

Geomorphology Photo Survey: Version 3 (Date: 19th March 2023)

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 79433 18557
3. Intake weir crest elevation: 313.707mAOD
4. Power house (turbine) Grid Reference: SH 79200 19608
5. Power house (turbine) finished floor elevation: 220.300mAOD
6. Outfall Grid Reference: SH 79111 19619
7. Outfall invert (bottom of pipe) elevation: 212.426mAOD
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: 1,275 metres
 - f. Fall along length of depleted reach: 101.5 metres
 - g. Average depleted reach gradient 8%
9. Flow Rates & Abstraction Regime
 - a. Turbine's Gross Head: 92.1 metres
 - b. Turbine's Net Head (@ design flow): 87.7 metres
 - c. Design Flow (Max Turbine Flow): 51.3 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:

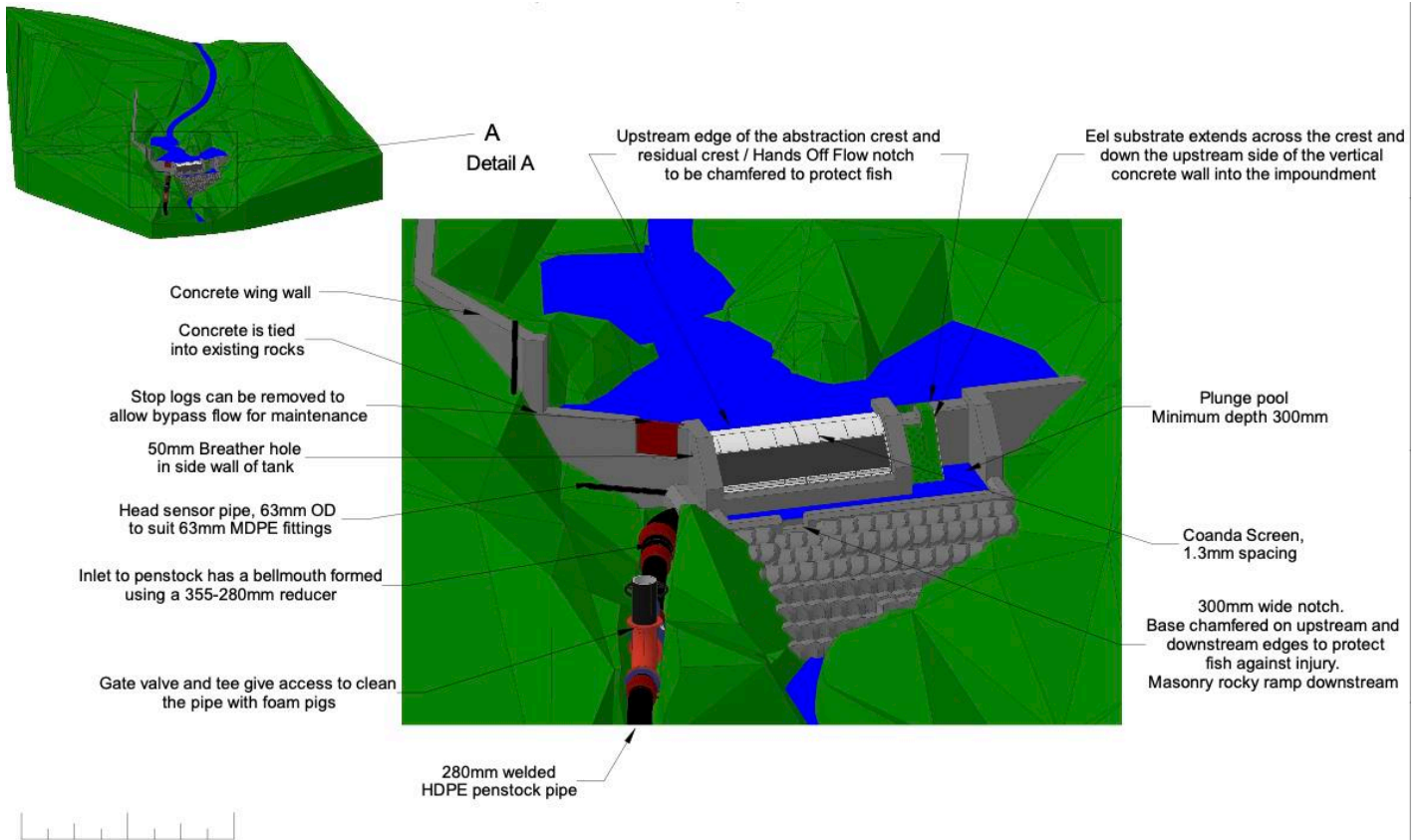
% Exceedance Probability	Flow upstream of abstraction [l/s]	Abstraction [l/s]	Abstraction as percentage of upstream flow	Residual flow downstream of weir [l/s]	Residual flow as percentage of upstream flow
5%	439	51.3	11.7%	388	88.3%
10%	292	51.3	17.6%	241	82.4%
15%	234	51.3	21.9%	183	78.1%
20%	176	51.3	29.1%	125	70.9%
25%	149	51.3	34.4%	98	65.6%
30%	122	51.3	42.0%	71	58.0%
35%	106	51.3	48.6%	54	51.4%
40%	89	51.3	57.6%	38	42.4%
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 79433 18557

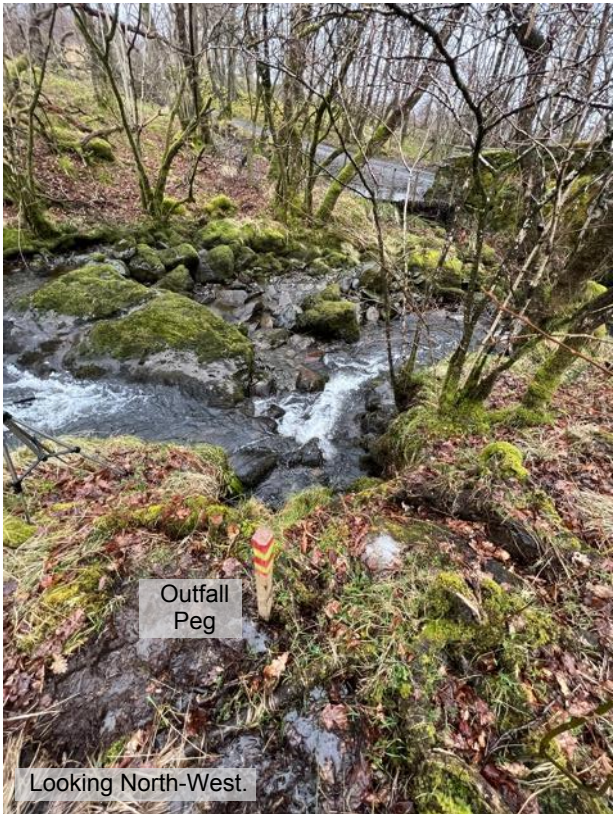
The proposal is to build the intake weir at the location marked with the red line below:



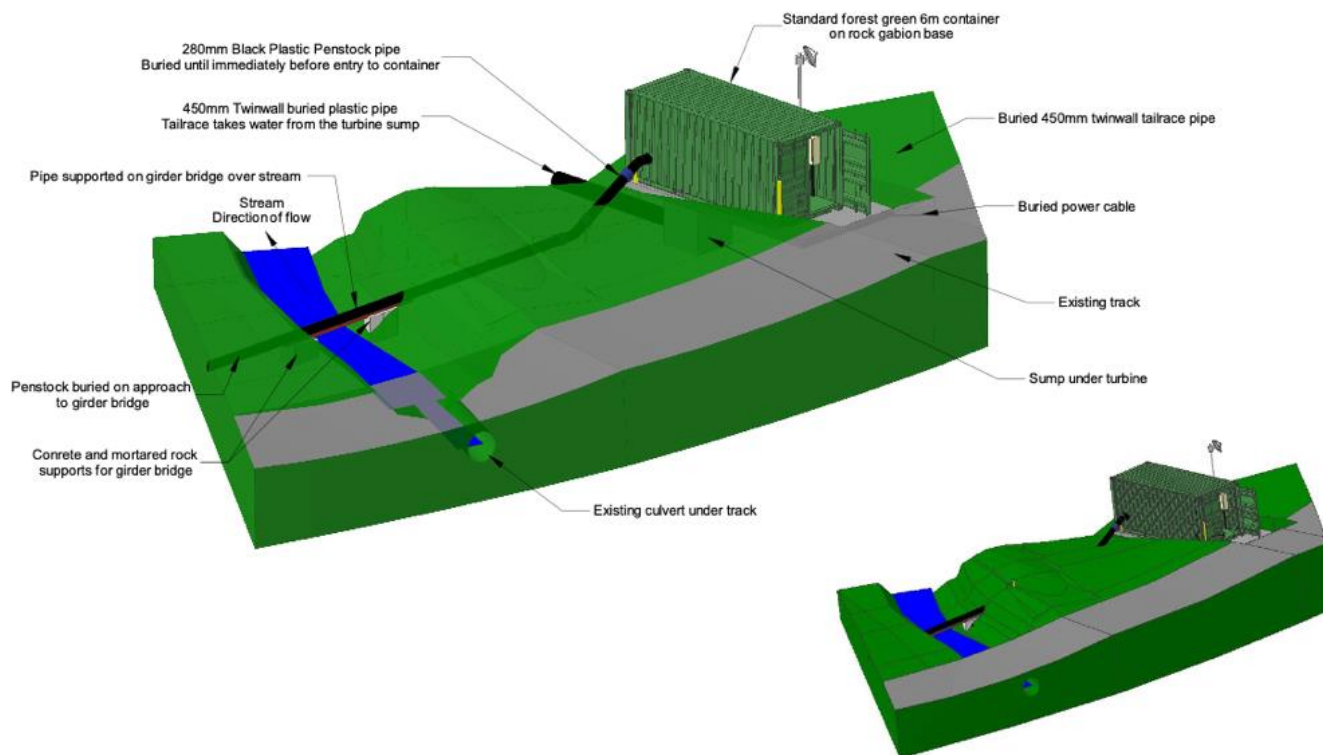
3D model of proposed intake weir



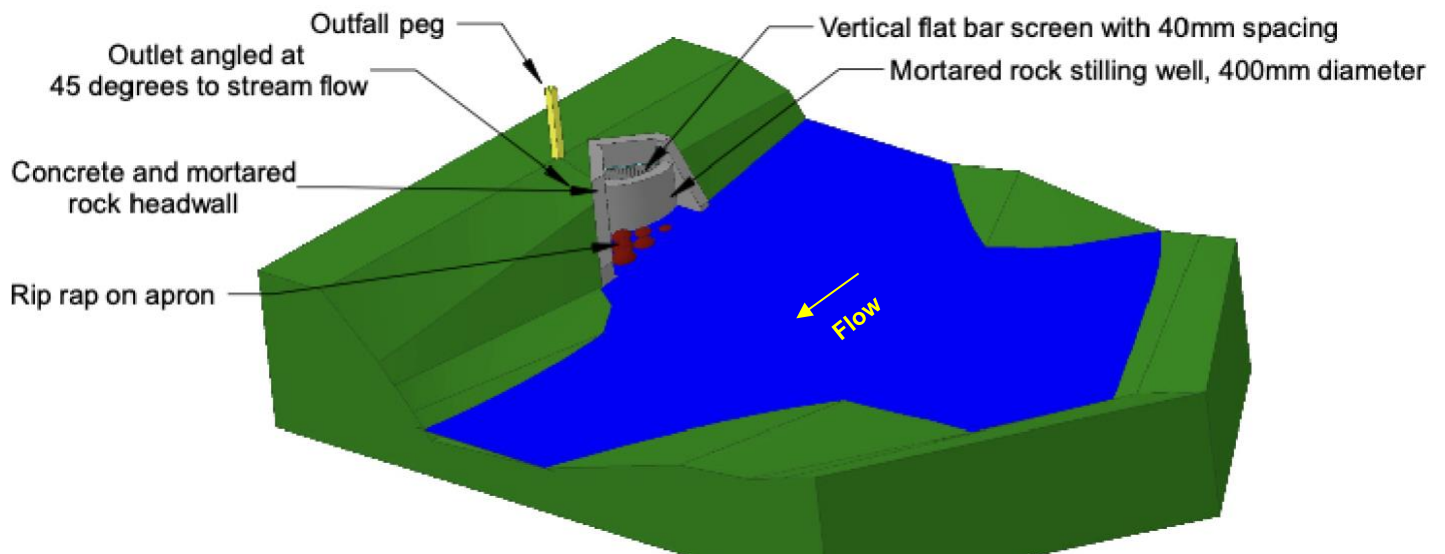
Outfall site: (Location 22) NGR : SH 79111 19619



3D model of the power house and outfall



Outfall headwall arrangement with stilling well



List of photo locations

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

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 79433 18557	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 22	NGR:	SH 79111 19619	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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Location 5 NGR: SH7949318394 1.0m high falls



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Location 6 NGR: SH7947018478



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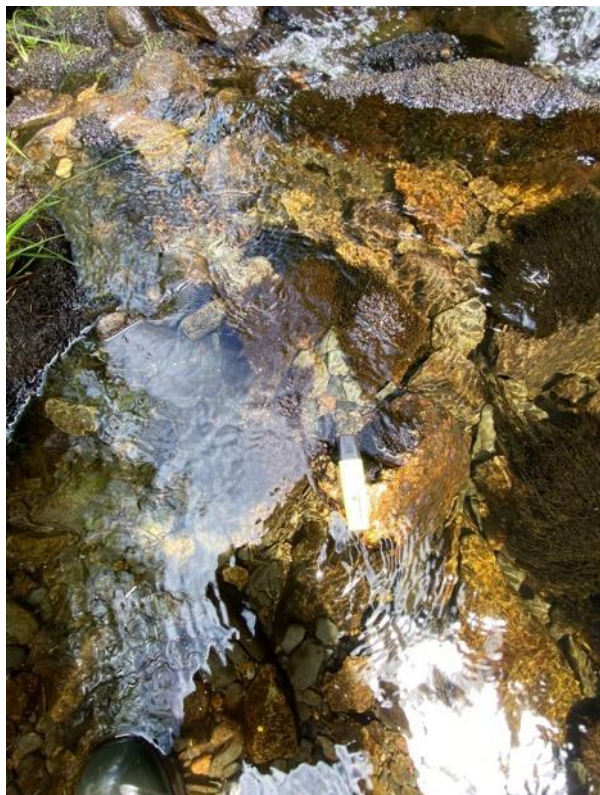
Location 7 NGR: SH7945518509



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Location 8 NGR: SH 79433 18557 Intake



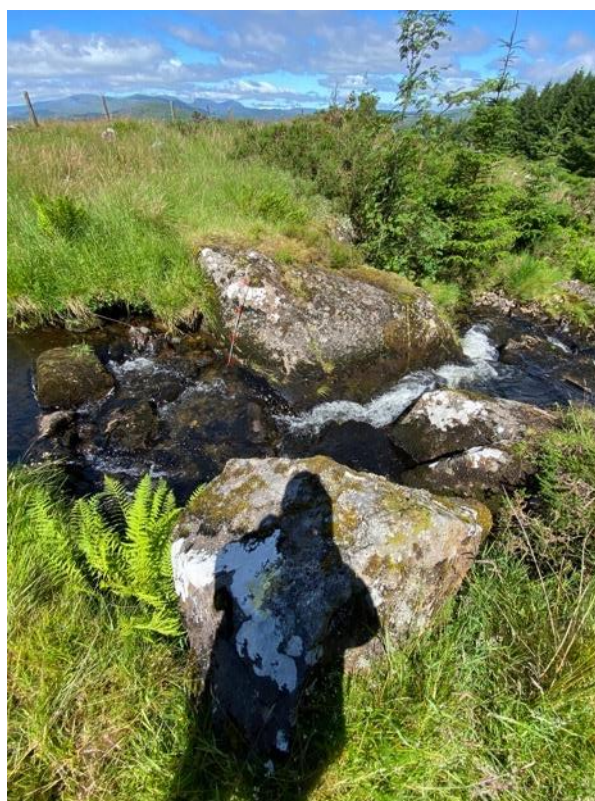
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View looking NW (1250mm staff for scale)

Location 9 NGR: SH7941218645 1.6m high falls



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Location 10 NGR: SH7932618777 2.0m high falls



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View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)

Location 11 NGR: SH7928718816 2.4m high falls



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Location 12 NGR: SH7925018845 5.9m high falls



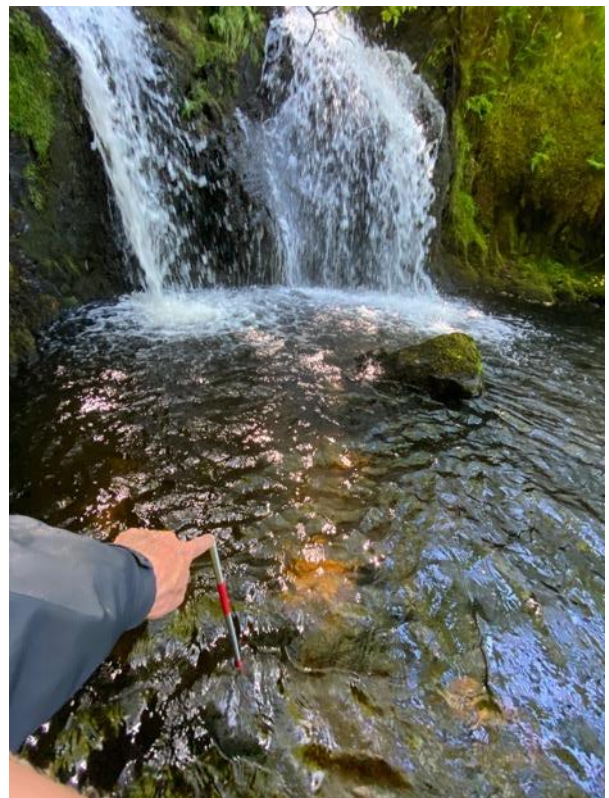
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Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)



1.0m deep pool

Location 13 NGR: SH7917118959



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



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Location 14 NGR: SH7914419048



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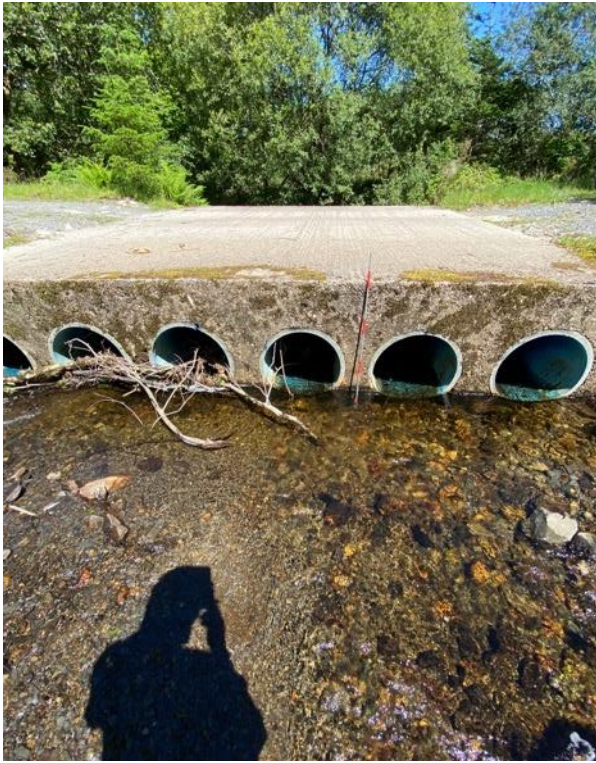


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0.3m deep pool

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



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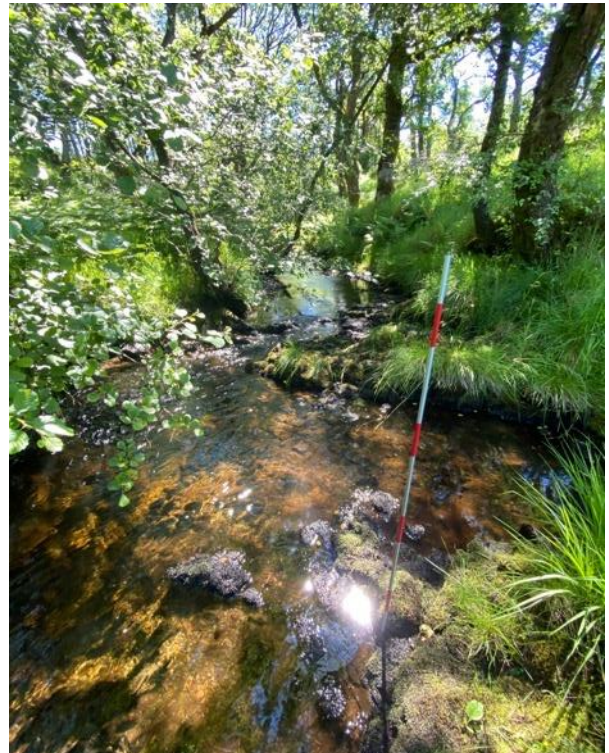


View looking up tributary (1250mm staff for scale)

Location 17 NGR: SH7920819346



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)

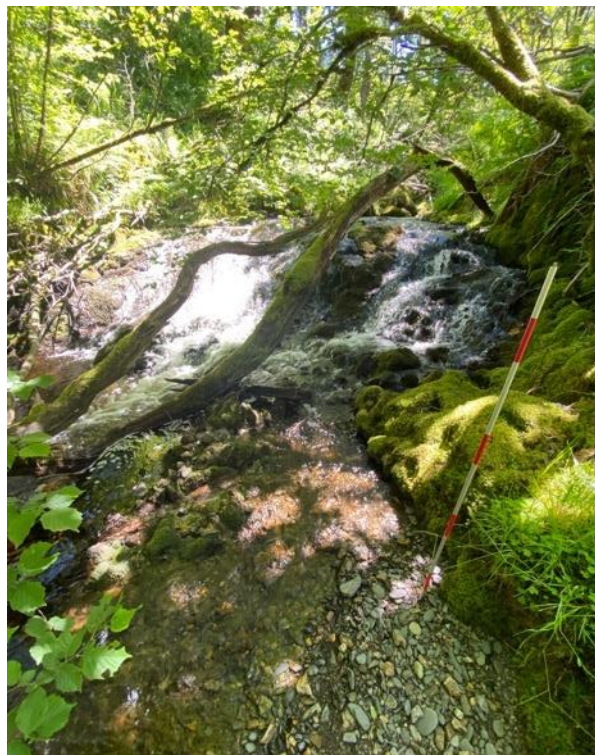


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Location 18 NGR: SH7920619428



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



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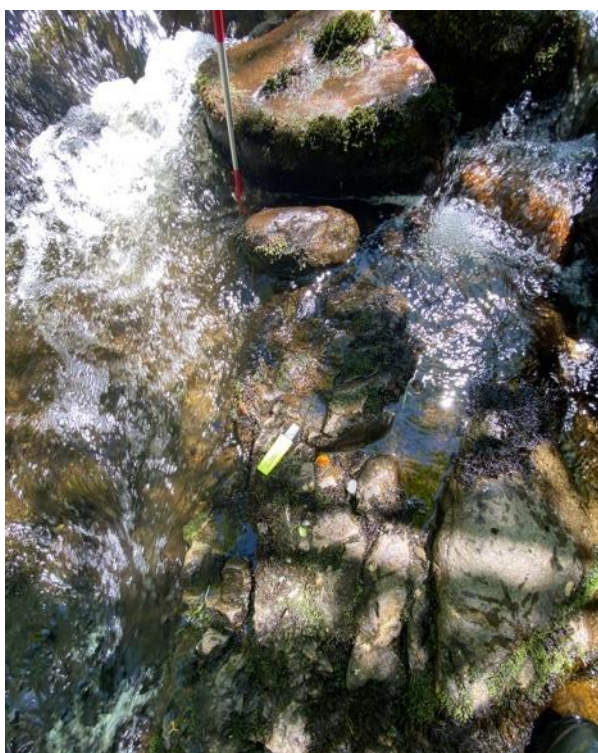
Location 19 NGR: SH7911719610



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 22 NGR: SH 79111 19619 Outfall



View looking downstream



View looking upstream (1060mm white staff for scale)



Bed Material



View looking South-East (outfall marked with arrow)

Location 23 NGR: SH7909919625 Road bridge



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)



View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)

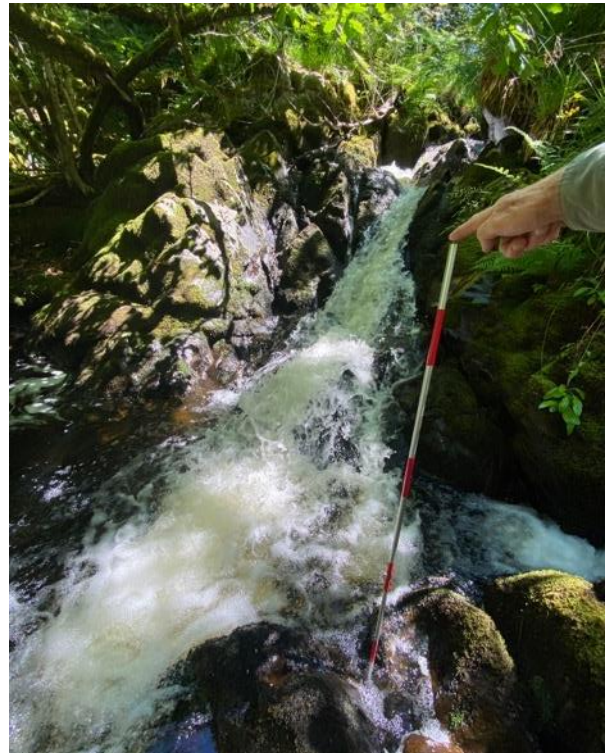


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Location 24 NGR: SH7907619683 1.4m high falls



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)



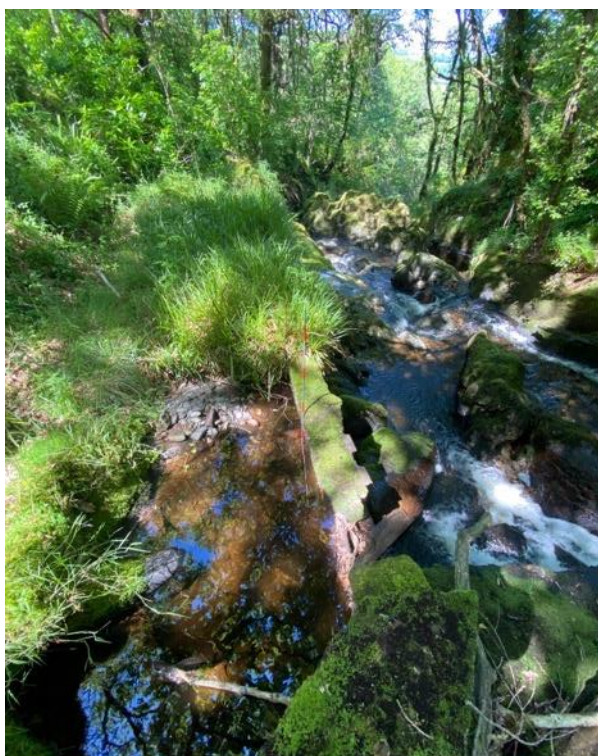
Bed Material (100mm pen for scale)



View looking downstream (1250mm staff for scale)

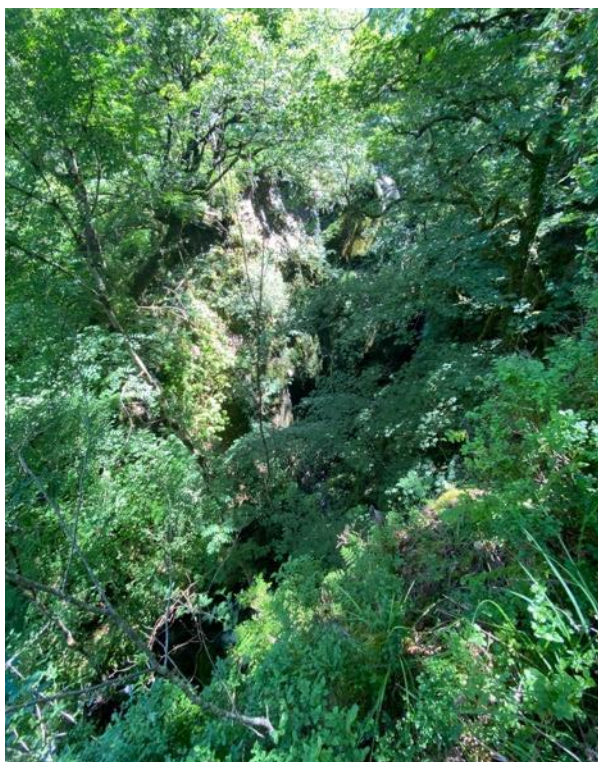


View looking upstream (1250mm staff for scale)



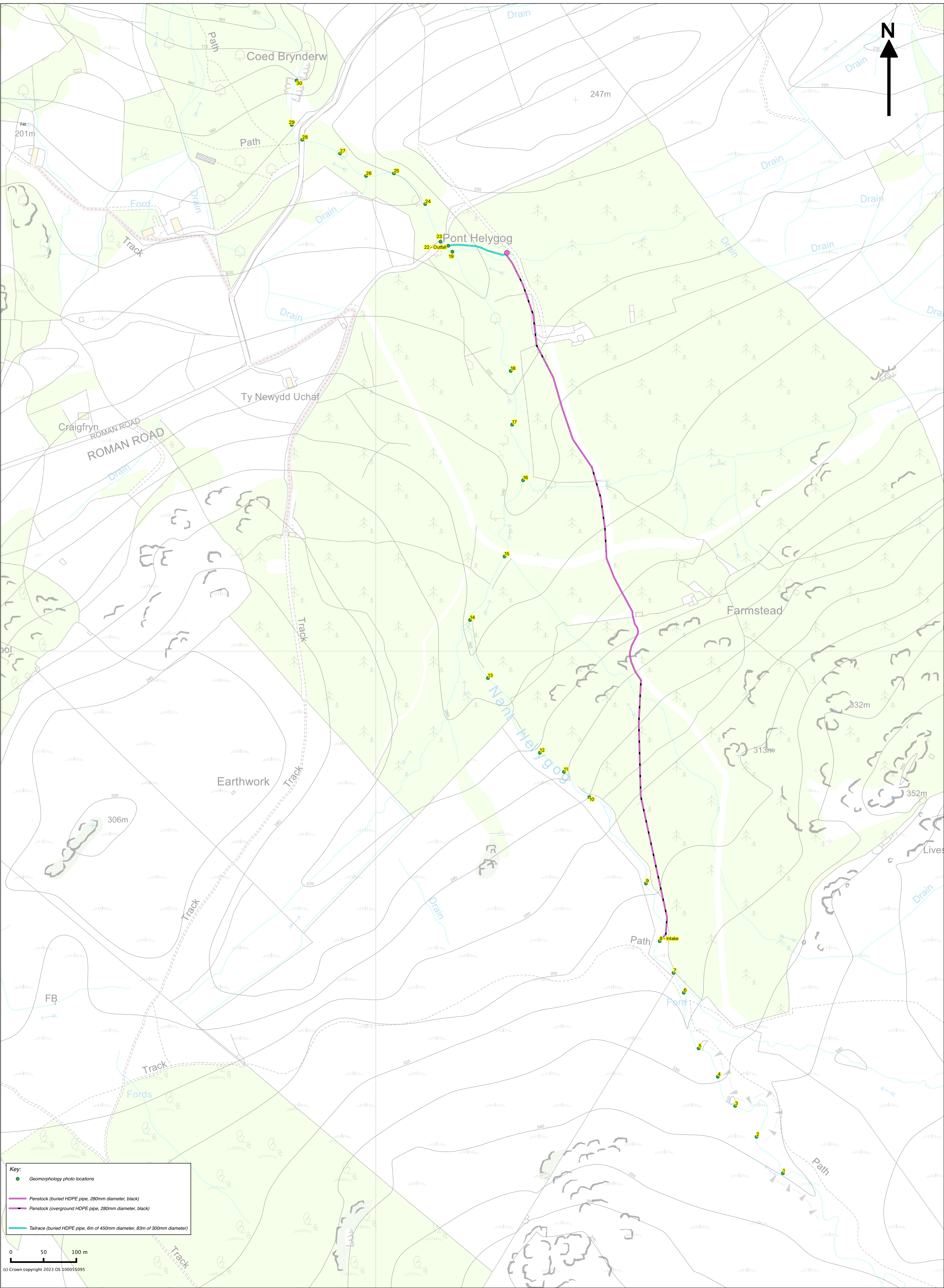
View looking down old leat (1250mm staff for scale)

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.



Key:

Geomorphology photo locations

Penstock (buried HDPE pipe, 280mm diameter, black)

Penstock (overground HDPE pipe, 280mm diameter, black)

Tailrace (buried HDPE pipe, 6m of 450mm diameter, 83m of 300mm diameter)

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Client: Mark Sealy
Installation Address: Brithdir Forest, Brithdir, Dolgellau, LL40 2SA
Drawing Title: Geomorphology photo locations
Drawn By: LMS
Date: 11th March 2023
Scale @ A1: 1:2,500
Dwg No: 22061/LB01
Version: 4 (outfall moved)