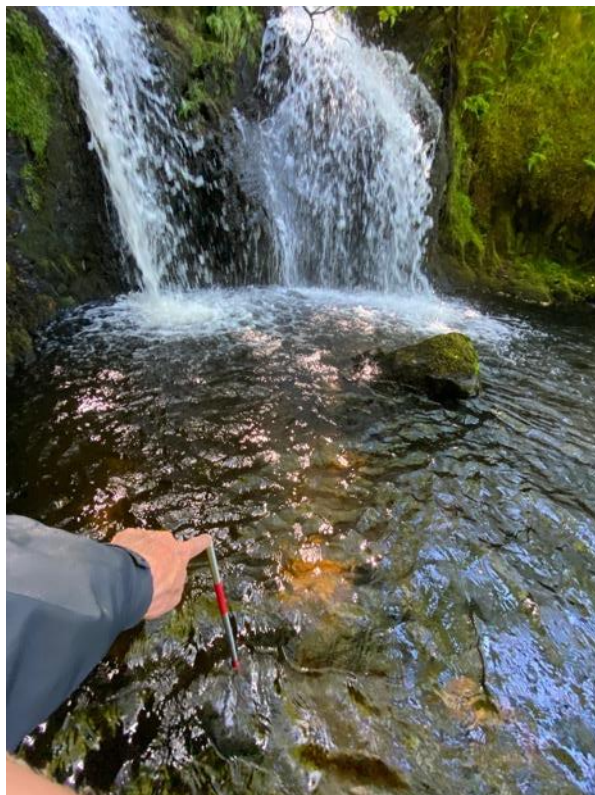
View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)



1.0m deep pool

Location 13 NGR: SH7917118959



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)

Location 14 NGR: SH7914419048



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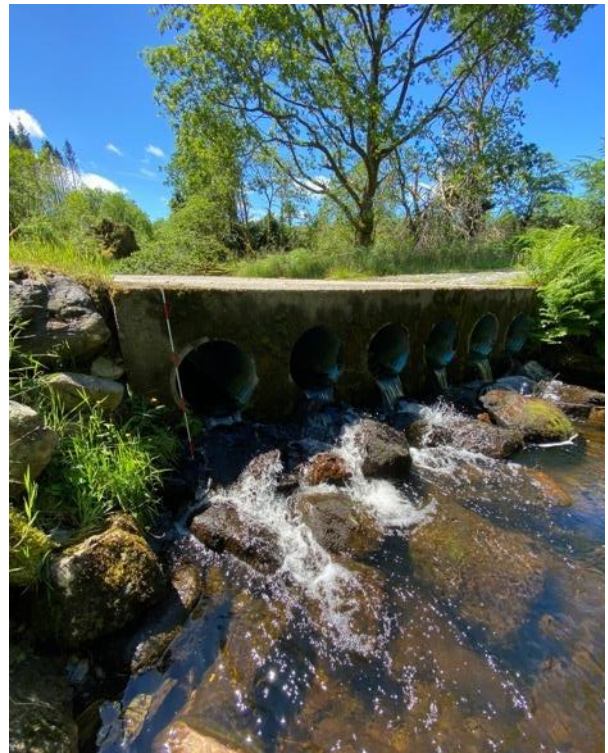


0.3m deep pool

Location 15 NGR: SH7919719145 Culvert bridge



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)



0.3m deep pool downstream of culvert

Location 16 NGR: SH7922519261



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)



View looking up tributary (1250mm staff for scale)

Location 17 NGR: SH7920819346



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)

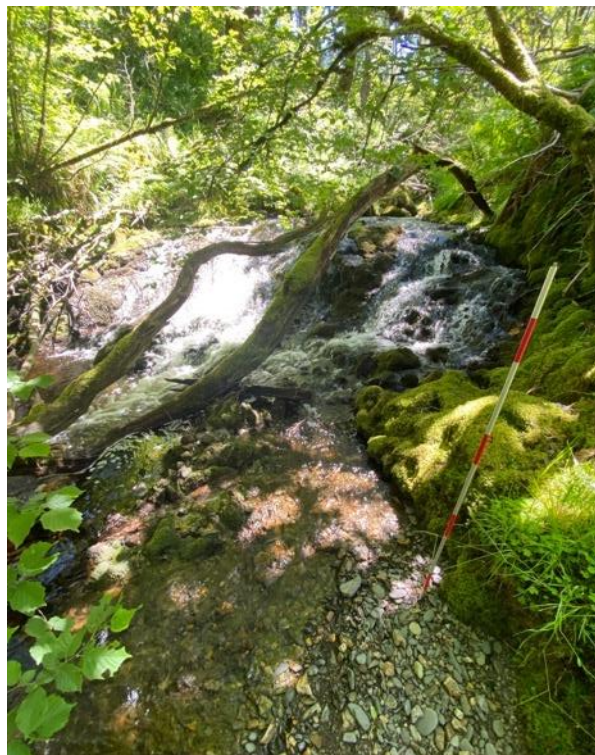


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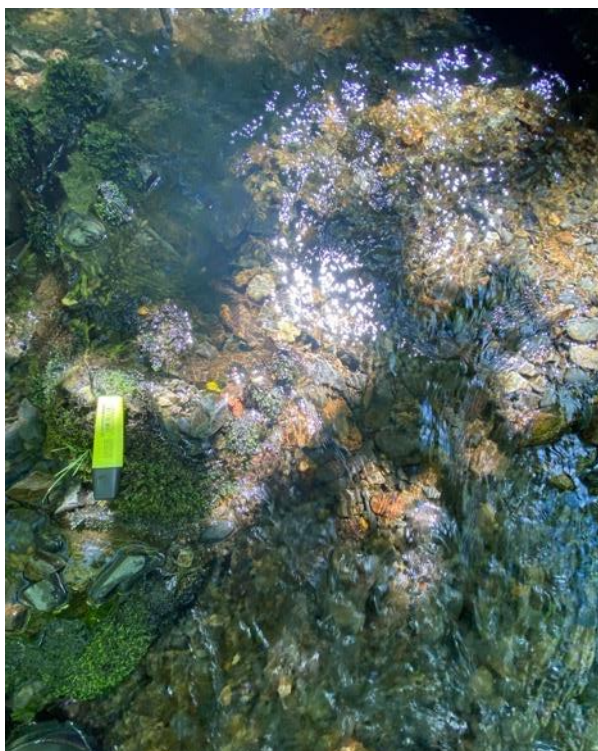
Location 18 NGR: SH7920619428



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)

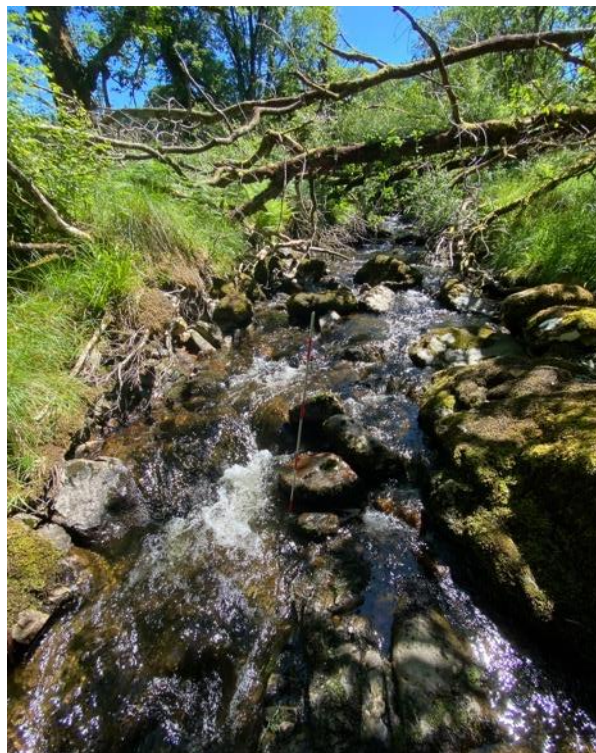


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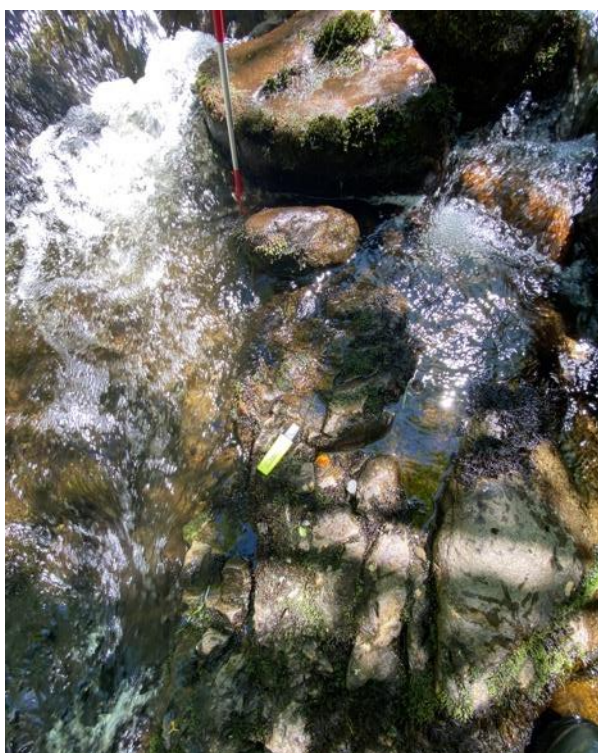
Location 19 NGR: SH7911719610



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)



View looking up tributary (1250mm staff for scale)

Location 20 NGR: SH7913019614



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)

Location 21 NGR: SH7918819598



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)



View looking North (1250mm staff for scale)

Location 23 NGR: SH7909919625 Road bridge



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)

Location 24 NGR: SH7907619683 1.4m high falls



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)



0.4m deep pool

Location 25 NGR: SH7902819729



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)

Location 26 NGR: SH7898519725



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)



View looking up tributary (1250mm staff for scale)

Location 27 NGR: SH7894619760



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)

Location 28 NGR: SH7888819781 Road bridge



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



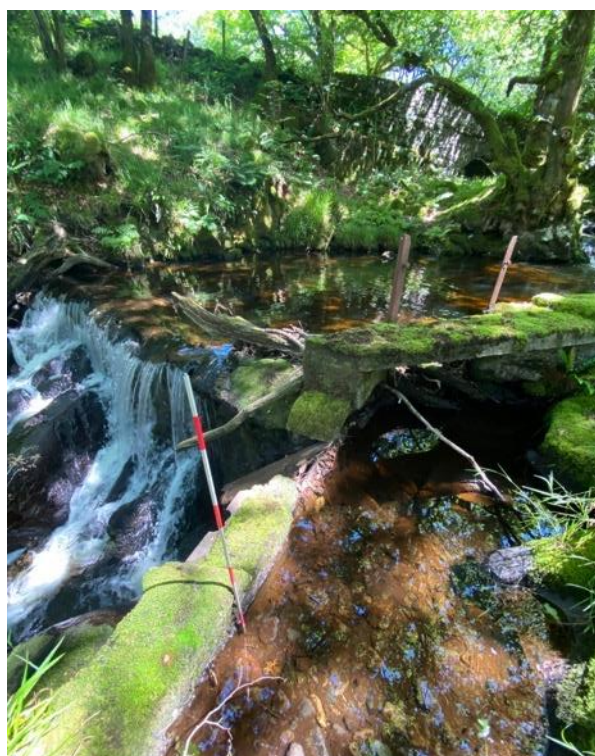
View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



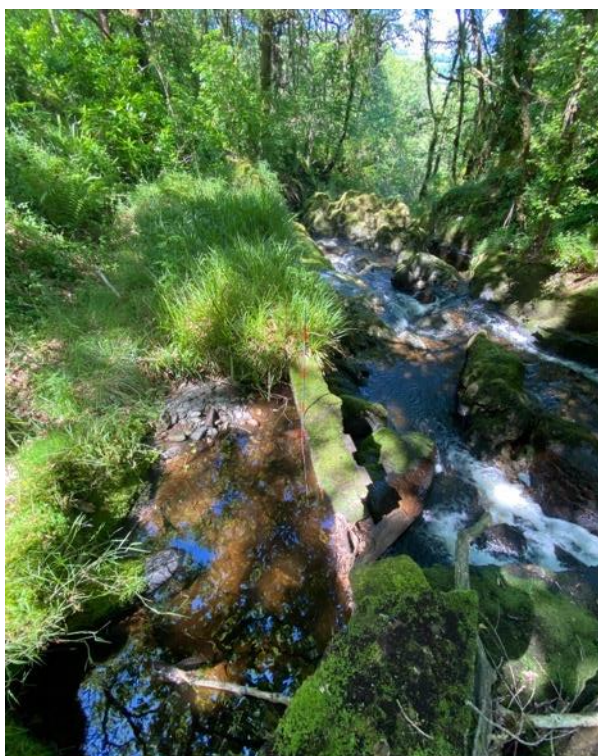
Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)

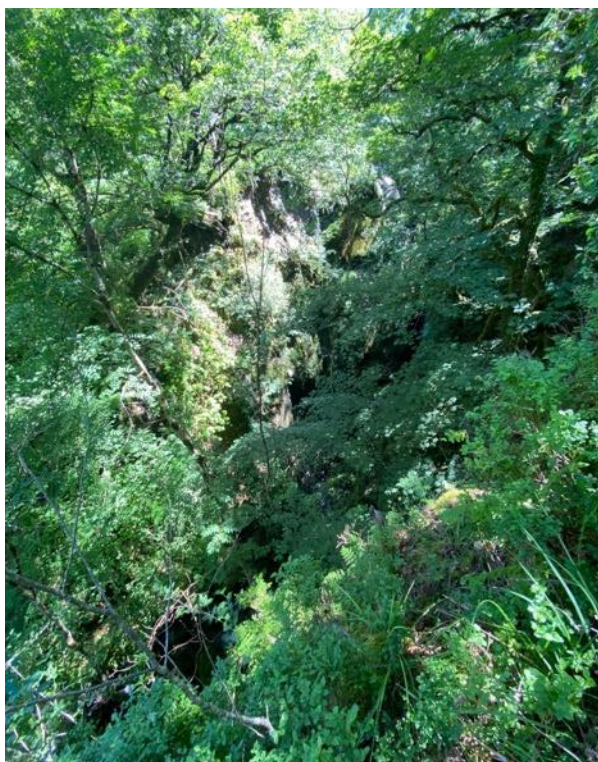


View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



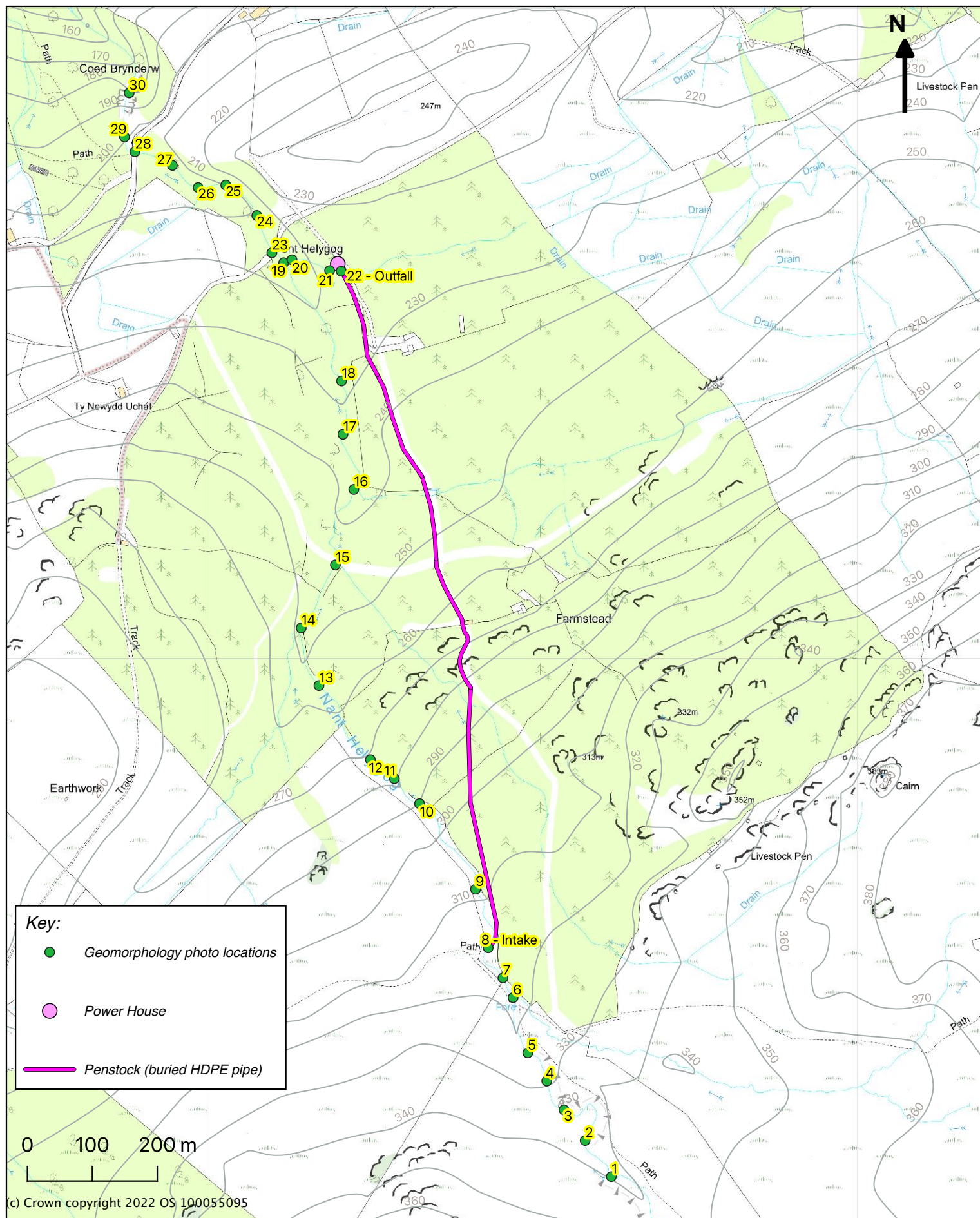
View looking down old leat (1250mm staff for scale)

Location 30 NGR: SH7887919871 ~10m high falls



View looking upstream (falls just visible in the background)

It was not safe to enter the gorge to take better photographs of the falls. They are estimated to be approximately 10m high.



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 Installation Address: Brithdir Forest, Brithdir, Dolgellau, LL40 2SA
 Drawing Title: Geomorphology photo locations
 Drawn By: LMB
 Date: 19th September 2022
 Scale @ A4: 1:7,500
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