



Over 20 different types of surveys were undertaken to inform the EIA including:

- Ecology (bats, otters, squirrels, water voles, invertebrates, terrestrial habitat, river habitat, amphibians, reptiles, fish, birds, freshwater pearl mussels)
- Landscape and visual impact assessment
- Geomorphology (rivers and burns)
- Hydrology
- Noise monitoring
- Air quality monitoring
- Land capability and agricultural impact assessment
- Archaeological surveys
- Pedestrian, equestrian and cyclist surveys

A comprehensive consultation exercise was carried out with over 50 statutory bodies, non-statutory bodies and community councils. In addition over 200 landowners and tenants were consulted.

