

# Appendix 11.4

## Hydromorphology Assessment Part 3

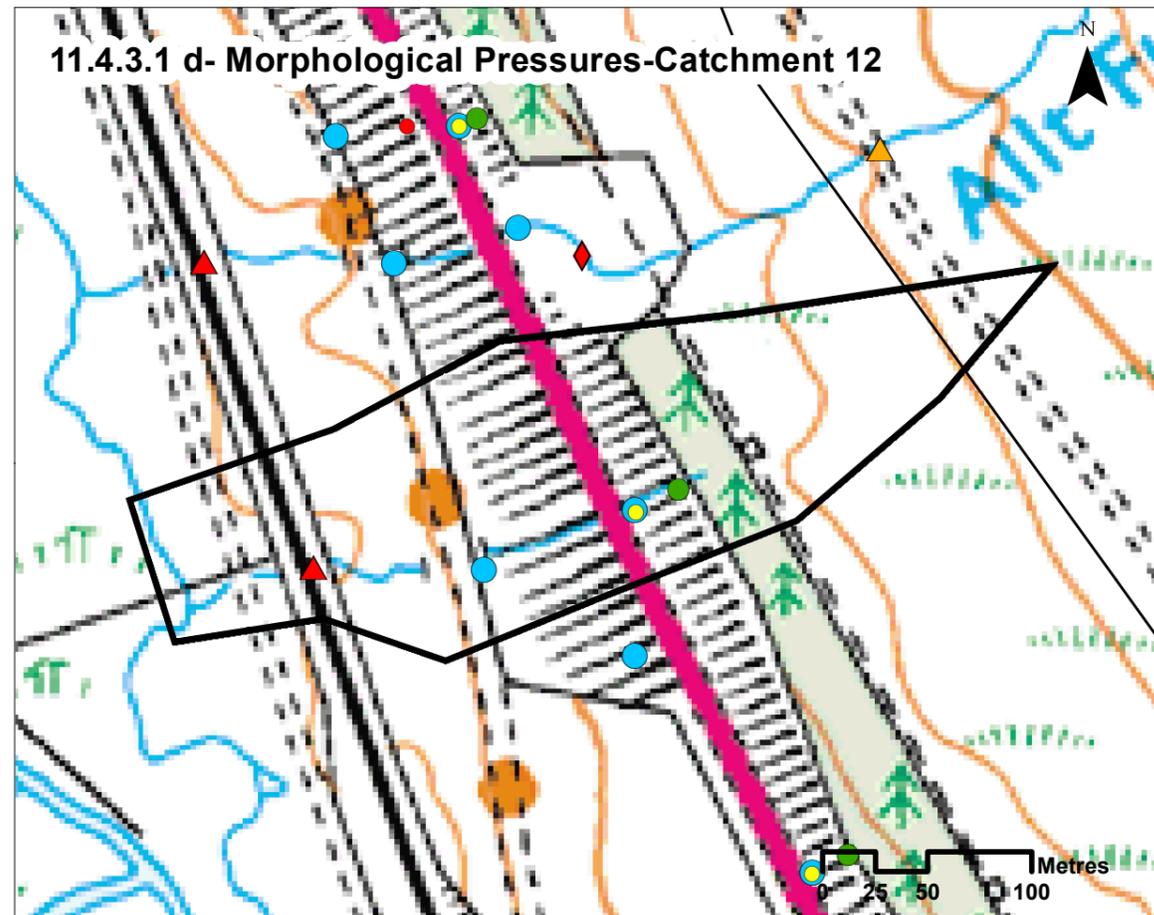
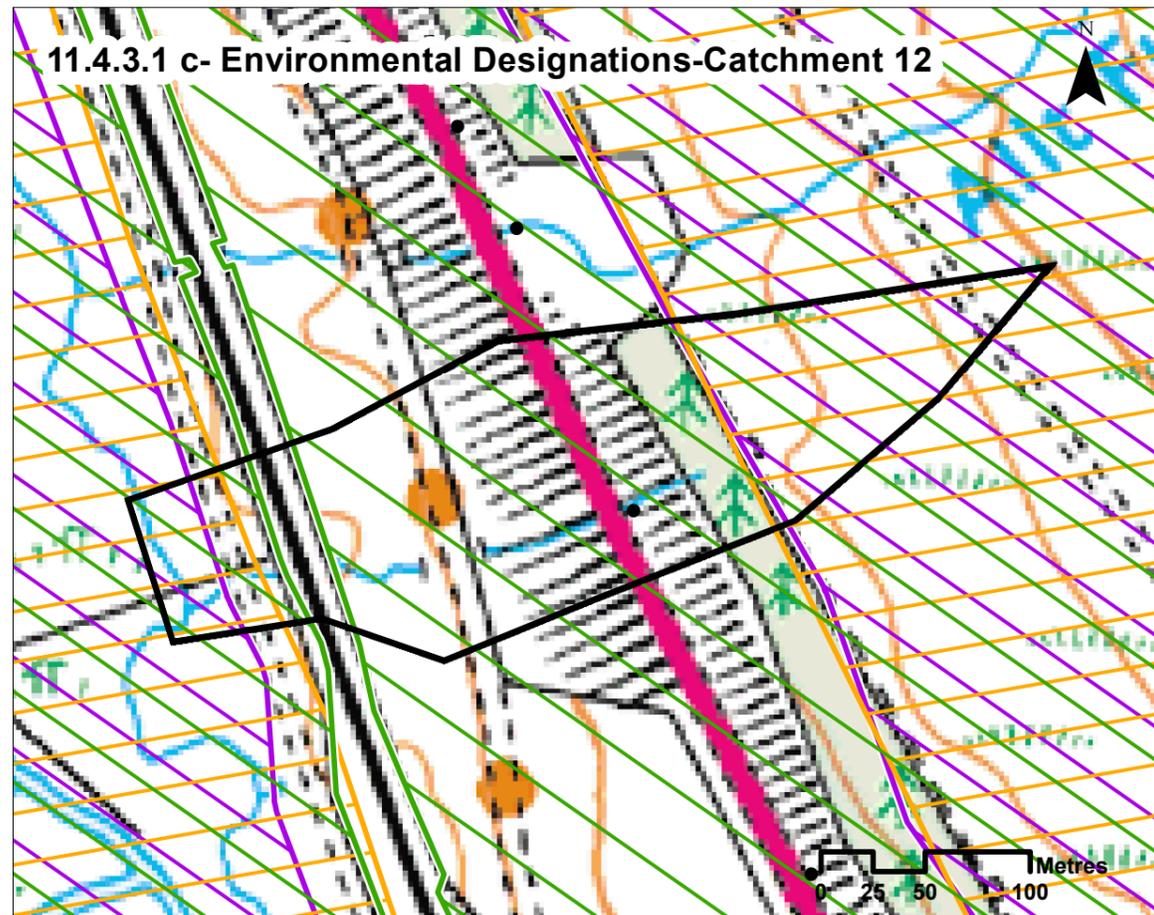
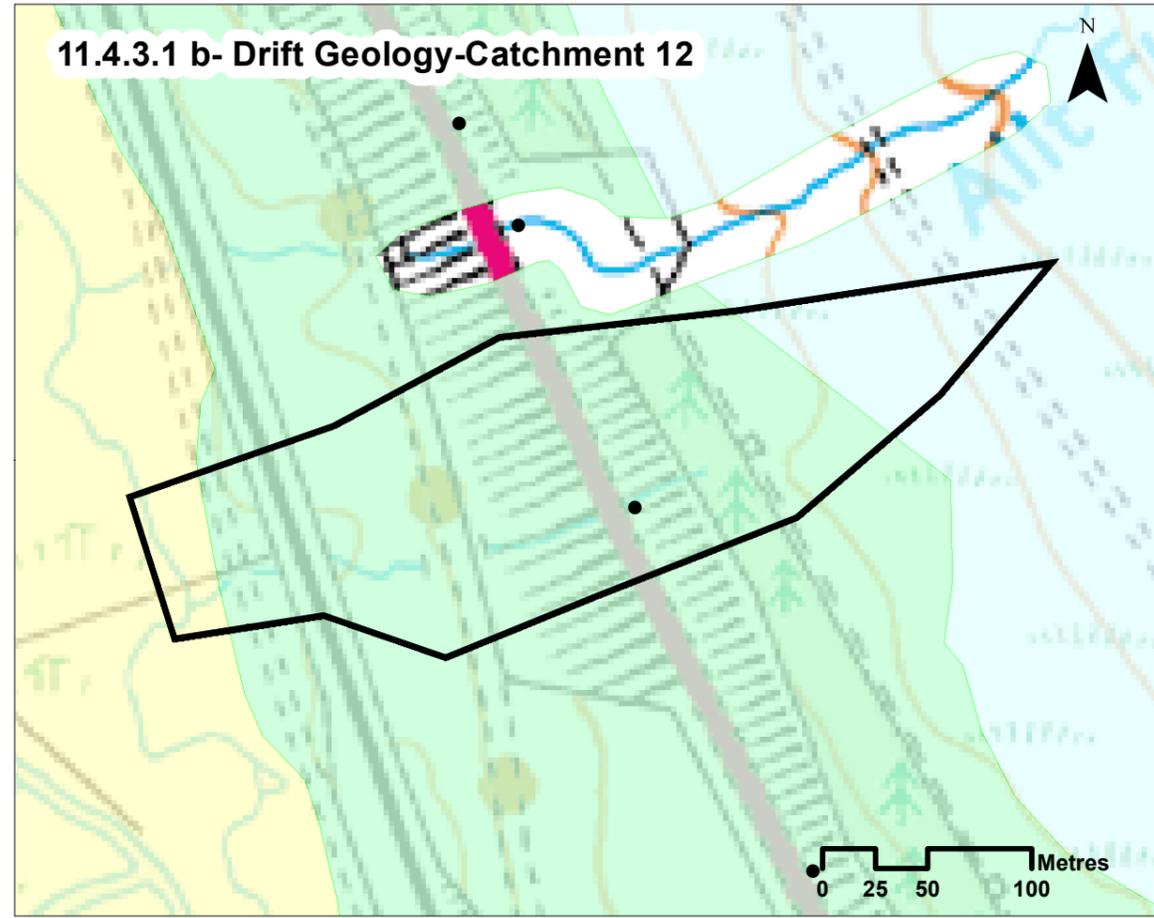
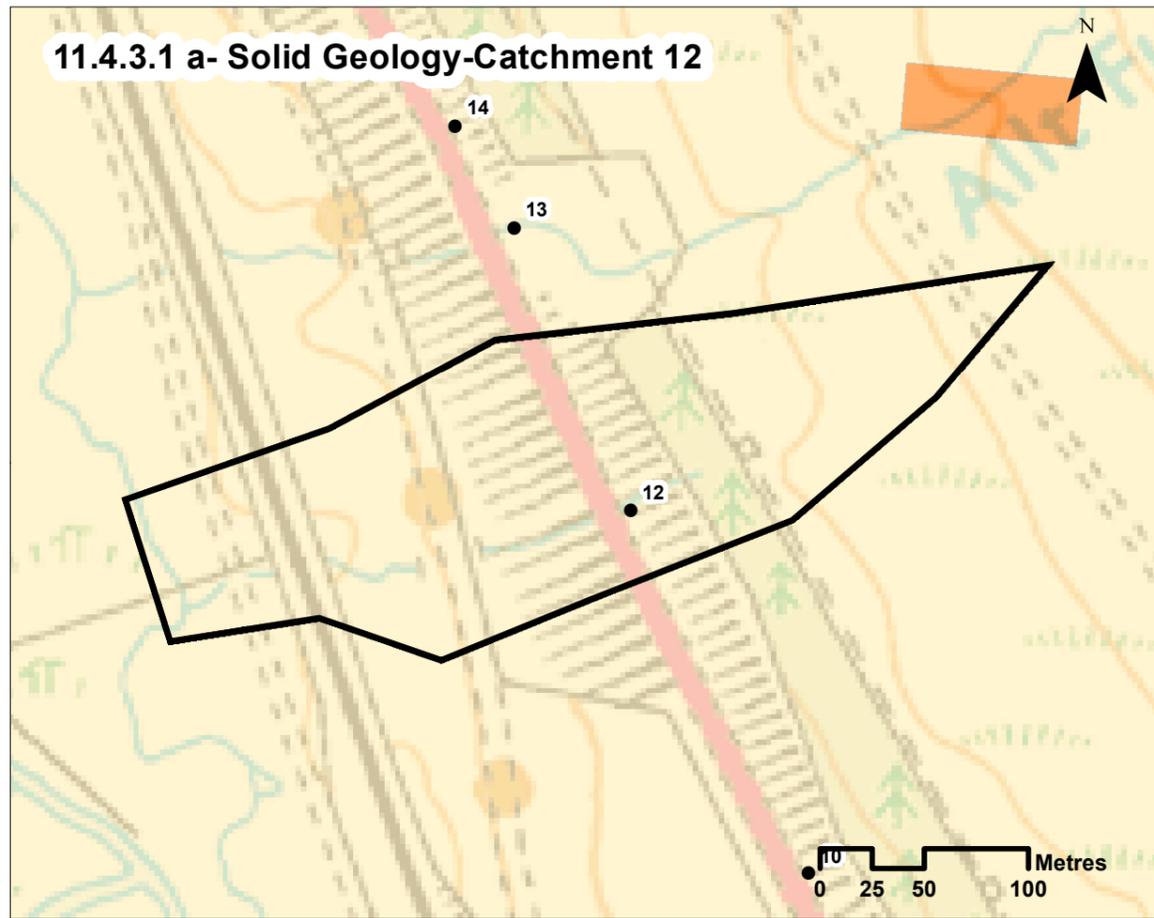
**Annex 11.4.3 - Hydromorphological Catchment Assessment - 12**

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| <b>Catchment No.</b>   | 12  |   |   |
| <b>Catchment Name</b>  | -   |   |   |
| <b>Channel Nature</b>  | Nature of water course  | Natural   |   |
|  | Size of water course  | Minor   |   |
| <b>Quantitative Spatial Elements</b>                                     | Catchment Area (km <sup>2</sup> )                                       | 0.04  |   |
|  | Average slope in catchment (°)  | 10  |   |
|  | % Catchment over 750m (for snow melt risk)                              | 0   |   |
| <b>WFD classification</b>  | Water, flows and levels   | Good  |   |
|  | Physical condition  | High  |   |
|  | Overall ecological status   | Poor  |   |
| <b>Geology</b>   | Majority Bedrock (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 a and b Catchment 12)            | Gaick Psammite formation-Psammite   | Resistant to weathering, impermeable  |
|  | Is an alluvial fan present at or near the crossing?                     | No  |   |
| <b>Environmental designations (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 c, Catchment 12)</b> | Ramsar  | No  |   |
|  | SAC   | Drumochter Hills  | Acidic scree, alpine and subalpine heaths, blanket bog, dry heaths, montane acid grasslands, mountain willow scrub, plants in crevices on acid rocks, species-rich grassland with mat-grass in upland areas, tall herb communities, wet heathland with cross-leaved |
|  | SPA   | Drumochter Hills  | Dotterel breeding, merlin breeding  |
|  | SSSI  | Drumochter Hills  | Breeding bird assemblage, fluvial geomorphology of Scotland, montane assemblage, vascular plant assemblage  |
| <b>Sediment source and supply - Catchment Scale</b>                      | Changes in slope and channel confinement                                | See Drawing 11.4.3.2, Catchment 12  |   |
|  | Is peat present in the catchment?                                       | No  |   |
|  | Is there a bog burst risk?  | No  |   |
|  | Current valley side or terrace erosion                                  | No  |   |
|  | Potential valley side or terrace erosion                                | No  |   |
|  | Hill slope failures (including peat slides and debris flows and slides) | No  |   |
|  | Hill slope failures coupled to channel                                  | No  |   |
|  | Vertical incision present in catchment                                  | No  |   |
|  | Bank erosion/lateral migration  | No  |   |
|  | Unvegetated bars  | No  |   |
| Wooded/forested areas in catchment                                       | No  | Felling has occurred - may have change drainage and sediment supply patterns  |   |
| Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 12)               | Track and bridge in upper catchment                                     |   |   |
| Comment on sediment source potential in catchment                        | Little sediment supply to channel                                       |   |   |
| Comment on sediment supply potential to crossing                         | Limited channels to supply sediment to crossing                         |   |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- Reach upstream of crossing</b>                | Channel morphology  | Plane bed   |   |
|  | Predominant sediment size   | Boulder to Gravel   |   |
|  | Unvegetated bars  | None  |   |
|  | Vertical incision   | Low   |   |
|  | Deposition  | Low   |   |
|  | Lateral migration/bank erosion  | High  |   |
|  | Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 12)              | None  |   |
|  | Impact of infrastructure  | None  |   |
|  | Channel realignment   | Unclear from mapping but channel appears to have been straightened, creating a steeper gradient and also takes drainage ( increased discharge)  |   |
|  | <b>Morphology and Process- At crossing</b>                              | Channel morphology  | Engineered  |
| Predominant sediment size  |   | Boulder to Gravel   |   |
| Estimated discharge at 1:200 event (m <sup>3</sup> /s)                   |   | 0.23  |   |
| Unvegetated bars   |   | No  |   |
| Vertical incision  |   | High  | At crossing, but appears more stable upstream of cascade  |
| Deposition   |   | Medium  |   |
| Lateral migration/bank erosion   |   | High  | Due to incision   |
| Damaged/unstable drains or armouring                                     |   | None  | Channel appears altered to take drains  |
| <b>Morphology and Process- Reach downstream of crossing</b>              | Channel morphology  | Plane bed   | Bedrock through embankment  |
|  | Predominant sediment size   | Boulder to Gravel   |   |
|  | Unvegetated bars  | No  |   |
|  | Vertical incision   | High  |   |
|  | Deposition  | Medium  |   |
|  | Lateral migration/bank erosion  | Medium  | Due to incision   |
|  | Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 12)              | NMU crossing  |   |
|  | Impact of infrastructure  | Both will fix channel bed and bank positions and impound flood flows  |   |
|  | Channel realignment   | Unclear from mapping but channel appears to have been straightened and must descend c.15m high embankment, creating a steeper gradient  |   |
|  | <b>Summary behaviour</b>  | Channel is vertically unstable and incising (producing sediment and damaging the crossing) to adjust to a more stable bed slope at the crossing and downstream. Upstream of the cutting on the upslope side of the road the channel appears stable. The downslope side of the road is an embankment (70m wide in plan, c.15m high) with its toe at the NMU route. The channel is set below the level of this embankment and appears to be incised to bedrock. Downslope of the NMU route, the channel passes through more erodible hummocky glacial deposits and into which the channel has incised. This incision is likely to have occurred due to increases in channel discharge related to a) Felling has occurred since road construction that may have changed drainage and sediment supply patterns to the crossing b) greater discharges from the natural catchment and c) possible capture of additional discharge from neighbouring channels during very high flow events, which would make estimated discharge very low. |   |



Lateral channel change  
leading to change in  
flow path

Photograph 11.4.3.38-Upstream of crossing



## Legend

### General

- Crossing location

### Solid Geology

- Gaick Psammite Formation - Psammite

### Drift Geology

- Peat
- Glaciofluvial Ice Contact Deposits
- Gaick Plateau Moraine Formation
- Hummocky Glacial Deposits
- Ardverikie Till Formation - Diamicton
- Glaciofluvial Sheet Deposits
- Alluvium
- River Terrace Deposits
- Alluvial Fan Deposits
- Head
- Talus - Rock Fragments
- Talus Cone

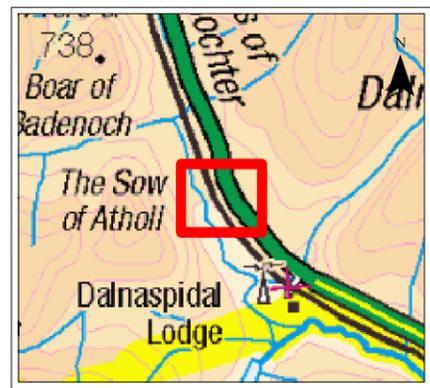
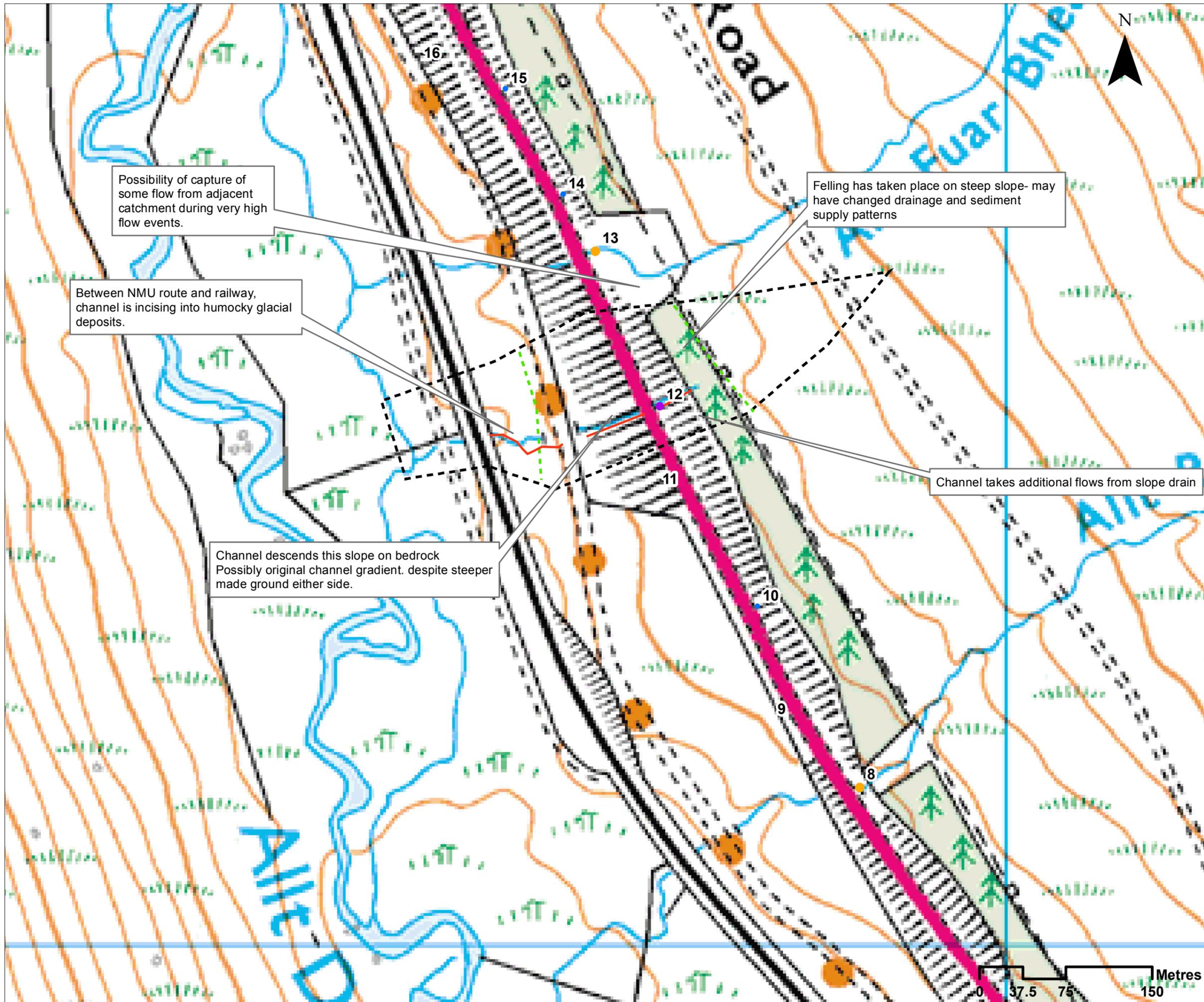
### Environmental Designations

- Special Site of Scientific Interest
- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area

### Morphological Pressures

- ▲ Railway Bridge
- ▲ Track/Footbridge
- Culvert
- Cascade
- Step in Bed
- Catchpit
- ◆ Dam or Weir
- Power Lines

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- Legend**
- Major crossing
  - Minor crossing
  - Other crossing
  - - - Break in slope
  - Incision
  - Crossing catchment

Possibility of capture of some flow from adjacent catchment during very high flow events.

Between NMU route and railway, channel is incising into hummocky glacial deposits.

Channel descends this slope on bedrock  
Possibly original channel gradient, despite steeper made ground either side.

Felling has taken place on steep slope- may have changed drainage and sediment supply patterns

Channel takes additional flows from slope drain

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**PROJECT 7 GLEN GARRY TO DALWHINNIE EIA**  
**DRAWING 11.4.3.2. Catchment 12 Baseline Assessment**

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**Annex 11.4.3 - Hydromorphological Catchment Assessment - 13-14**

|   |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Catchment No.</b>  | 13-14  |  |   |
| <b>Catchment Name</b>   | -  |  |   |
| <b>Channel Nature</b>   | Nature of water course   | Natural  |   |
|   | Size of water course   | Major  |   |
| <b>Quantitative Spatial Elements</b>  | Catchment Area (km <sup>2</sup> )  | 0.7  |   |
|   | Average slope in catchment (°)   | 9.5  |   |
|   | % Catchment over 750m (for snow melt risk)   | 7  |   |
| <b>WFD classification</b>   | Water, flows and levels  | Good   |   |
|   | Physical condition   | High   |   |
|   | Overall ecological status  | Poor   |   |
| <b>Geology</b>  | Majority Bedrock (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 a and b Catchment 13-14)  | Gaick Psammite formation-Psammite                                      | Resistant to weathering, impermeable  |
|   | Is an alluvial fan present at or near the crossing?  | No   |   |
| <b>Environmental designations (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 c, Catchment 13-14)</b> | Ramsar   | No   |   |
|   | SAC  | Drumochter Hills   | Acidic scree, alpine and subalpine heaths, blanket bog, dry heaths, montane acid grasslands, mountain willow scrub, plants in crevices on acid rocks, species-rich grassland with mat-grass in upland areas, tall herb communities, wet heathland with cross-leaved |
|   | SPA  | Drumochter Hills   | Dotterel breeding, merlin breeding  |
|   | SSSI   | Drumochter Hills   | Breeding bird assemblage, fluvial geomorphology of Scotland, montane assemblage, vascular plant assemblage  |
| <b>Sediment source and supply - Catchment Scale</b>                         | Changes in slope and channel confinement   | See Drawing 11.4.3.2, Catchment 13-14                                  |   |
|   | Is peat present in the catchment?  | Yes  |   |
|   | Is there a bog burst risk?   | Yes  |   |
|   | Current valley side or terrace erosion   | Yes  |   |
|   | Potential valley side or terrace erosion   | Yes  |   |
|   | Hill slope failures (including peat slides and debris flows and slides)  | Yes  |   |
|   | Hill slope failures coupled to channel   | Yes  |   |
|   | Vertical incision present in catchment   | Yes  |   |
|   | Bank erosion/lateral migration   | Yes  |   |
|   | Unvegetated bars   | No   |   |
| Wooded/forested areas in catchment  | Yes  | But not around channel   |   |
| Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 13-14)               | Upstream track   |  |   |
| Comment on sediment source potential in catchment                           | Some sediment produced within the wider catchment, thought most is due to incision and erosion local to the crossing   |  |   |
| Comment on sediment supply potential to crossing                            | Steep slopes have potential to supply sediment, local erosion provides sediment to crossing  |  |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- Reach upstream of crossing</b>                   | Channel morphology   | Cascade  |   |
|   | Predominant sediment size  | Boulders and cobbles   |   |
|   | Unvegetated bars   | None   |   |
|   | Vertical incision  | High   |   |
|   | Deposition   | Low  |   |
|   | Lateral migration/bank erosion   | High   |   |
|   | Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 13-14)  | Weir/Step  |   |
|   | Impact of infrastructure   | Fixing bed level, reducing energy, reducing downstream sediment supply |   |
|   | Channel realignment  | None   |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- At crossing</b>                                  | Channel morphology   | Engineered   |   |
|   | Predominant sediment size  | None   |   |
|   | Estimated discharge at 1:200 event (m <sup>3</sup> /s)   | 4.16 (Crossing 13)<br>0.29 (Crossing 14)                               |   |
|   | Unvegetated bars   | None   |   |
|   | Vertical incision  | High   |   |
|   | Deposition   | None   |   |
|   | Damaged/unstable drains or armouring   | None   |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- Reach downstream of crossing</b>                 | Channel morphology   | Cascade  |   |
|   | Predominant sediment size  | Cobble and gravel  |   |
|   | Unvegetated bars   | None   |   |
|   | Vertical incision  | Medium   |   |
|   | Deposition   | Medium   |   |
|   | Lateral migration/bank erosion   | Medium   |   |
|   | Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 13-14)  | NMU and Railway crossing culvert                                       |   |
|   | Impact of infrastructure   | Fixing bed and banks   |   |
| Channel realignment   | None   |  |   |
| <b>Summary behaviour</b>  | Crossing has increased instability in the channel, initiating incision and lateral erosion. Sediment is transported through the A9 and NMU crossings and deposited at and downstream of the railway crossing as an alluvial fan. |  |   |



Photograph 11.4.3.39-  
Upstream, bedrock cascade



Photograph 11.4.3.40-  
Downstream



Photograph 11.4.3.41-Downstream, channel  
incising

Valley side erosion due  
to channel incision



Stone weir  
Recent bank protection

Photograph 11.4.3.42-Upstream to stone weir,  
fixing bed level, to reduce upstream channel  
incision



Recent bank protection

Photograph 11.4.3.43-Entrance to culvert



Photograph 11.4.3.44-erosion of valley side



Small railway crossing

Channel incision

Channel incision  
downstream of crossing  
14/15

Photograph 11.4.3.45-Downstream of small road crossing



Photograph 11.4.3.46-Downstream of NMU crossing



Incision of the bed

Photograph 11.4.3.47-Upstream to small road crossing



Scour

Photograph 11.4.3.48-Additional outfall- crossing 14 downstream of NMU

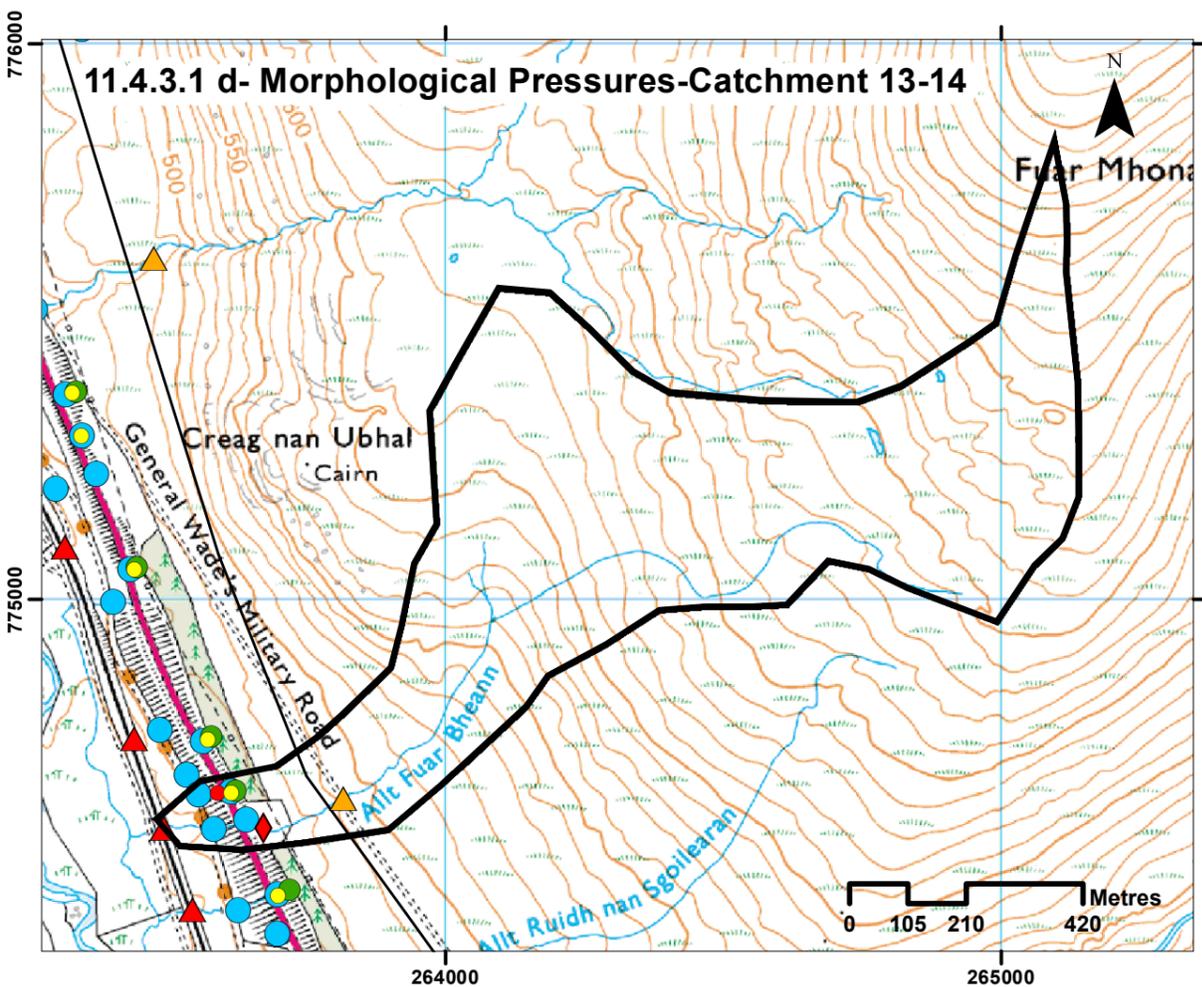
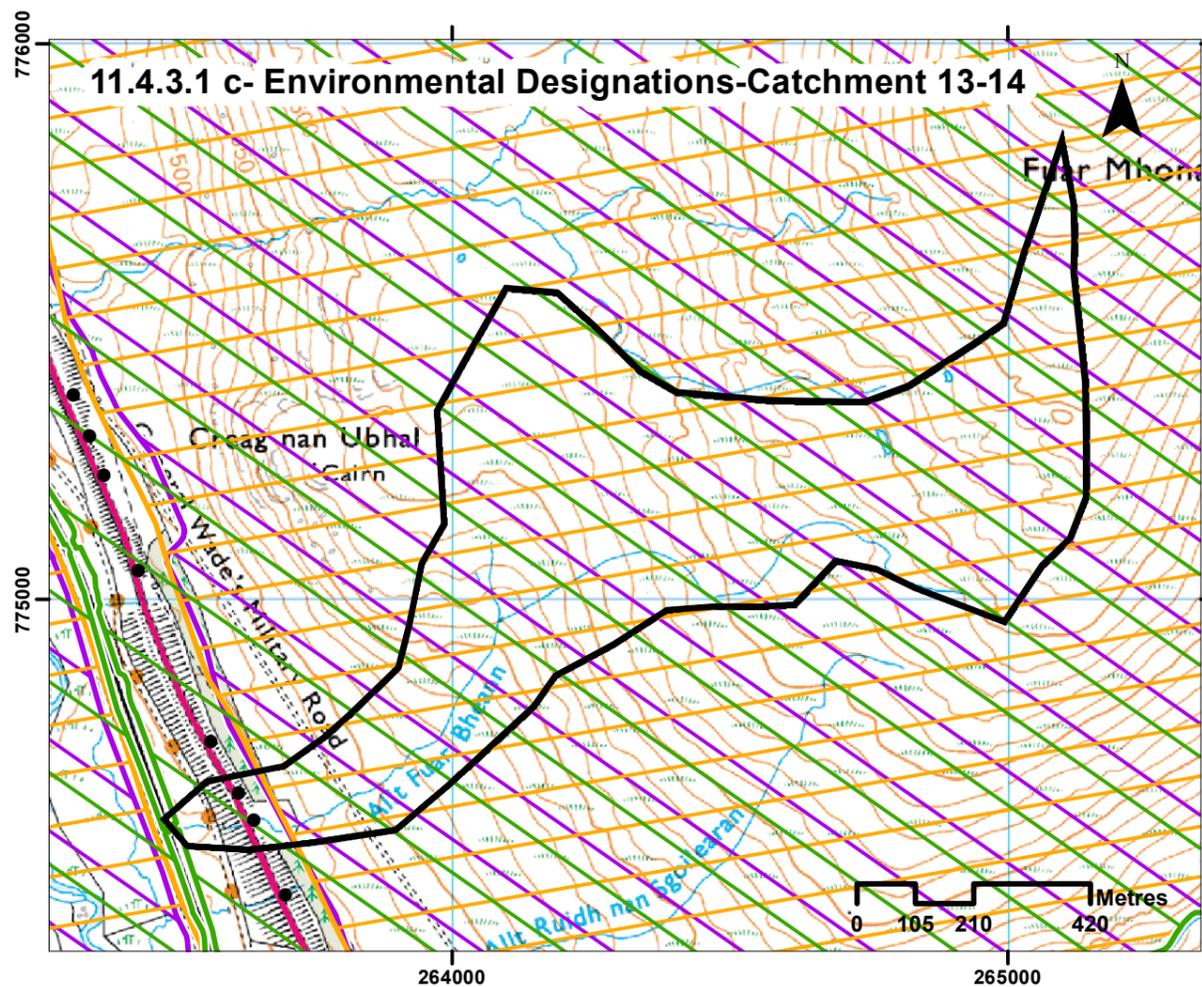
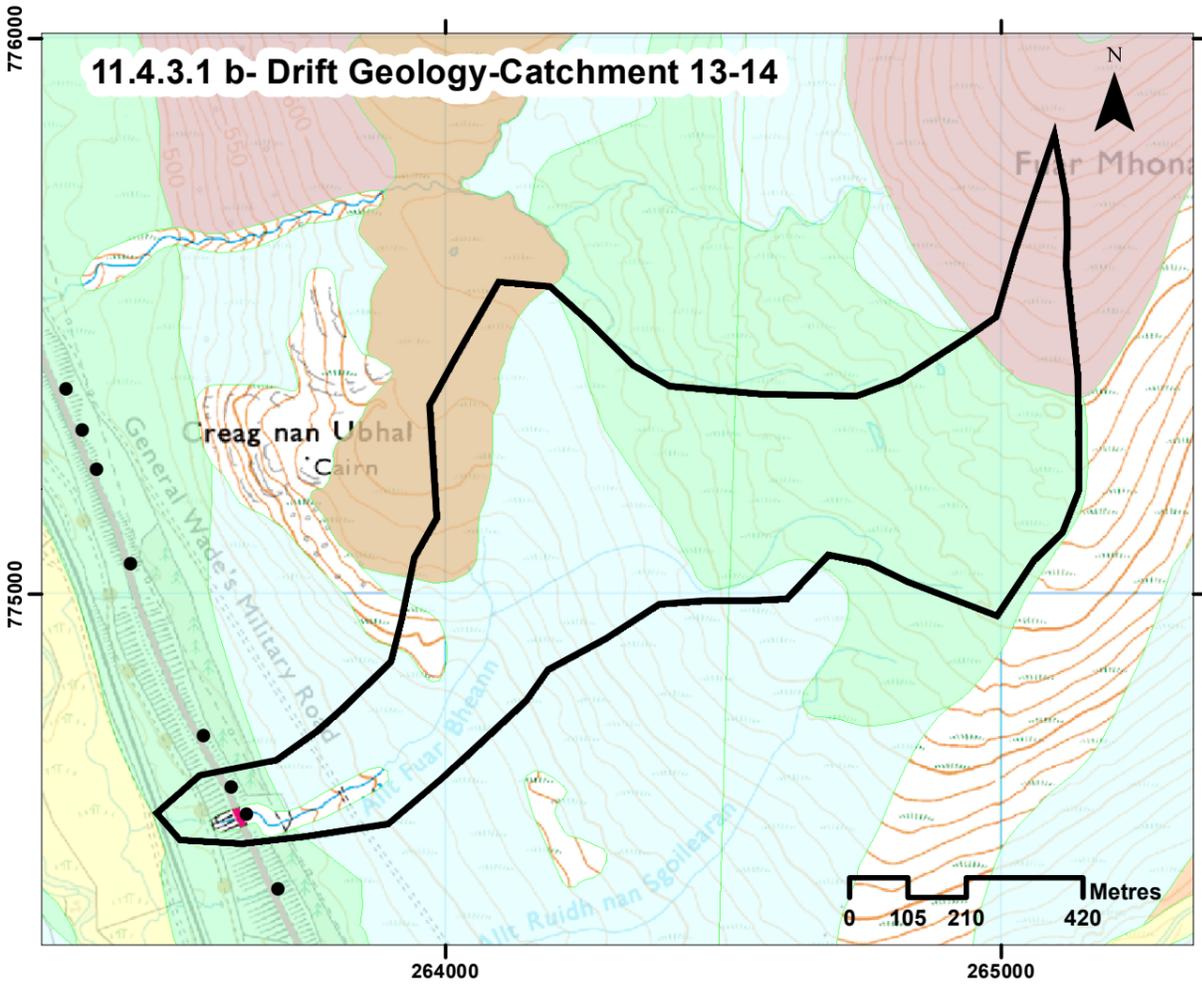
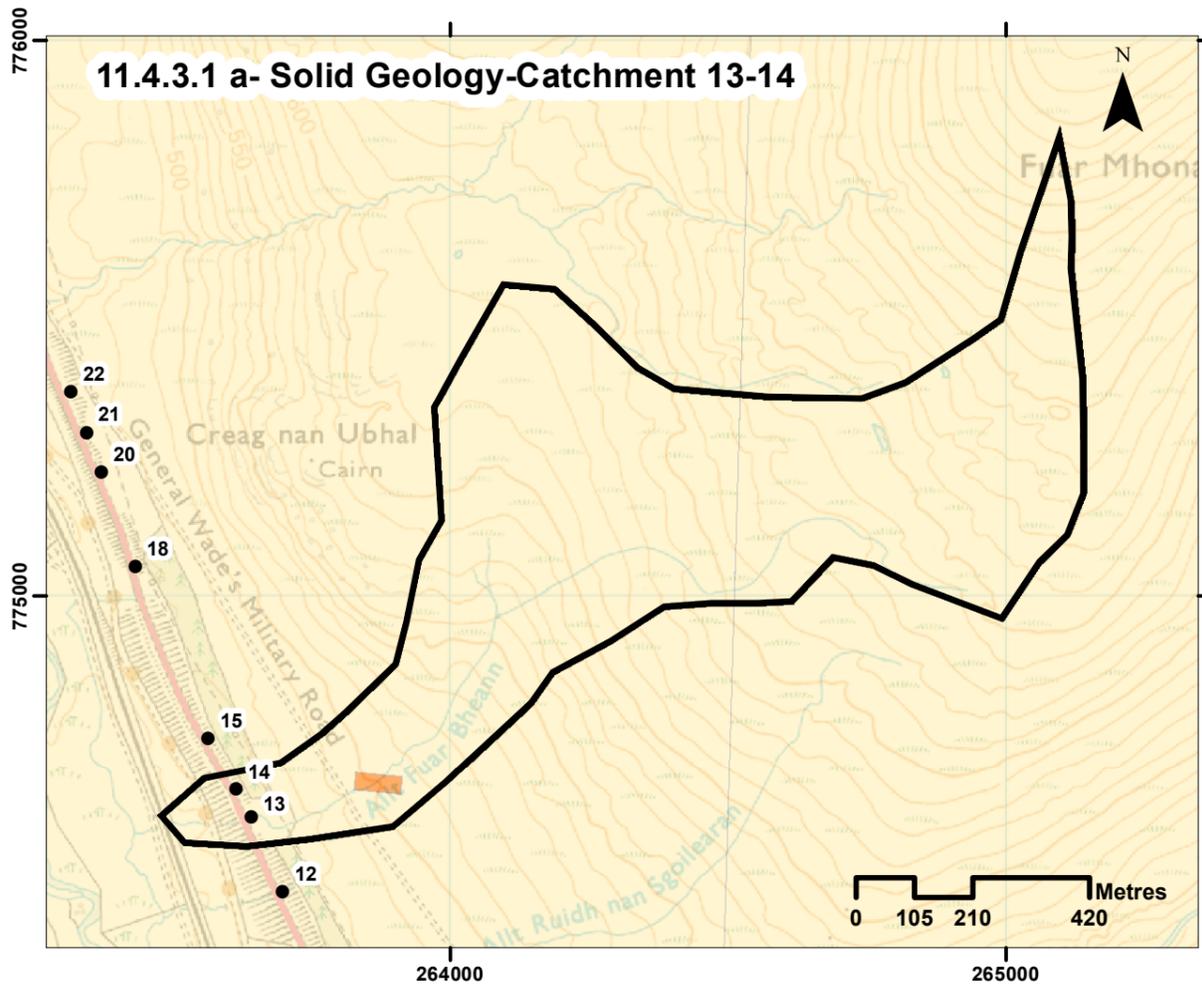


Outfall of NMU crossing

Photograph 11.4.3.49- Upstream



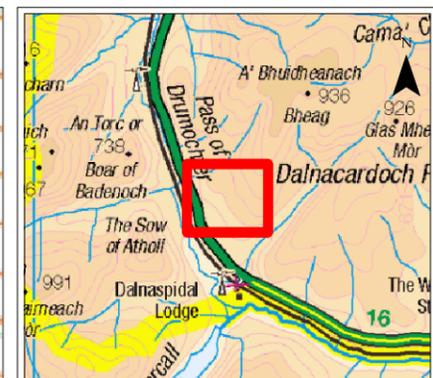
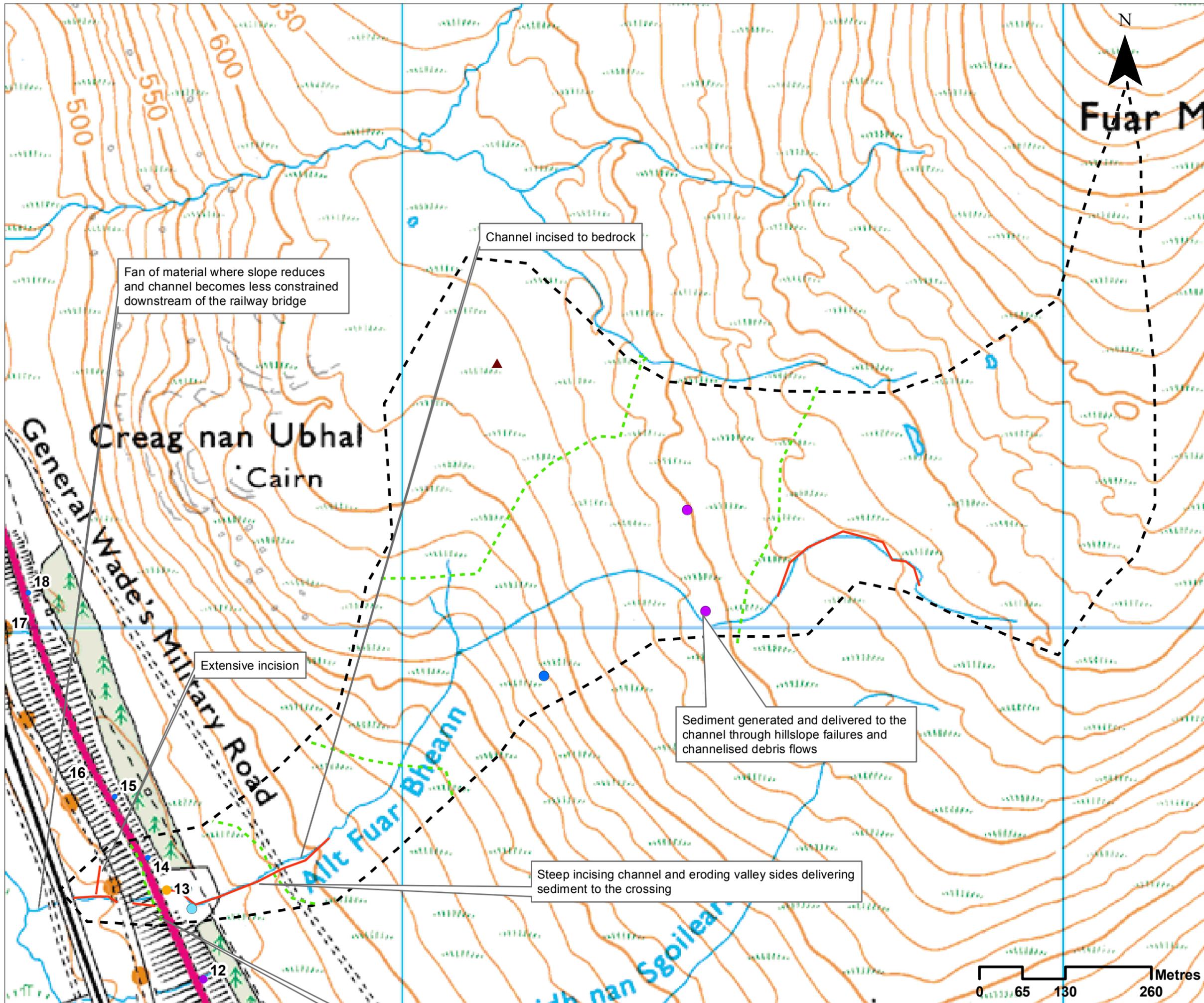
Photograph 11.4.3.50- Some erosion to concrete/boulder cascade on exit of crossing



- #### Legend
- General**
- Crossing location
- Solid Geology**
- Gaick Psammite Formation - Psammite
  - North Britain Siluro-Devonian Calc-Alkaline Dyke Suite - Felsite
- Drift Geology**
- Peat
  - Glaciofluvial Ice Contact Deposits
  - Gaick Plateau Moraine Formation
  - Hummocky Glacial Deposits
  - Ardverrick Till Formation - Diamicton
  - Glaciofluvial Sheet Deposits
  - Alluvium
  - River Terrace Deposits
  - Alluvial Fan Deposits
  - Head
  - Talus - Rock Fragments
  - Talus Cone
- Environmental Designations**
- Special Site of Scientific Interest
  - Special Area of Conservation
  - Special Protection Area
- Morphological Pressures**
- ▲ Railway Bridge
  - ▲ Track/Footbridge
  - Culvert
  - Cascade
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  - Catchpit
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**Legend**

- Major crossing
- Minor crossing
- Other crossing
- ▲ Peat
- Coupled debris flow
- Hill slope failure
- Valley side erosion
- Break in slope
- Incision
- - - Crossing catchment

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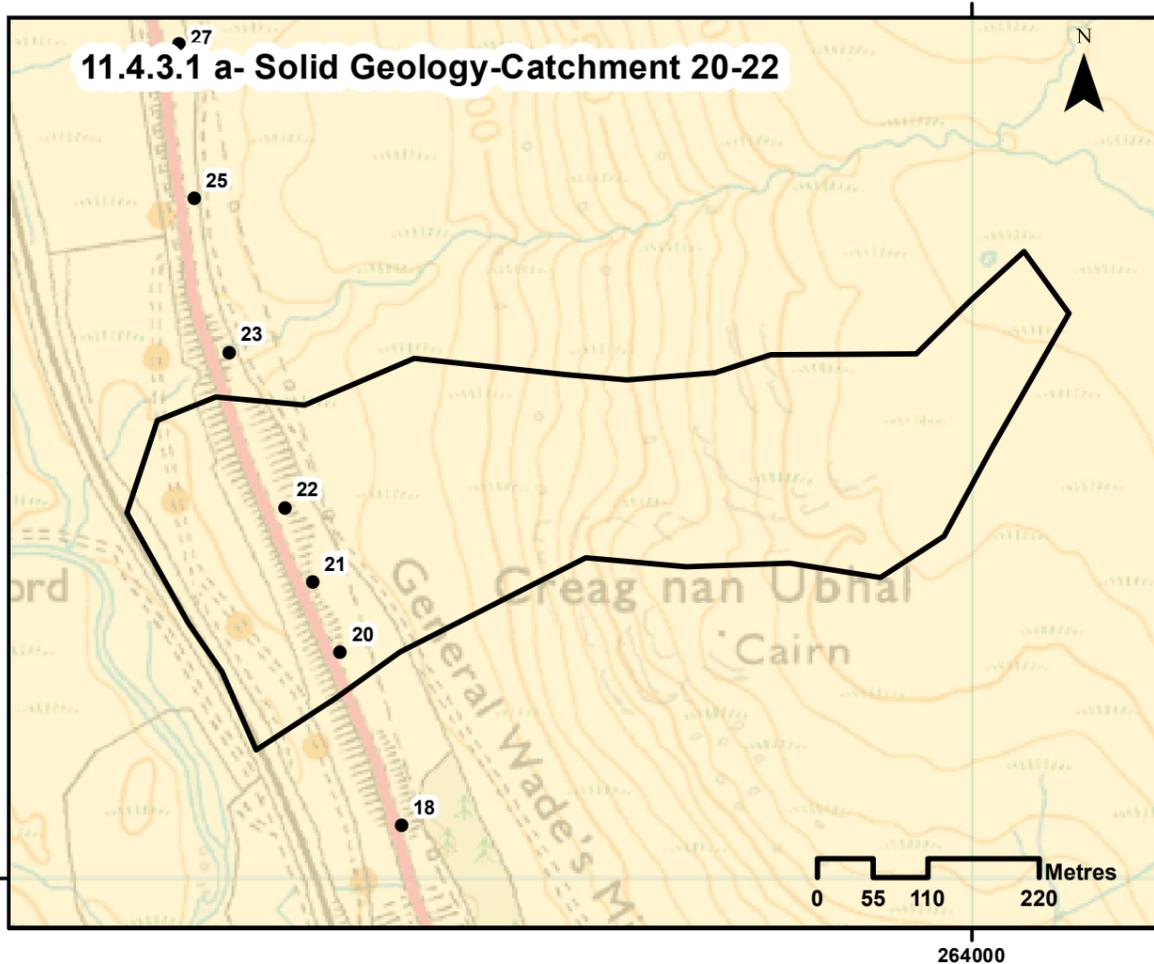
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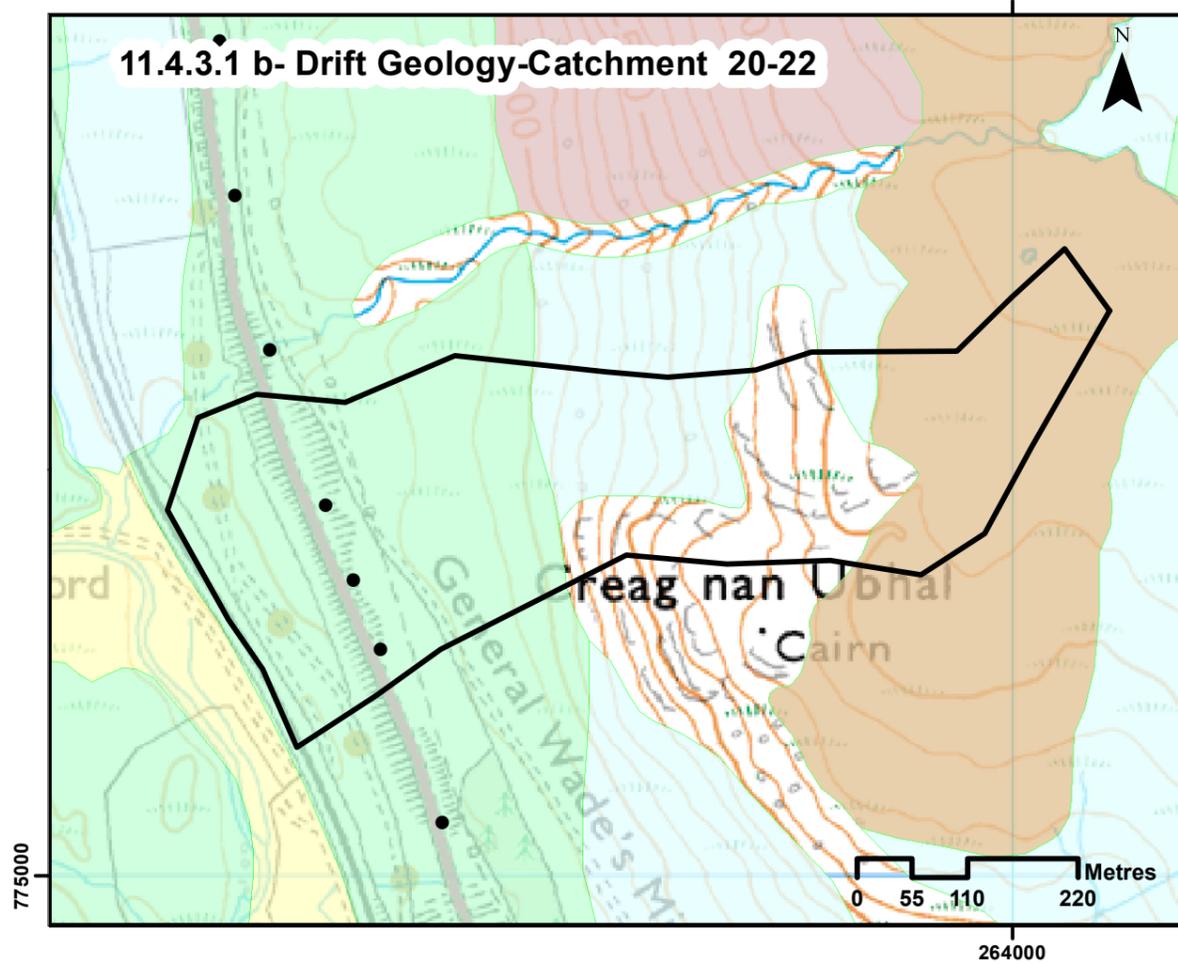
**Annex 11.4.3 - Hydromorphological Catchment Assessment - 20-22**

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|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Catchment No.</b>  | 20-22   |                                       |   |
| <b>Catchment Name</b>   | -   |                                       |   |
| <b>Channel Nature</b>   | Nature of water course  | Drain                                 |   |
|   | Size of water course  | Other                                 |   |
| <b>Quantitative Spatial Elements</b>  | Catchment Area (km <sup>2</sup> )   | 0.2                                   |   |
|   | Average slope in catchment (°)  | 11                                    |   |
|   | % Catchment over 750m (for snow melt risk)  | 0                                     |   |
| <b>WFD classification</b>   | Water, flows and levels   | Good                                  |   |
|   | Physical condition  | High                                  |   |
|   | Overall ecological status   | Poor                                  |   |
| <b>Geology</b>  | Majority Bedrock (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 a and b Catchment 20-22)   | Gaick Psammite formation-Psammite     | Resistant to weathering, impermeable  |
|   | Is an alluvial fan present at or near the crossing?   | Yes                                   | Possible vegetated fan near crossing 20   |
| <b>Environmental designations (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 c, Catchment 20-22)</b> | Ramsar  | No                                    |   |
|   | SAC   | Drumochter Hills                      | Acidic scree, alpine and subalpine heaths, blanket bog, dry heaths, montane acid grasslands, mountain willow scrub, plants in crevices on acid rocks, species-rich grassland with mat-grass in upland areas, tall herb communities, wet heathland with cross-leaved |
|   | SPA   | Drumochter Hills                      | Dotterel breeding, merlin breeding  |
|   | SSSI  | Drumochter Hills                      | Breeding bird assemblage, fluvial geomorphology of Scotland, montane assemblage, vascular plant assemblage  |
| <b>Sediment source and supply - Catchment Scale</b>                         | Changes in slope and channel confinement  | See Drawing 11.4.3.2, Catchment 20-22 |   |
|   | Is peat present in the catchment?   | Yes                                   | Extensive deposits on flatter ground in upper catchment.  |
|   | Is there a bog burst risk?  | Yes                                   | Low risk but possible. Unlikely to be high magnitude  |
|   | Current valley side or terrace erosion  | Yes                                   |   |
|   | Potential valley side or terrace erosion  | Yes                                   |   |
|   | Hill slope failures (including peat slides and debris flows and slides)   | Yes                                   |   |
|   | Hill slope failures coupled to channel  | No                                    |   |
|   | Vertical incision present in catchment  | Yes                                   |   |
|   | Bank erosion/lateral migration  | Yes                                   |   |
|   | Unvegetated bars  | No                                    |   |
|   | Wooded/forested areas in catchment  | No                                    |   |
|   | Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 20-22)   | Track crossing                        |   |
| Comment on sediment source potential in catchment                           | Sediment is available within the catchment  |                                       |   |
| Comment on sediment supply potential to crossing                            | Very steep, channelized slopes supply sediment to the drains  |                                       |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- Reach upstream of crossing</b>                   | Channel morphology  | Engineered                            |   |
|   | Predominant sediment size   | None                                  |   |
|   | Unvegetated bars  | None                                  |   |
|   | Vertical incision   | Low                                   |   |
|   | Deposition  | None                                  |   |
|   | Lateral migration/bank erosion  | Low                                   |   |
|   | Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 20-22)   | None                                  |   |
|   | Impact of infrastructure  | None                                  |   |
| Channel realignment   | Yes   | All formalised drains                 |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- At crossing</b>                                  | Channel morphology  | Engineered                            |   |
|   | Predominant sediment size   | None                                  |   |
|   | Estimated discharge at 1:200 event (m <sup>3</sup> /s)  | 0.965                                 | Crossing 20   |
|   | Unvegetated bars  | None                                  |   |
|   | Vertical incision   | Medium                                | Crossing 20   |
|   | Deposition  | None                                  |   |
|   | Lateral migration/bank erosion  | None                                  |   |
| Damaged/unstable drains or armouring  | Yes   |                                       |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- Reach downstream of crossing</b>                 | Channel morphology  | Engineered                            |   |
|   | Predominant sediment size   | None                                  |   |
|   | Unvegetated bars  | None                                  |   |
|   | Vertical incision   | None                                  |   |
|   | Deposition  | None                                  |   |
|   | Lateral migration/bank erosion  | None                                  |   |
|   | Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 20-22)   | Railway crossing                      |   |
|   | Impact of infrastructure  | Fixing channel position               |   |
| Channel realignment   | None  |                                       |   |
| <b>Summary behaviour</b>  | Small hillslope drainage channels have been formalised as part of the A9. Channels relatively stable but some erosion and vertical instability (crossing 20). |                                       |   |

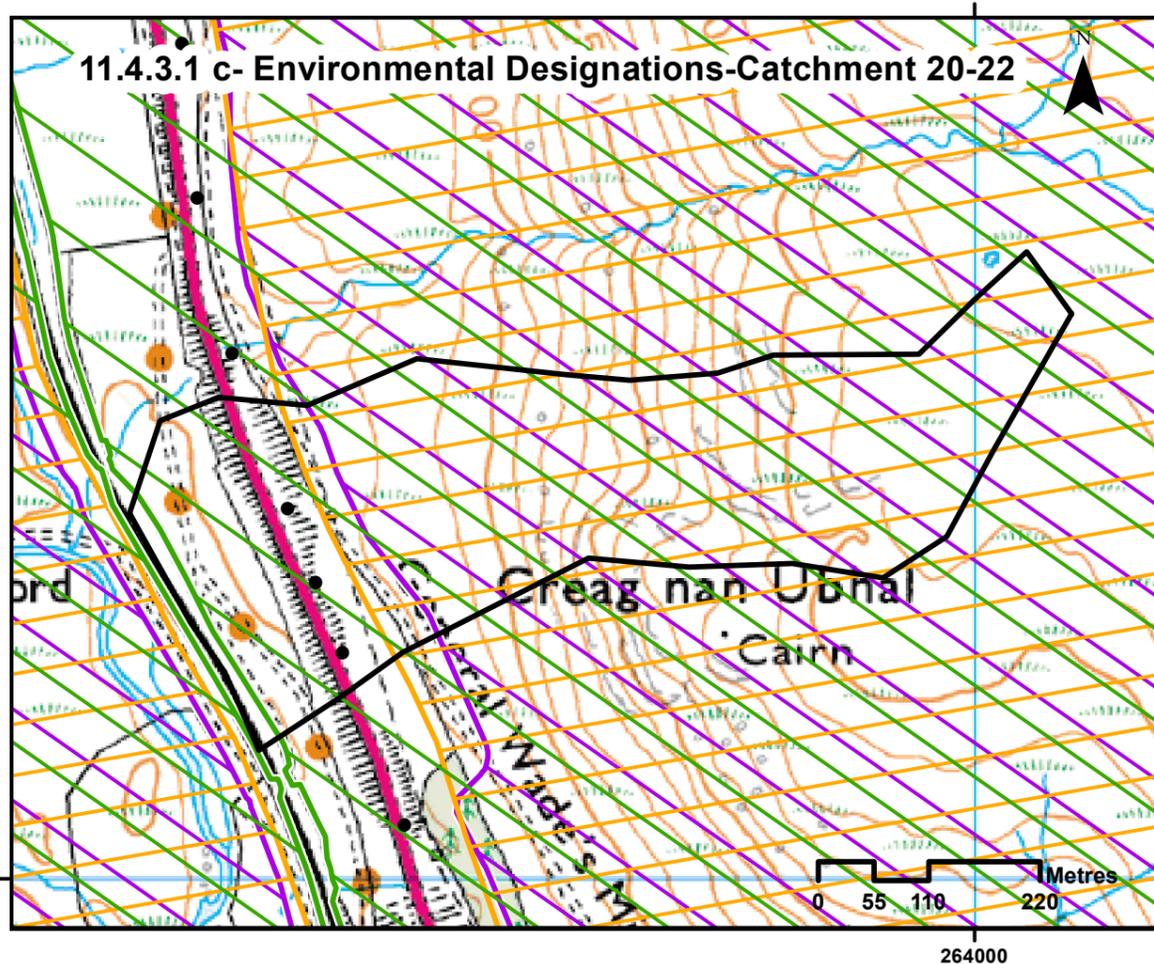
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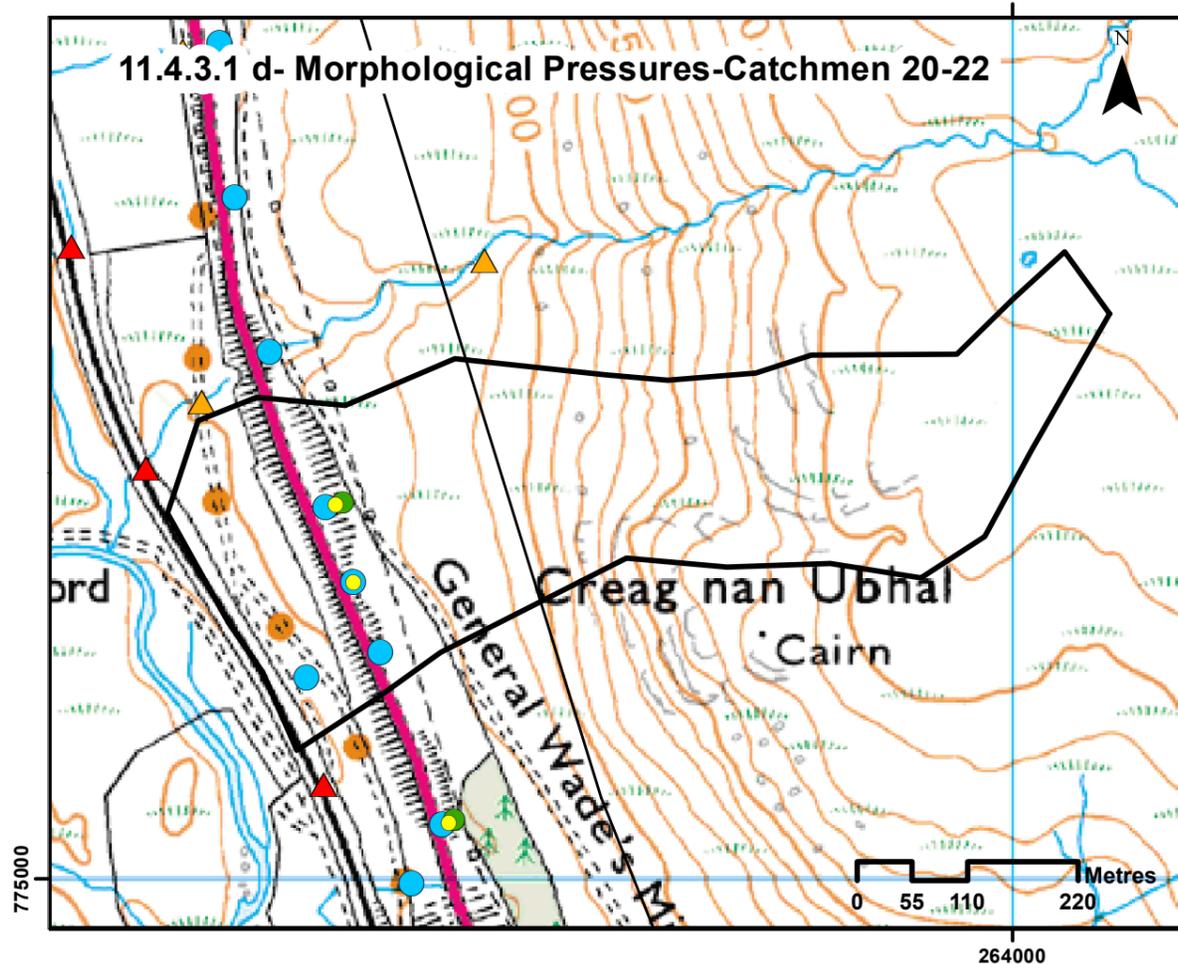
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11.4.3.1 c- Environmental Designations-Catchment 20-22



11.4.3.1 d- Morphological Pressures-Catchment 20-22



**Legend**

**General**

- Crossing Location
- ▭ Catchments

**Solid Geology**

- Gaick Psammite Formation - Psammite
- North Britain Siluro-Devonian Calc-Alkaline Dyke Suite - Microdiorite

**Drift Geology**

- Peat
- Glaciofluvial Ice Contact Deposits
- Gaick Plateau Moraine Formation
- Hummocky Glacial Deposits
- Ardverikie Till Formation - Diamicton
- Glaciofluvial Sheet Deposits
- Alluvium
- River Terrace Deposits
- Alluvial Fan Deposits
- Head
- Talus - Rock Fragments
- Talus Cone

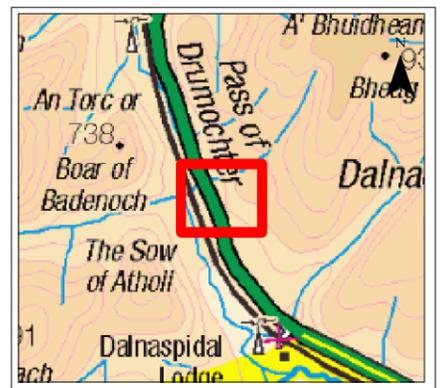
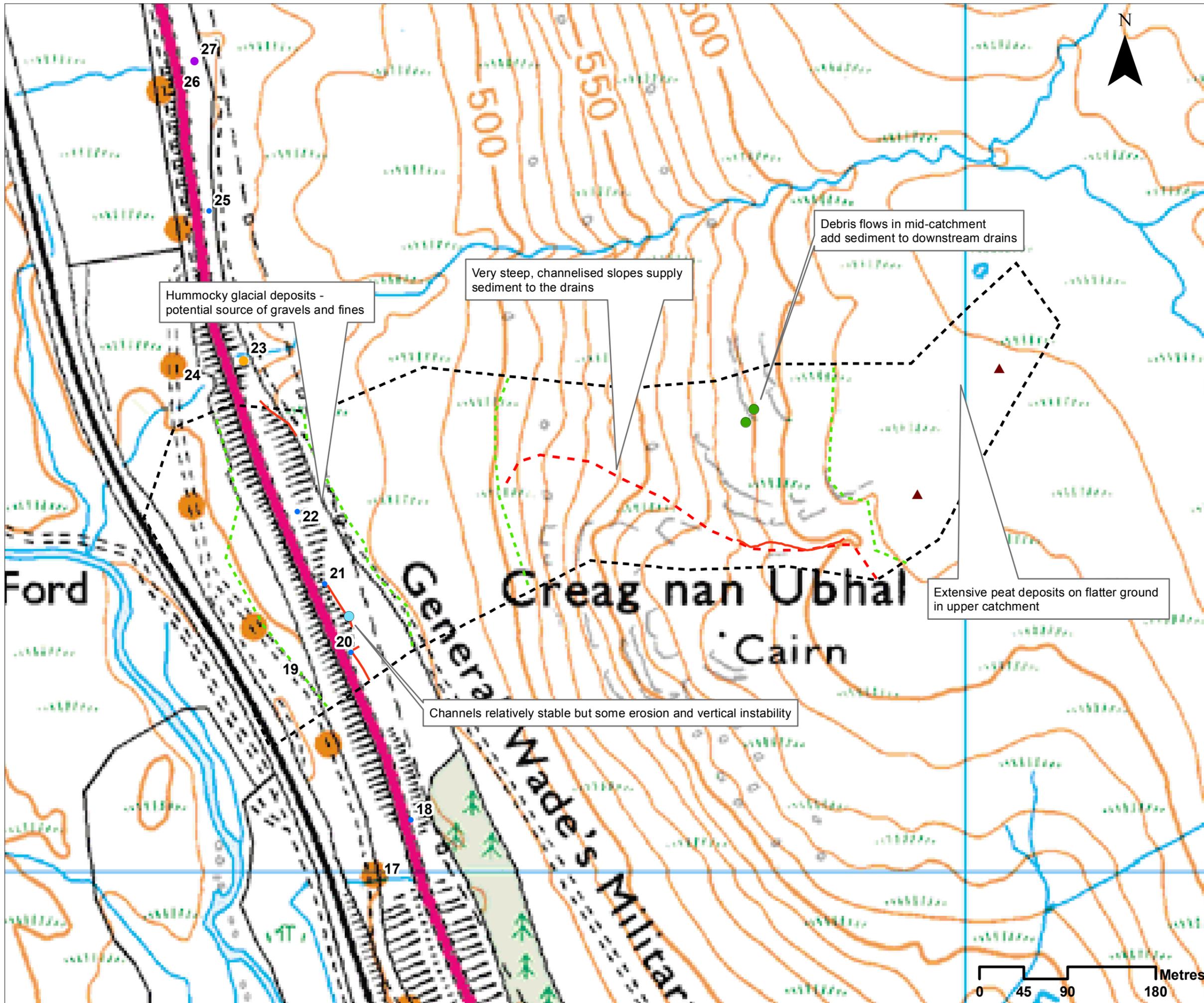
**Environmental Designations**

- Special Site of Scientific Interest
- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area

**Morphological Pressures**

- ▲ Railway Bridge
- ▲ Track/Footbridge
- Culvert
- Cascade
- Catchpit
- Power Lines

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- Legend**
- Crossing catchment
  - Major crossing
  - Minor crossing
  - Other crossing
  - Peat
  - Debris flow
  - Valley side erosion
  - Break in slope
  - Terrace
  - Incision

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**Annex 11.4.3 - Hydromorphological Catchment Assessment - 23**

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| <b>Catchment No.</b>   | <b>23</b>  |  |   |
| <b>Catchment Name</b>  | -  |  |   |
| <b>Channel Nature</b>  | Nature of water course   | Natural  |   |
|  | Size of water course   | Major  |   |
| <b>Quantitative Spatial Elements</b>                                     | Catchment Area (km <sup>2</sup> )  | 2.44   |   |
|  | Average slope in catchment (°)   | 13.13  |   |
|  | % Catchment over 750m (for snow melt risk)   | 50%  |   |
| <b>WFD classification</b>  | Water, flows and levels  | Good   |   |
|  | Physical condition   | High   |   |
|  | Overall ecological status  | Poor   |   |
| <b>Geology</b>   | Majority Bedrock (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 a and b Catchment 23)   | Gaick Psammite formation-Psammite                              | Resistant to weathering, impermeable  |
|  | Is an alluvial fan present at or near the crossing?  | No   |   |
| <b>Environmental designations (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 c, Catchment 23)</b> | Ramsar   | No   |   |
|  | SAC  | Drumochter Hills   | Acidic scree, alpine and subalpine heaths, blanket bog, dry heaths, montane acid grasslands, mountain willow scrub, plants in crevices on acid rocks, species-rich grassland with mat-grass in upland areas, tall herb communities, wet heathland with cross-leaved |
|  | SPA  | Drumochter Hills   | Dotterel breeding, merlin breeding  |
|  | SSSI   | Drumochter Hills   | Breeding bird assemblage, fluvial geomorphology of Scotland, montane assemblage, vascular plant assemblage  |
| <b>Sediment source and supply - Catchment Scale</b>                      | Changes in slope and channel confinement   | See Drawing 11.4.3.2, Catchment 23                             |   |
|  | Is peat present in the catchment?  | Yes  | Extensive peat deposits in lower gradient mid-catchment slopes  |
|  | Is there a bog burst risk?   | Yes  | Low but possible  |
|  | Current valley side or terrace erosion   | Some   |   |
|  | Potential valley side or terrace erosion   | Yes  |   |
|  | Hill slope failures (including peat slides and debris flows and slides)  | Yes  |   |
|  | Hill slope failures coupled to channel   | Yes  |   |
|  | Vertical incision present in catchment   | Possible   |   |
|  | Bank erosion/lateral migration   | Possible   |   |
|  | Unvegetated bars   | Yes  |   |
|  | Wooded/forested areas in catchment   | No   |   |
| Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 23)               | Upstream track crossing  |  |   |
| Comment on sediment source potential in catchment                        | Sediment inputs will come from the steep slopes in the upper catchment   |  |   |
| Comment on sediment supply potential to crossing                         | Steep confined channels will transport sediment to the crossing, however the reduction in slope in the middle of the catchment will reduce the volume and speed of sediment supply to the crossing   |  |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- Reach upstream of crossing</b>                | Channel morphology   | Cascade  |   |
|  | Predominant sediment size  | Boulders and cobbles   |   |
|  | Unvegetated bars   | Some   |   |
|  | Vertical incision  | Low  |   |
|  | Deposition   | Medium   |   |
|  | Lateral migration/bank erosion   | Medium   |   |
|  | Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 23)   | Track crossing   |   |
|  | Impact of infrastructure   | Fixing channel banks   |   |
|  | Channel realignment  | None   |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- At crossing</b>                               | Channel morphology   | Engineered   | For c. 20m u/s of crossing and c.40m d/s of crossing (as far as NMU crossing)   |
|  | Predominant sediment size  | None   |   |
|  | Estimated discharge at 1:200 event (m <sup>3</sup> /s)   | 12   |   |
|  | Unvegetated bars   | None   |   |
|  | Vertical incision  | None   |   |
|  | Deposition   | None   |   |
|  | Lateral migration/bank erosion   | Medium   |   |
| Damaged/unstable drains or armouring                                     | Yes  | Will be adding some sediment to the channel                    |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- Reach downstream of crossing</b>              | Channel morphology   | Plane bed  | Downstream of NMU crossing  |
|  | Predominant sediment size  | Cobble boulder   |   |
|  | Unvegetated bars   | Yes  |   |
|  | Vertical incision  | Medium   |   |
|  | Deposition   | Medium   |   |
|  | Lateral migration/bank erosion   | Medium   |   |
|  | Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 23)   | NMV crossing   |   |
|  | Impact of infrastructure   | NMV- Fixing bed level, creating step, some downstream incision |   |
| Channel realignment  | None   |  |   |
| <b>Summary behaviour</b>   | Sediment provided from the upper catchment to the crossing over time. Localised erosion directly upstream of the crossing providing a local sediment source. NMU crossing is then fixing channel bed and bank positions, creating a large step in the channel bed and causing some incision. Differential erosion taking place upstream and downstream of engineered section, creating risk of undermining or outflanking engineering. |  |   |



Photograph 11.4.3.51-Some gravel deposition at old road crossing



Pitched bed and banks

Photograph 11.4.3.52-Upstream to culvert exit



Over wide channel with concrete bed

Photograph 11.4.3.53-Crossing inflow

Drainage inflow

Bedrock falls in upper catchment

Incision and bank erosion upstream of concrete section

Concrete bed and pitched banks



Photograph 11.4.3.54-Upstream of crossing



Photograph 11.4.3.55-Downstream to culvert entrance

Small pockets of gravel deposition at channel margins



Photograph 11.4.3.56-Upstream



Photograph 11.4.3.57- Cascade morphology in confined channel

Exposed unvegetated material left after pylon installation



Photograph 11.4.3.58- Cascade morphology in confined channel



Photograph 11.4.3.59-Upstream to bedrock falls

Small floodplain segment so little flood storage



Photograph 11.4.3.60-From valley top towards channel



Photograph 11.4.3.61-Downstream to railway crossing

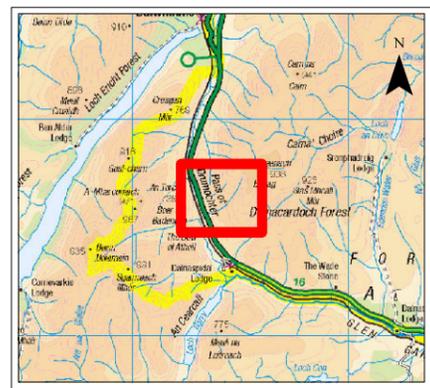
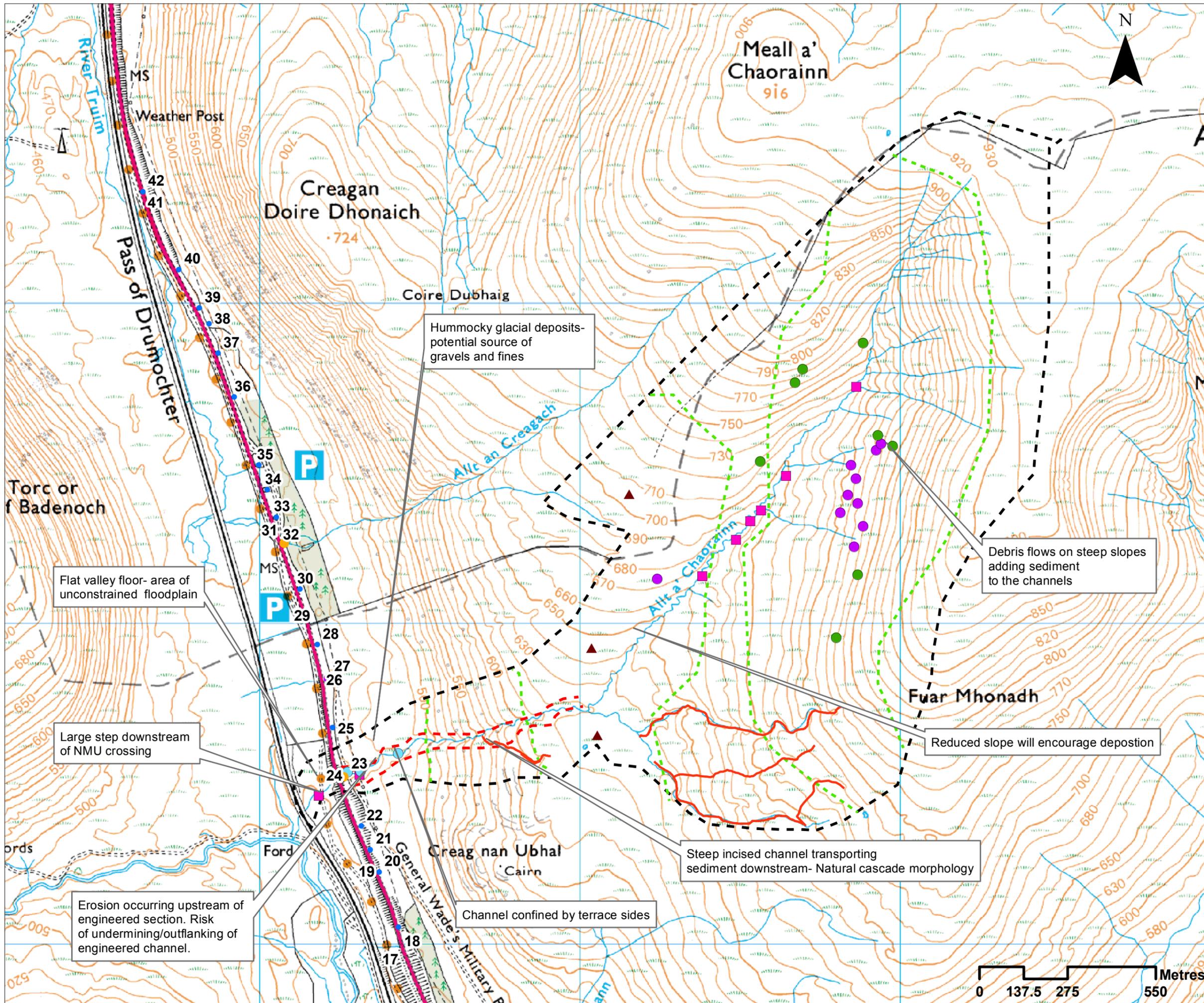
Local erosion

Crossing fixing bed level



Photograph 11.4.3.62-Upstream to small road crossing





- Legend**
- Major crossing
  - Minor crossing
  - Other crossing
  - ▲ Peat
  - Coupled debris flow
  - Debris flow
  - Valley side erosion
  - Unvegetated bar
  - - - Break in slope
  - - - Terrace
  - - - Incision
  - - - Crossing catchment

Flat valley floor- area of unconstrained floodplain

Large step downstream of NMU crossing

Erosion occurring upstream of engineered section. Risk of undermining/outflanking of engineered channel.

Hummocky glacial deposits- potential source of gravels and fines

Channel confined by terrace sides

Steep incised channel transporting sediment downstream- Natural cascade morphology

Debris flows on steep slopes adding sediment to the channels

Reduced slope will encourage deposition

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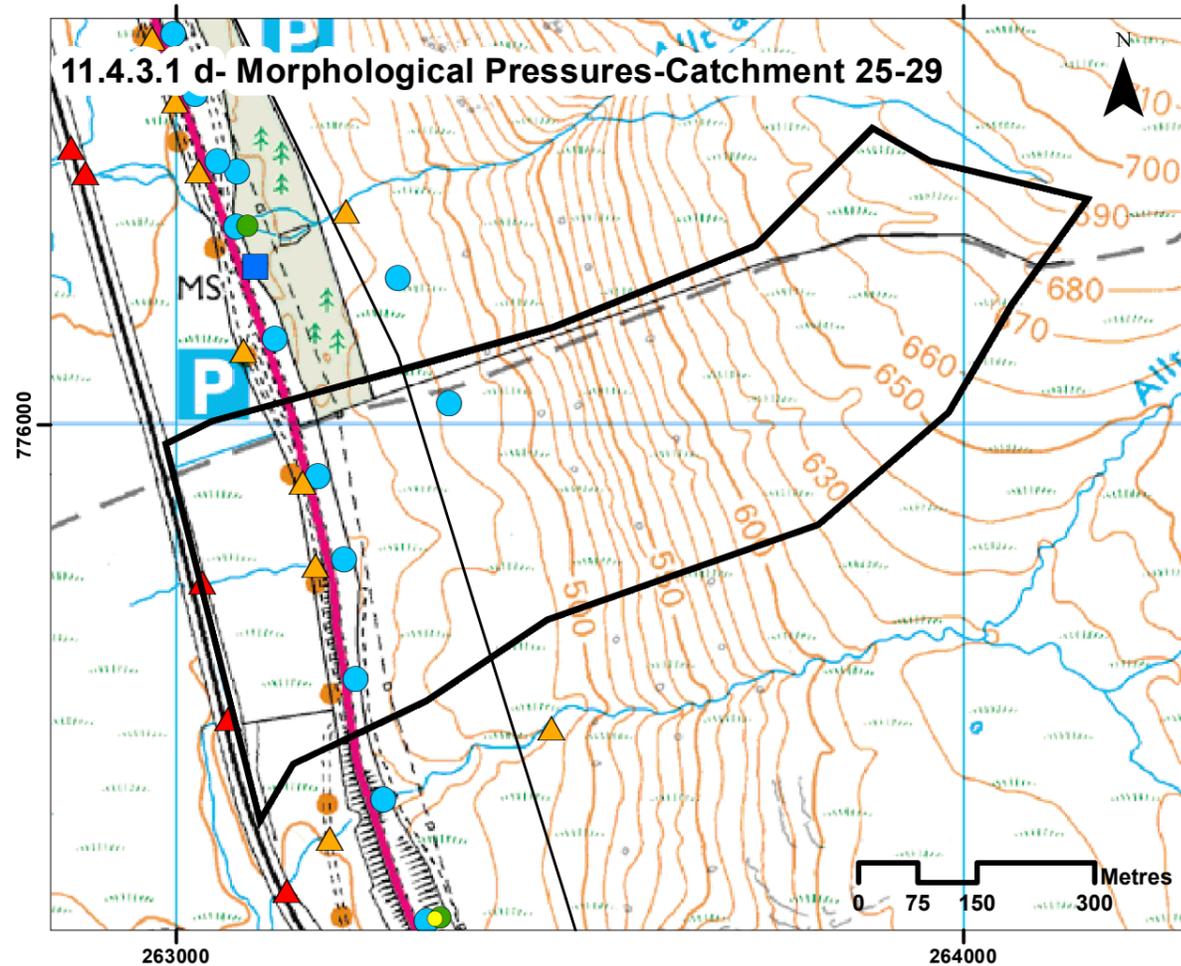
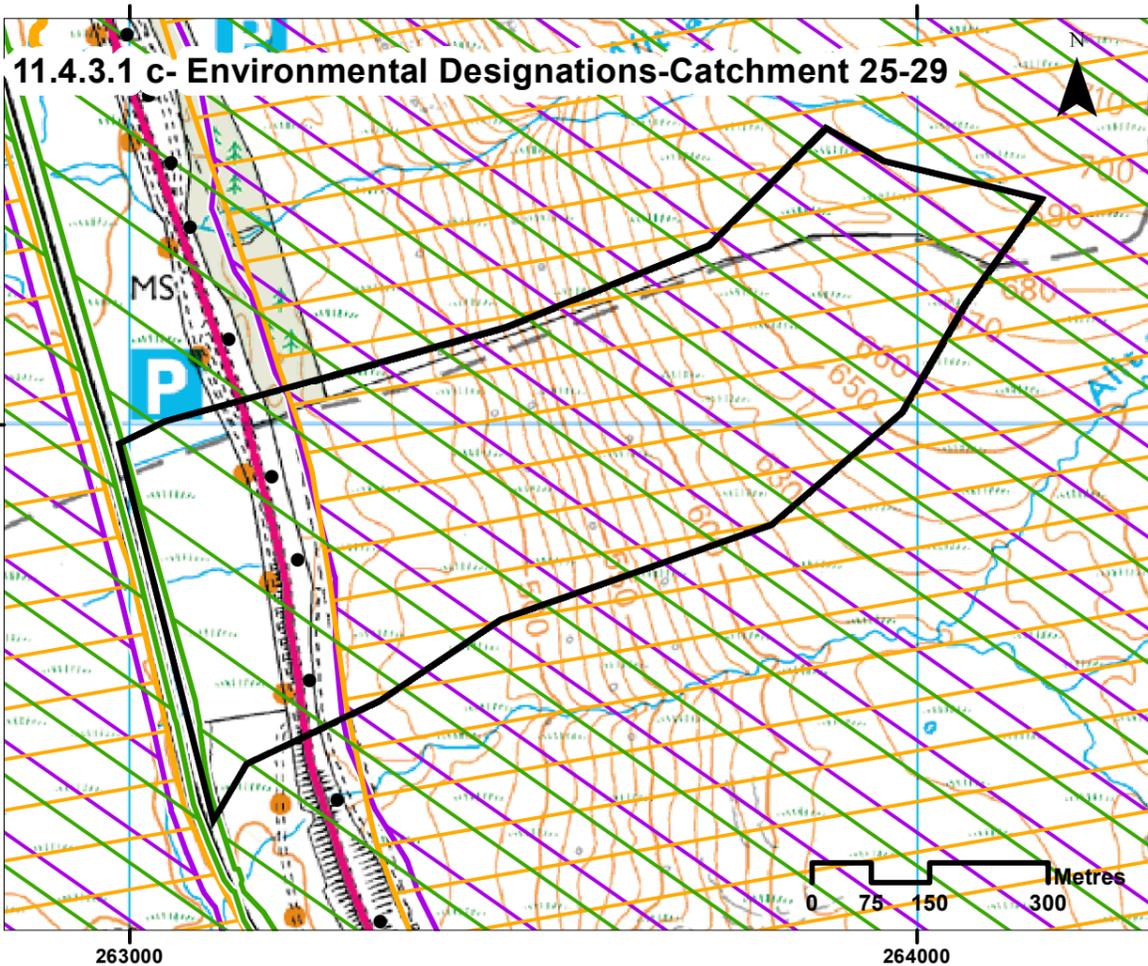
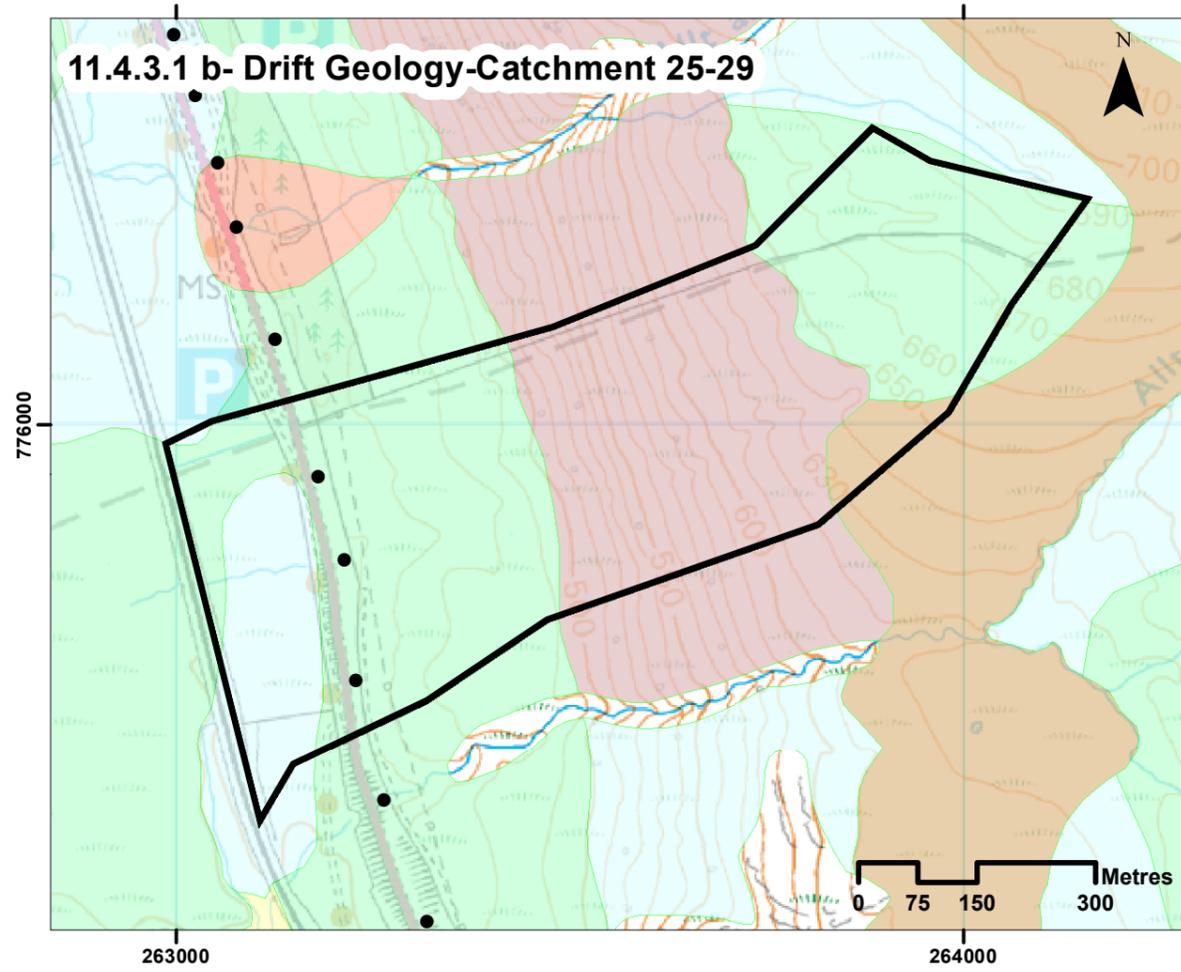
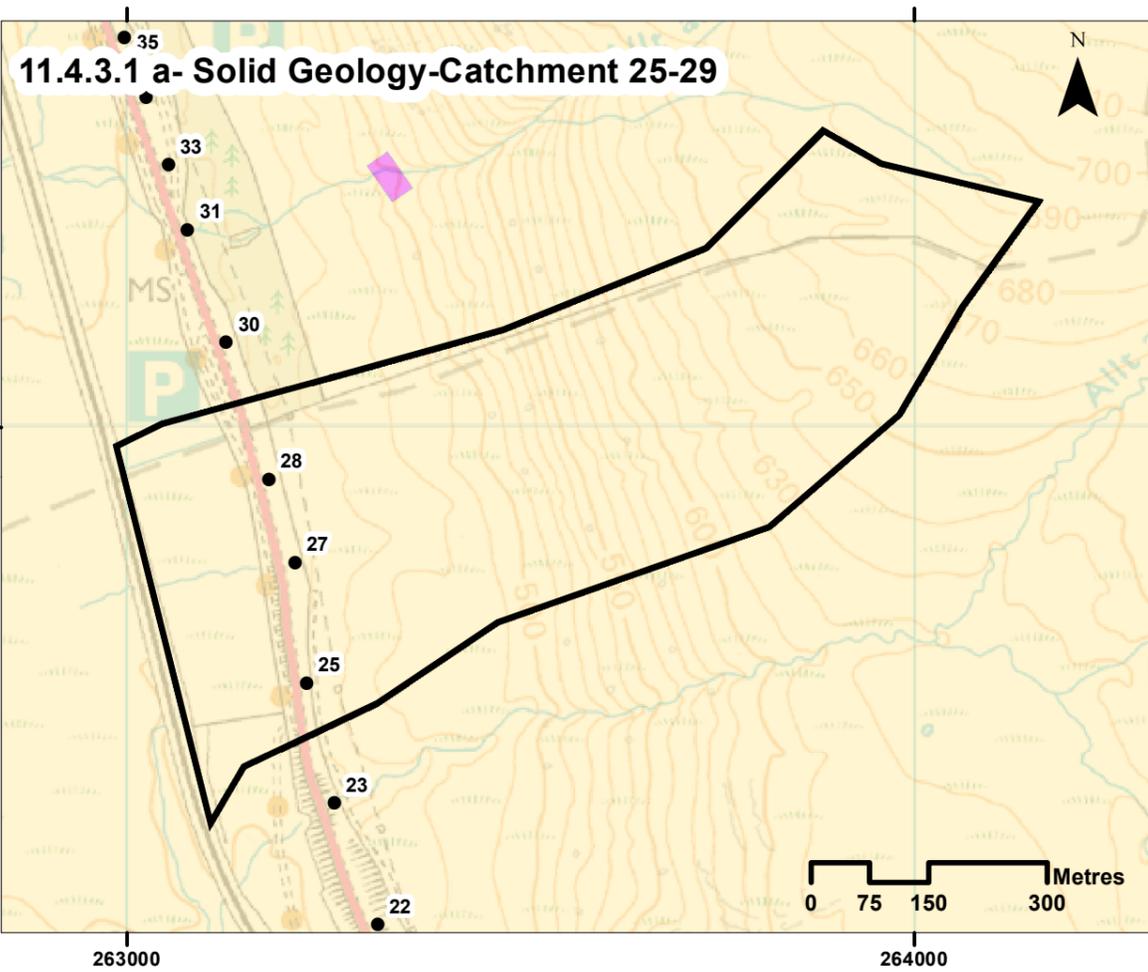
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**Annex 11.4.3 - Hydromorphological Catchment Assessment - 25-29**

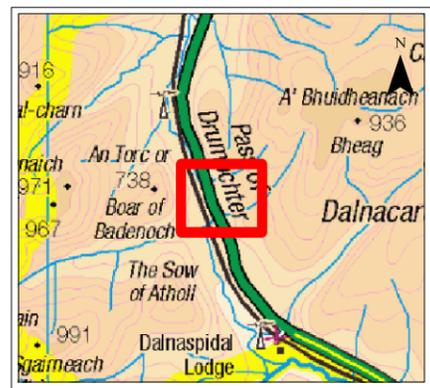
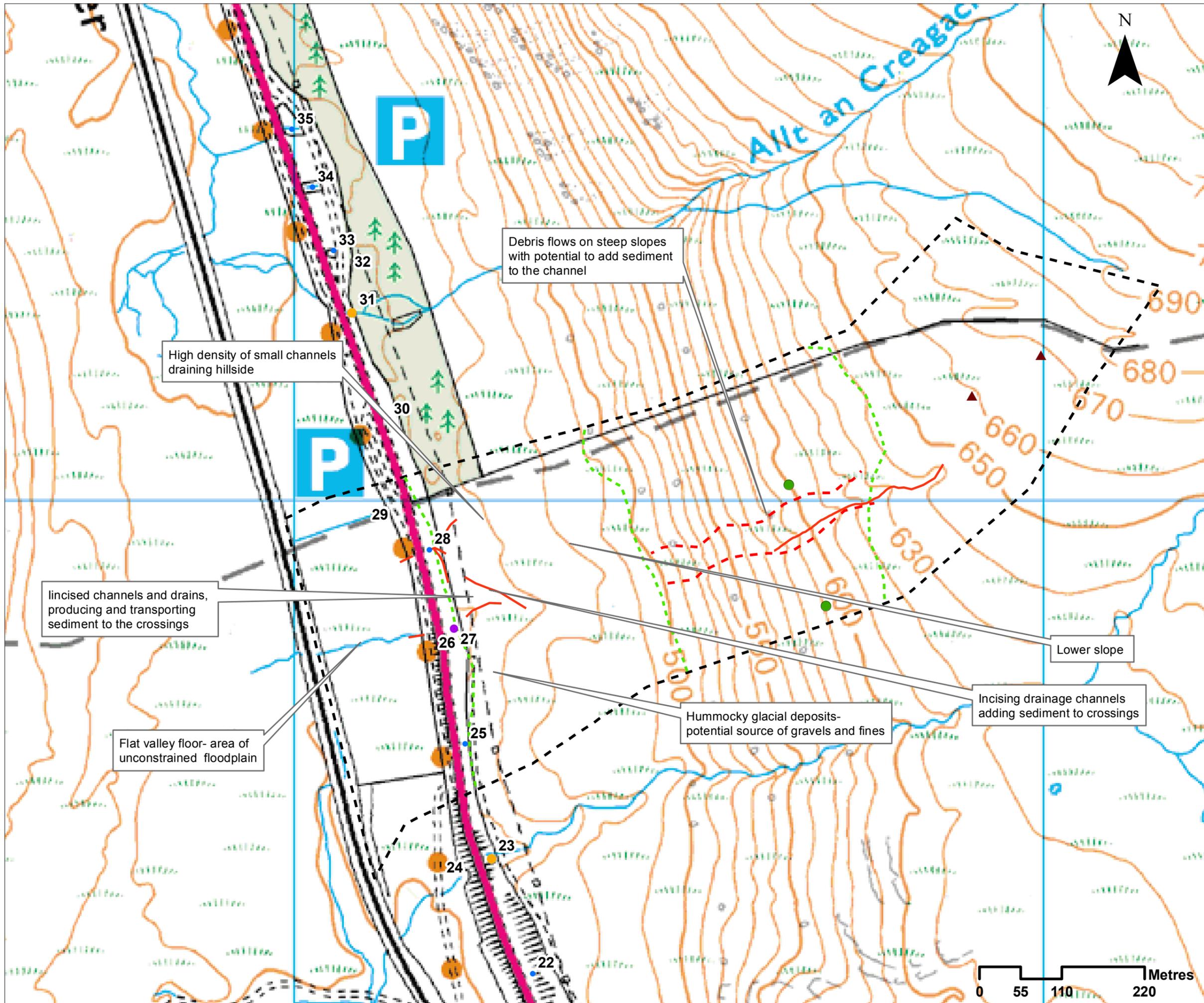
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| <b>Catchment No.</b>  | 25-29   |                                       |   |
| <b>Catchment Name</b>   | -   |                                       |   |
| <b>Channel Nature</b>   | Nature of water course  | Natural                               |   |
|   | Size of water course  | Minor                                 |   |
| <b>Quantitative Spatial Elements</b>  | Catchment Area (km <sup>2</sup> )   | 0.41                                  |   |
|   | Average slope in catchment (°)  | 11                                    |   |
|   | % Catchment over 750m (for snow melt risk)  | 0                                     |   |
| <b>WFD classification</b>   | Water, flows and levels   | Good                                  |   |
|   | Physical condition  | High                                  |   |
|   | Overall ecological status   | Poor                                  |   |
| <b>Geology</b>  | Majority Bedrock (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 a and b Catchment 25-29)   | Gaick Psammite formation-Psammite     | Resistant to weathering, impermeable  |
|   | Is an alluvial fan present at or near the crossing?   | No                                    |   |
| <b>Environmental designations (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 c, Catchment 25-29)</b> | Ramsar  | No                                    |   |
|   | SAC   | Drumochter Hills                      | Acidic scree, alpine and subalpine heaths, blanket bog, dry heaths, montane acid grasslands, mountain willow scrub, plants in crevices on acid rocks, species-rich grassland with mat-grass in upland areas, tall herb communities, wet heathland with cross leaved |
|   | SPA   | Drumochter Hills                      | Dotterel breeding, merlin breeding  |
|   | SSSI  | Drumochter Hills                      | Breeding bird assemblage, fluvial geomorphology of Scotland, montane assemblage, vascular plant assemblage  |
| <b>Sediment source and supply - Catchment Scale</b>                         | Changes in slope and channel confinement  | See Drawing 11.4.3.2, Catchment 25-29 |   |
|   | Is peat present in the catchment?   | Yes                                   | Limited deposits in upper catchment   |
|   | Is there a bog burst risk?  | Yes                                   | Negligible  |
|   | Current valley side or terrace erosion  | No                                    |   |
|   | Potential valley side or terrace erosion  | No                                    |   |
|   | Hill slope failures (including peat slides and debris flows and slides)   | Yes                                   |   |
|   | Hill slope failures coupled to channel  | No                                    |   |
|   | Vertical incision present in catchment  | Yes                                   |   |
|   | Bank erosion/lateral migration  | Yes                                   |   |
|   | Unvegetated bars  | No                                    |   |
| Wooded/forested areas in catchment  | No  |                                       |   |
| Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 25-29)               | Track crossing  |                                       |   |
| Comment on sediment source potential in catchment                           | Sediment available from debris flows, with potential for these to couple with channel. Most sediment appears to be supplied from locally incising channels and drains   |                                       |   |
| Comment on sediment supply potential to crossing                            | Steep slopes will deliver sediment to the channels, however deposition is likely as the slope reduces before the crossing   |                                       |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- Reach upstream of crossing</b>                   | Channel morphology  | Plane bed                             |   |
|   | Predominant sediment size   | Gravel                                |   |
|   | Unvegetated bars  | None                                  |   |
|   | Vertical incision   | Medium                                |   |
|   | Deposition  | Low                                   |   |
|   | Lateral migration/bank erosion  | Low                                   |   |
|   | Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 25-29)   | None                                  |   |
|   | Impact of infrastructure  | None                                  |   |
| Channel realignment   | Yes   | Drains and straightened channels      |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- At crossing</b>                                  | Channel morphology  | Engineered                            |   |
|   | Predominant sediment size   | Gravel                                |   |
|   | Estimated discharge at 1:200 event (m <sup>3</sup> /s)  | -                                     | Design flow 0.82 m <sup>3</sup> /s  |
|   | Unvegetated bars  | None                                  |   |
|   | Vertical incision   | None                                  |   |
|   | Deposition  | Medium                                |   |
|   | Lateral migration/bank erosion  | None                                  |   |
| Damaged/unstable drains or armouring  | Yes   | Incision in drains                    |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- Reach downstream of crossing</b>                 | Channel morphology  | Plane bed                             |   |
|   | Predominant sediment size   | Gravel                                |   |
|   | Unvegetated bars  | None                                  |   |
|   | Vertical incision   | Low                                   |   |
|   | Deposition  | Medium                                |   |
|   | Lateral migration/bank erosion  | None                                  |   |
|   | Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 25-29)   | Railway crossing                      |   |
| Impact of infrastructure  | Fixing channel position   |                                       |   |
| Channel realignment   | None  |                                       |   |
| <b>Summary behaviour</b>  | Change in drainage network through the creation of drains and channel straightening. Channels appear to be incising and adding sediment to the channel upstream of the crossing, causing deposition within the crossing |                                       |   |



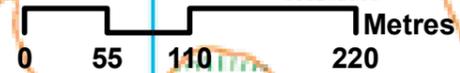
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- General**
- Crossing location
  - ▭ Catchment Area
- Solid Geology**
- Gaick Psammite Formation - Psammite
- Drift Geology**
- Peat
  - Glaciofluvial Ice Contact Deposits
  - Gaick Plateau Moraine Formation
  - Hummocky Glacial Deposits
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  - Alluvial Fan Deposits
  - Head
  - Talus - Rock Fragments
  - Talus Cone
- Environmental Designations**
- ▭ Special Site of Scientific Interest
  - ▭ Special Area of Conservation
  - ▭ Special Protection Area
- Morphological Pressures**
- ▲ Railway Bridge
  - ▲ Track/Footbridge
  - Culvert
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- Legend**
- Major crossing
  - Minor crossing
  - Other crossing
  - ▲ Peat
  - Debris flow
  - - - Break in slope
  - - - Terrace
  - Incision
  - - - Crossing catchment



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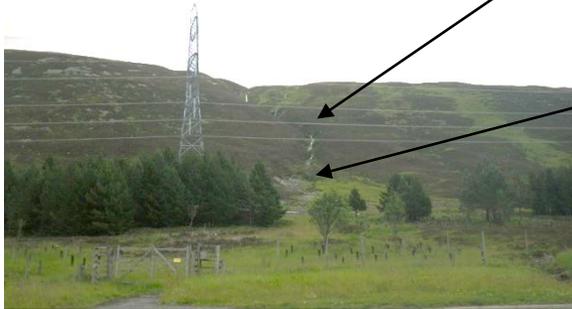
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**Annex 11.4.3 - Hydromorphological Catchment Assessment - 31**

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| <b>Catchment No.</b>   | <b>31</b>  |   |   |
| <b>Catchment Name</b>  | -  |   |   |
| <b>Channel Nature</b>  | Nature of water course   | Natural                                 |   |
|  | Size of water course   | Major                                   |   |
| <b>Quantitative Spatial Elements</b>                                     | Catchment Area (km <sup>2</sup> )  | 0.83                                    |   |
|  | Average slope in catchment (°)   | 10.5                                    |   |
|  | % Catchment over 750m (for snow melt risk)   | 48                                      |   |
| <b>WFD classification</b>  | Water, flows and levels  | Good                                    |   |
|  | Physical condition   | Good                                    |   |
|  | Overall ecological status  | Good                                    |   |
| <b>Geology</b>   | Majority Bedrock (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 a and b Catchment 31)   | Gaick Psammite formation-Psammite       | Resistant to weathering, impermeable  |
|  | Is an alluvial fan present at or near the crossing?  | Yes                                     | Large alluvial fan with apex at gorge exit. Little evidence of recent instability except at apex but risk of avulsion nonetheless   |
| <b>Environmental designations (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 c, Catchment 31)</b> | Ramsar   | No                                      |   |
|  | SAC  | Drumochter Hills                        | Acidic scree, alpine and subalpine heaths, blanket bog, dry heaths, montane acid grasslands, mountain willow scrub, plants in crevices on acid rocks, species-rich grassland with mat-grass in upland areas, tall herb communities, wet heathland with cross-leaved |
|  | SPA  | Drumochter Hills                        | Dotterel breeding, merlin breeding  |
|  | SSSI   | Drumochter Hills                        | Breeding bird assemblage, fluvial geomorphology of Scotland, montane assemblage, vascular plant assemblage  |
| <b>Sediment source and supply - Catchment Scale</b>                      | Changes in slope and channel confinement   | See Drawing 11.4.3.2, Catchment 31      |   |
|  | Is peat present in the catchment?  | Yes                                     |   |
|  | Is there a bog burst risk?   | Yes                                     |   |
|  | Current valley side or terrace erosion   | Yes                                     |   |
|  | Potential valley side or terrace erosion   | Yes                                     |   |
|  | Hill slope failures (including peat slides and debris flows and slides)  | Yes                                     |   |
|  | Hill slope failures coupled to channel   | Yes                                     |   |
|  | Vertical incision present in catchment   | Yes                                     |   |
|  | Bank erosion/lateral migration   | Yes                                     |   |
|  | Unvegetated bars   | No                                      |   |
| Wooded/forested areas in catchment                                       | Yes  | Small chance of floating debris         |   |
| Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 31)               | No   | Except ETL track and bridge (see below) |   |
| Comment on sediment source potential in catchment                        | High potential sediment input from coupled and channelized debris flows on steep slopes  |   |   |
| Comment on sediment supply potential to crossing                         | Catchment susceptible to flashy floods due to snowmelt that have potential to transport sediment downstream. Channel is also incised, increasing potential for sediment supply to the crossing   |   |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- Reach upstream of crossing</b>                | Channel morphology   | Step-pool                               |   |
|  | Predominant sediment size  | Boulder-Cobble                          |   |
|  | Unvegetated bars   | None                                    |   |
|  | Vertical incision  | Low                                     |   |
|  | Deposition   | Medium                                  |   |
|  | Lateral migration/bank erosion   | Low                                     |   |
|  | Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 31)   | Track and bridge upstream of crossing   |   |
|  | Impact of infrastructure   | Fixing bank position                    |   |
|  | Channel realignment  | None                                    |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- At crossing</b>                               | Channel morphology   | Engineered                              |   |
|  | Predominant sediment size  | Cobbles and gravels                     |   |
|  | Estimated discharge at 1:200 event (m <sup>3</sup> /s)   | 5.3                                     |   |
|  | Unvegetated bars   | None                                    |   |
|  | Vertical incision  | Medium                                  |   |
|  | Deposition   | Medium                                  |   |
|  | Lateral migration/bank erosion   | Low                                     |   |
|  | Damaged/unstable drains or armouring   | Yes                                     |   |
|  |  |   |   |
| <b>Morphology and Process- Reach downstream of crossing</b>              | Channel morphology   | Plane bed                               |   |
|  | Predominant sediment size  | Gravels                                 |   |
|  | Unvegetated bars   | None                                    |   |
|  | Vertical incision  | None                                    |   |
|  | Deposition   | Low                                     |   |
|  | Lateral migration/bank erosion   | None                                    |   |
|  | Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 31)   | Railway crossing                        |   |
|  | Impact of infrastructure   | Fixing channel position                 |   |
|  | Channel realignment  | None                                    |   |
| <b>Summary behaviour</b>   | High sediment supply from steep slope, Catchment susceptible to flashy floods due to snowmelt. Crossing on an alluvial fan so area of past large scale deposition, and risk of avulsion (flow abandoning current channel and cutting new channel). |   |   |



Very steep channel

Deposition as slope reduces

Photograph 11.4.3.63-Upstream to catchment



Gravel and cobble  
plane bed channel

Photograph 11.4.3.64-Downstream of crossing



Photograph 11.4.3.65-Culvert exit

Some scour



Photograph 11.4.3.66- Culvert entrance



Photograph 11.4.3.67-Damaged concrete bed on entrance to the culvert



Steep upper catchment

Photograph 11.4.3.68- Upstream to catchment



Photograph 11.4.3.69-Cascade morphology



Photograph 11.4.3.70-Downstream- Low gradient channel



Photograph 11.4.3.71-Debris flow tracks



Photograph 11.4.3.72-Reduced channel slope downstream



Photograph 11.4.3.73-Upstream to steep upper catchment



Photograph 11.4.3.74-Some scour to concrete bed



Photograph 11.4.3.75-Upsteam

Incision damaging concrete bed and starting to destabilise banks

Incision undercutting engineered banks



Photograph 11.4.3.76-Downstream to culvert

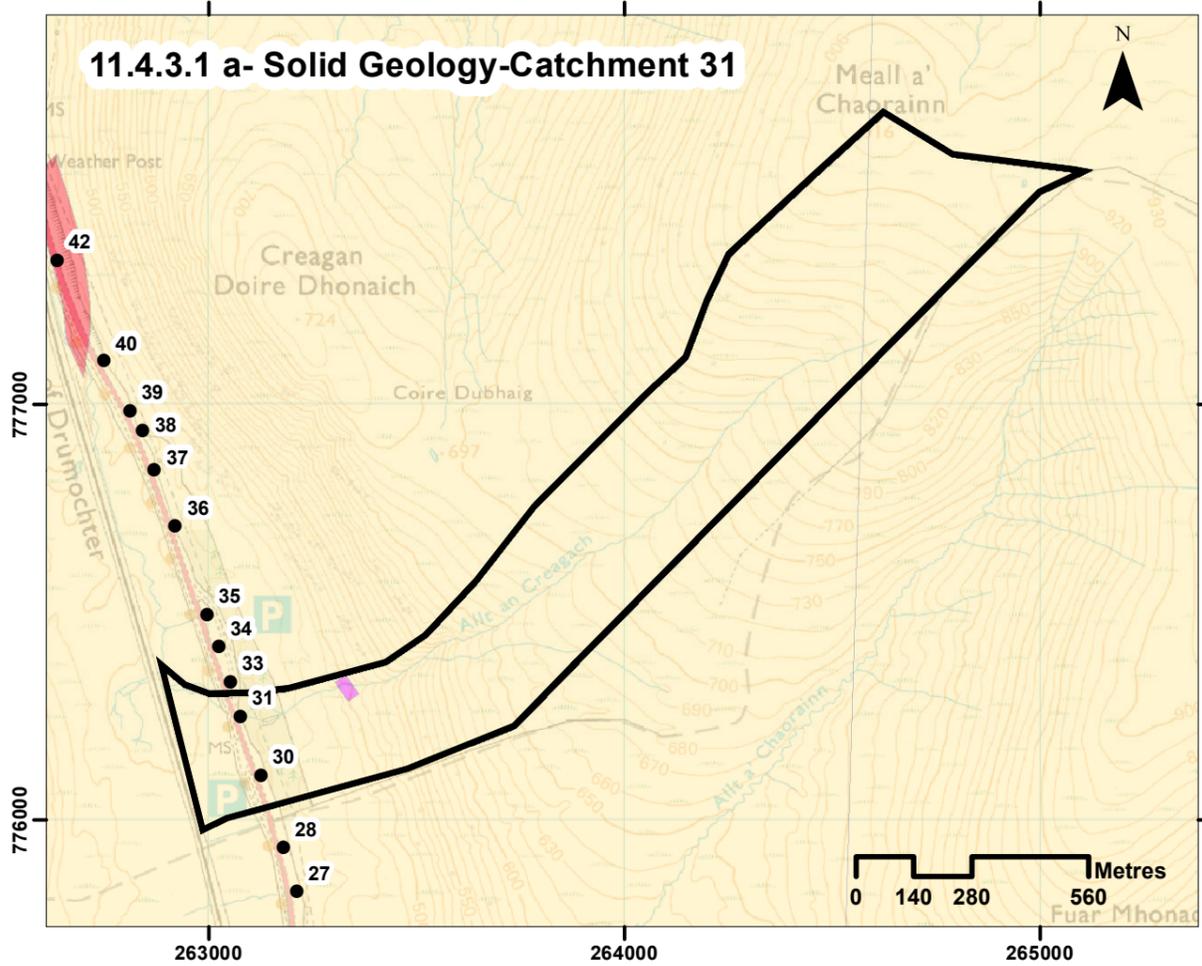


Photograph 11.4.3.77- Crossing 43 exit

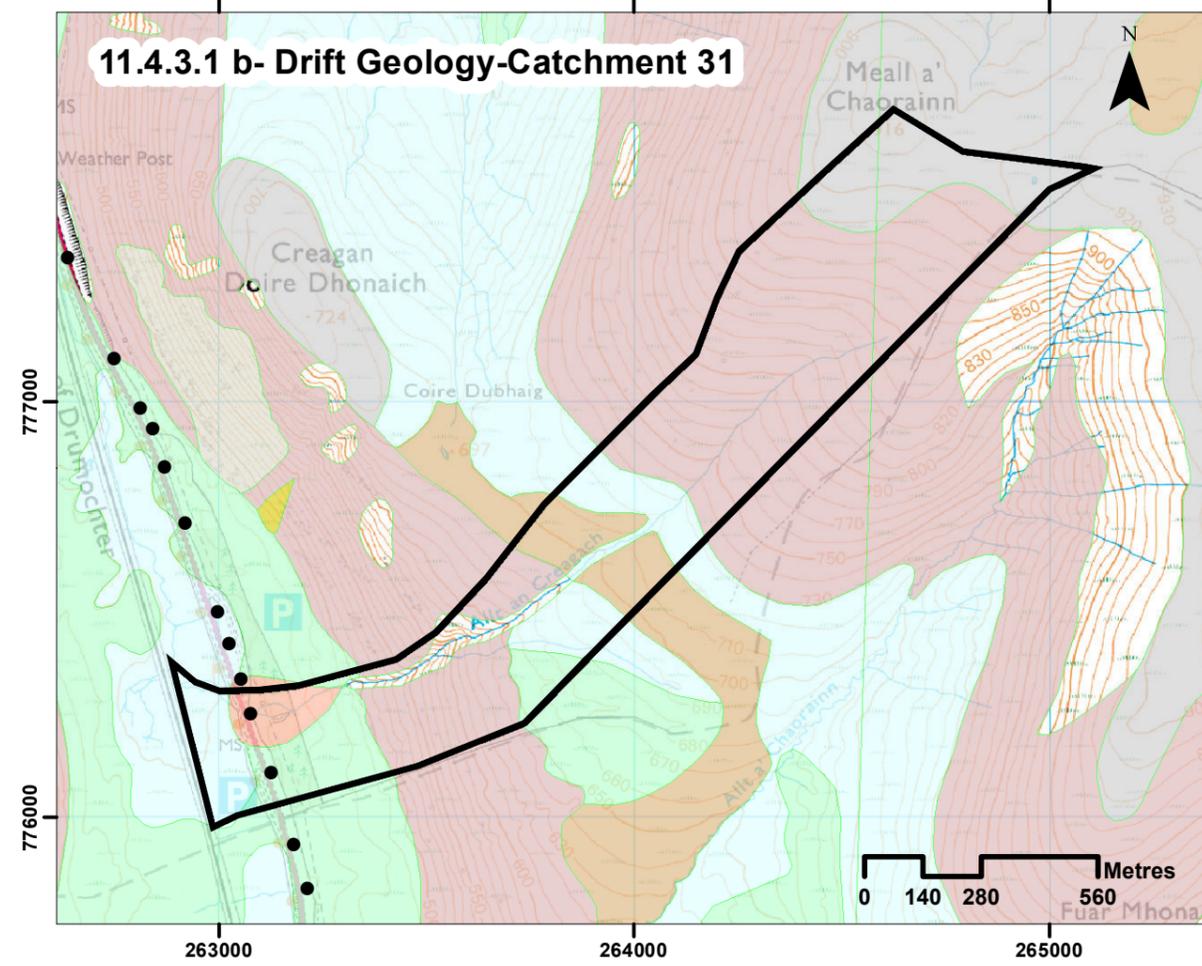


Photograph 11.4.3.78-Downstream of crossing 43-  
short section of plane bed river

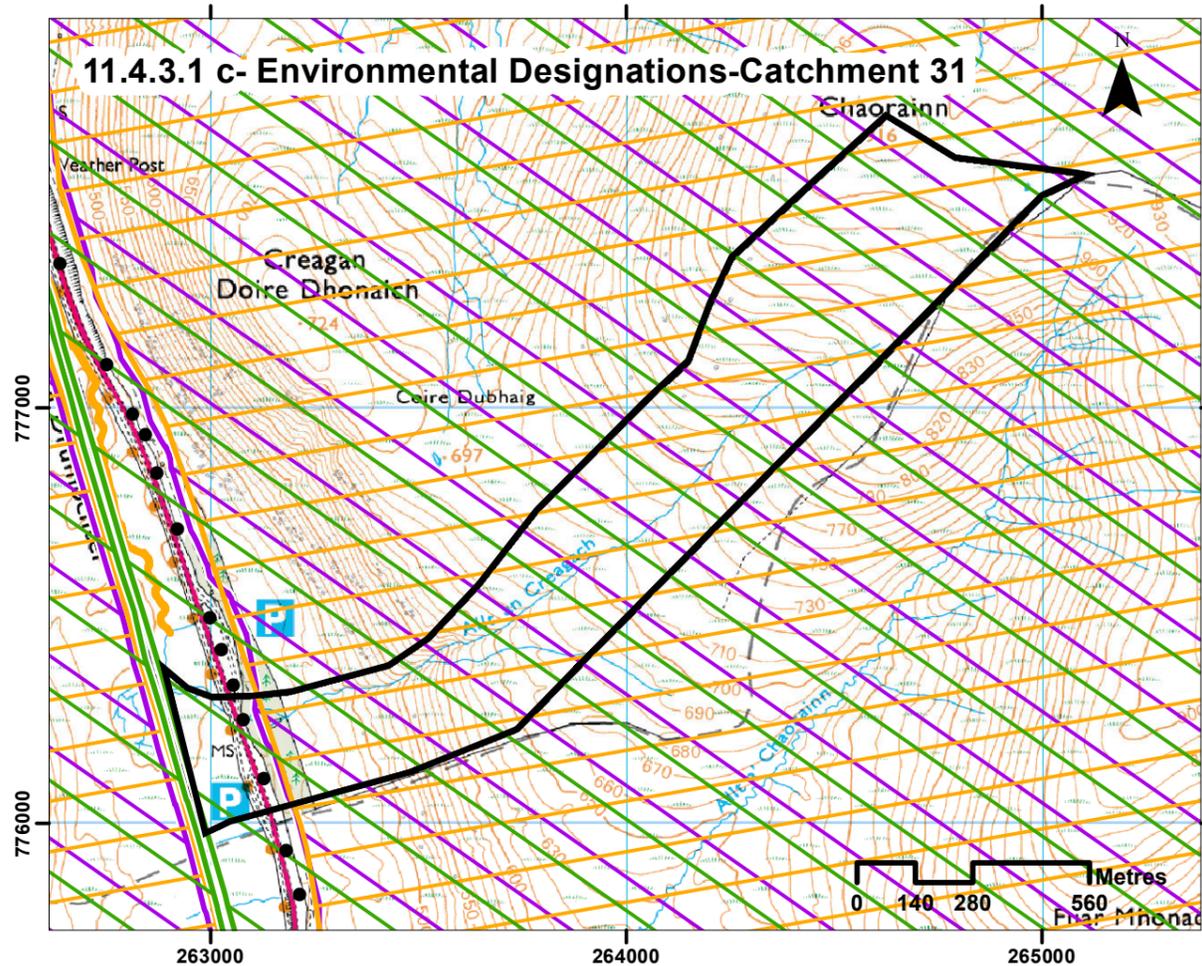
11.4.3.1 a- Solid Geology-Catchment 31



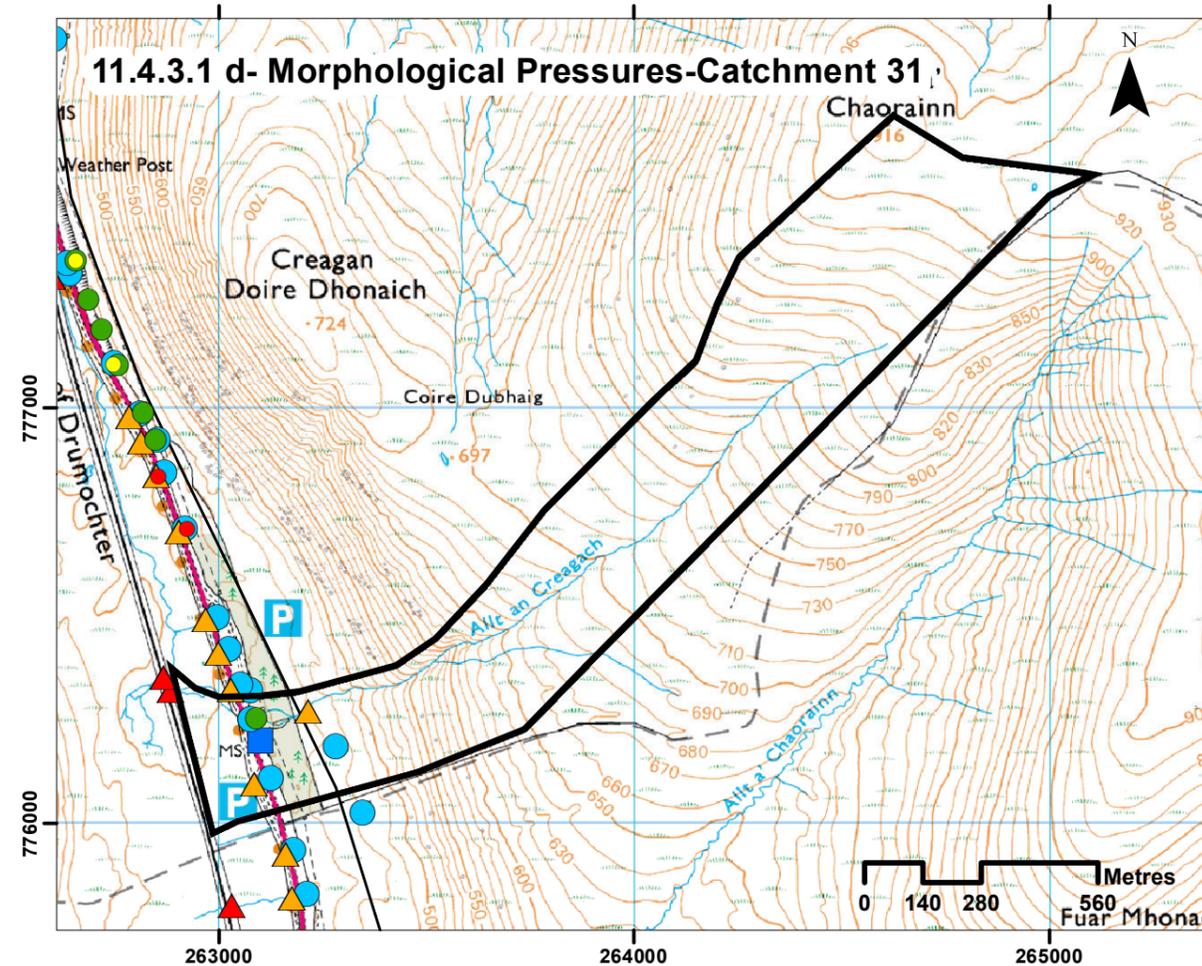
11.4.3.1 b- Drift Geology-Catchment 31



11.4.3.1 c- Environmental Designations-Catchment 31



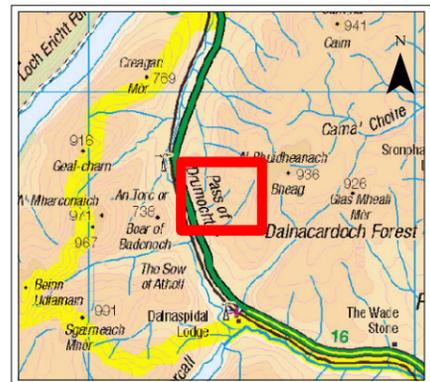
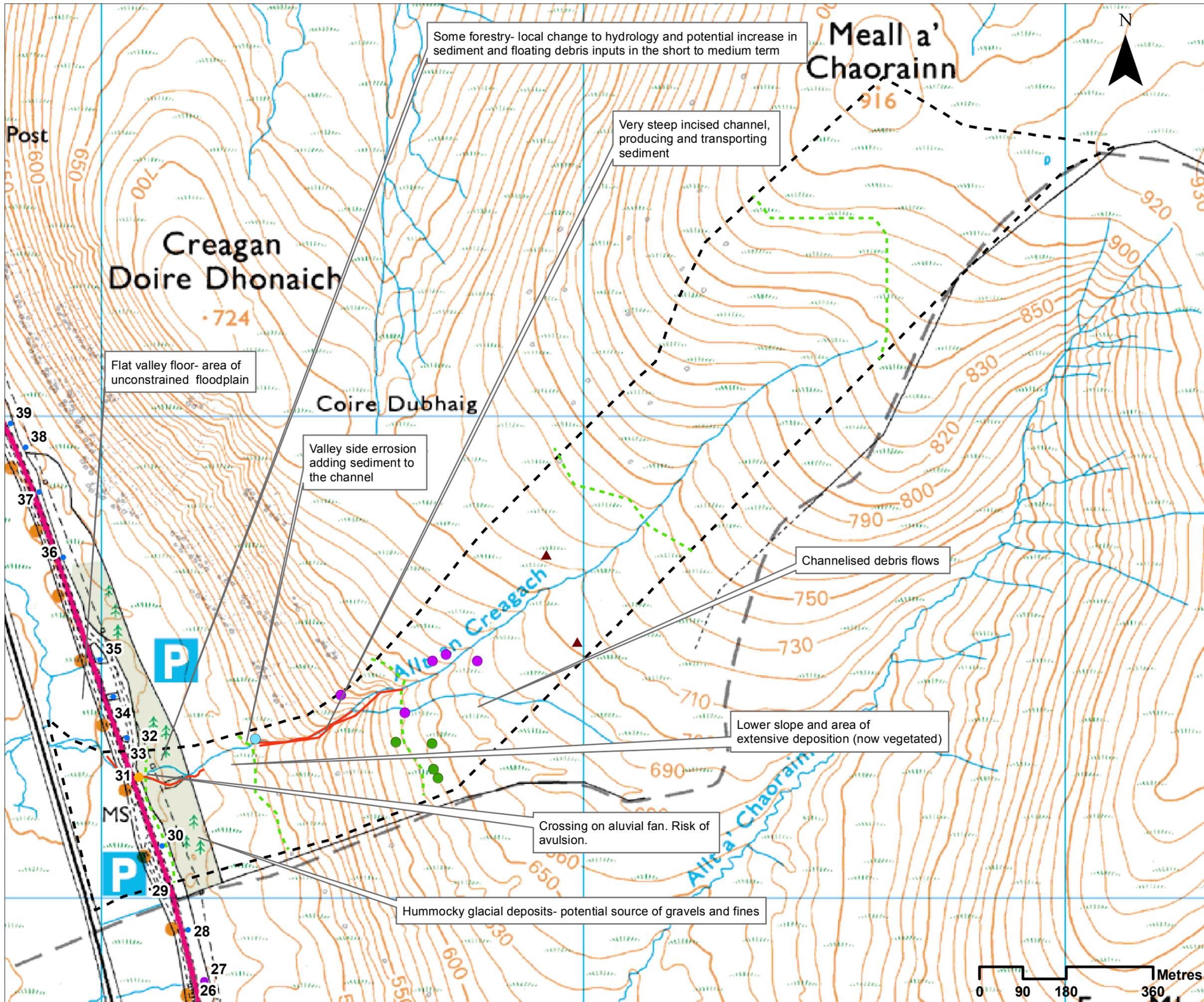
11.4.3.1 d- Morphological Pressures-Catchment 31



**Legend**

- General**
- Crossing location
- Solid Geology**
- Gaick Psammite Formation - Psammite
- Drift Geology**
- Peat
- Glaciofluvial Ice Contact Deposits
- Gaick Plateau Moraine Formation
- Hummocky Glacial Deposits
- Ardverkie Till Formation - Diamicton
- Glaciofluvial Sheet Deposits
- Alluvium
- River Terrace Deposits
- Alluvial Fan Deposits
- Head
- Talus - Rock Fragments
- Talus Cone
- Environmental Designations**
- Special Site of Scientific Interest
- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Morphological Pressures**
- ▲ Railway Bridge
- ▲ Track/Footbridge
- Culvert
- Cascade
- Step in Bed
- Catchpit
- Discharge Location
- Power Lines

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- Legend**
- Major crossing
  - Minor crossing
  - Other crossing
  - ▲ Peat
  - Coupled debris flow
  - Debris flow
  - Valley side erosion
  - Break in slope
  - Incision
  - - - Crossing catchment

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**DRAWING 11.4.3.2. Catchment 31 Baseline Assessment**

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