

Appendix 11.4

Hydromorphology Assessment Part 5

Annex 11.4.3 - Hydromorphological Catchment Assessment - 64

Catchment No.	64		
Catchment Name	-		
Channel Nature	Nature of water course	Natural	
	Size of water course	Major	
Quantitative Spatial Elements	Catchment Area (km ²)	1.2	
	Average slope in catchment (°)	15	
	% Catchment over 750m (for snow melt risk)	56%	
WFD classification	Water, flows and levels	Good	
	Physical condition	Good	
	Overall ecological status	Good	
Geology	Majority Bedrock (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 a and b Catchment 64)	Gaick Psammite formation-Psammite	Resistant to weathering, impermeable
	Is an alluvial fan present at or near the crossing?	Yes	Some risk of channel avulsion, possibly exacerbated by channel realignment.
Environmental designations (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 c, Catchment 64)	Ramsar	No	
	SAC	River Spey Drumochter Hills	Atlantic salmon, freshwater pearl mussel, otter, sea lamprey 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
Sediment source and supply Catchment Scale	Changes in slope and channel confinement	See Drawing 11.4.3.2, Catchment 64	
	Is peat present in the catchment?	None	
	Is there a bog burst risk?	None	
	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	None	
	Bank erosion/lateral migration	Some	
	Unvegetated bars	Some	
Wooded/forested areas in catchment	Yes	Chance of floating debris	
Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 64)	None		
Comment on sediment source potential in catchment	Extensive hillslope failures, and valley side erosion provide a large sediment supply to the channel, with potential for more due to the confined nature of the channel and steep valley sides		
Comment on sediment supply potential to crossing	Catchment susceptible to flooding from snowmelt, increasing flood frequency therefore increased potential for sediment to mobilise downstream. Reduced slope due to realignment at crossing creates an area of deposition		
Morphology and Process- Reach upstream of crossing	Channel morphology	Plane bed	
	Predominant sediment size	Cobbles and Gravels	
	Unvegetated bars	Yes	Available sediment supply close to crossing
	Vertical incision	Low	Some as channel adjusts
	Deposition	Medium	Some as channel adjusts
	Lateral migration/bank erosion	Medium	Some as channel adjusts
	Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 64)	None	
	Impact of infrastructure	None	
	Channel realignment	Yes	Substantial realignment- channel length has increased, reducing the energy gradient creating an area of deposition
Morphology and Process- At crossing	Channel morphology	Engineered	
	Predominant sediment size	Cobbles and gravels	
	Estimated discharge at 1:200 event (m ³ /s)	6.93	
	Unvegetated bars	None	
	Vertical incision	None	
	Deposition	High	
	Lateral migration/bank erosion	Low	
	Damaged/unstable drains or armouring	None	
Morphology and Process- Reach downstream of crossing	Channel morphology	Plane bed	
	Predominant sediment size	Cobbles and gravels	
	Unvegetated bars	Yes	
	Vertical incision	High	
	Deposition	Medium	
	Lateral migration/bank erosion	Low	
	Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d, Catchment 64)	None	
	Impact of infrastructure	None	
Channel realignment	Yes	Substantial realignment and change in base level of Truim	
Summary behaviour	Sediment supply from coupled hillslope failures upstream, transported along steep and confined channel. Realignment has increased channel length upstream of the crossing, reducing slope and increasing deposition here. Sediment drops out in this area causing lateral adjustment. Erosion downstream of the crossing (due to realignment and confluence with 63) causing incision and bank collapse. Some risk of channel avulsion through alluvial fan deposits. exacerbated by reduction in channel slope created through realignment..		



Erosion at confluence with 63

Deposition

Photograph 11.4.3.97- Downstream of crossing



Photograph 11.4.3.98- Deposition in both pipes downstream of crossing



Bank Erosion

11.4.3.99 Upstream of crossing

Bank protection

Deposition



11.4.3.100 - Deposition of coarse material in culvert entrance



Arising's from dredging

Bank protection

Photograph 11.4.3.101-Upstream bank protection



Arising's from dredging

Photograph 11.4.3.102-Looking South



Local bank erosion of diverted channel

Deposition

Photograph 11.4.3.103- Left bank



Photograph 11.4.3.104- Sediment rich channel



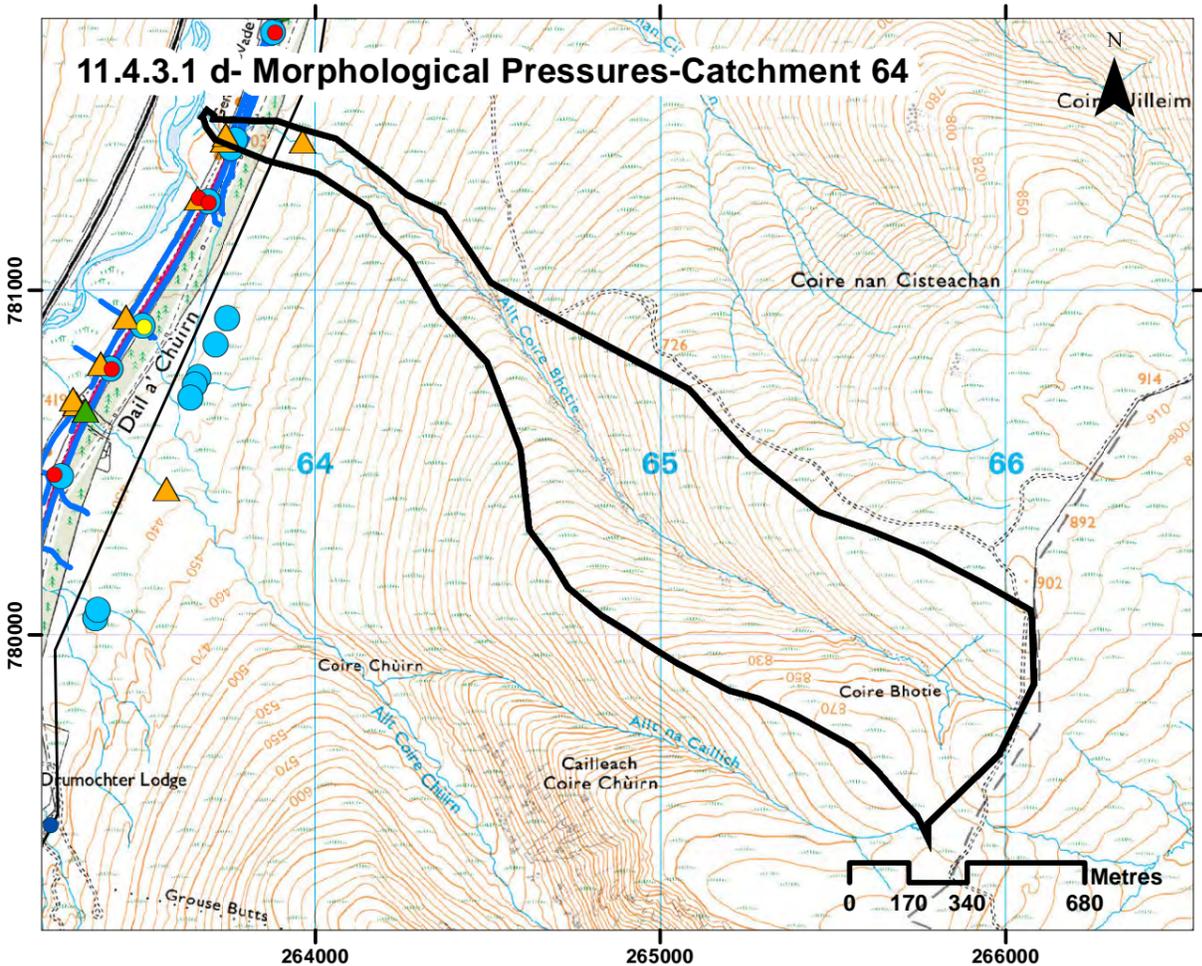
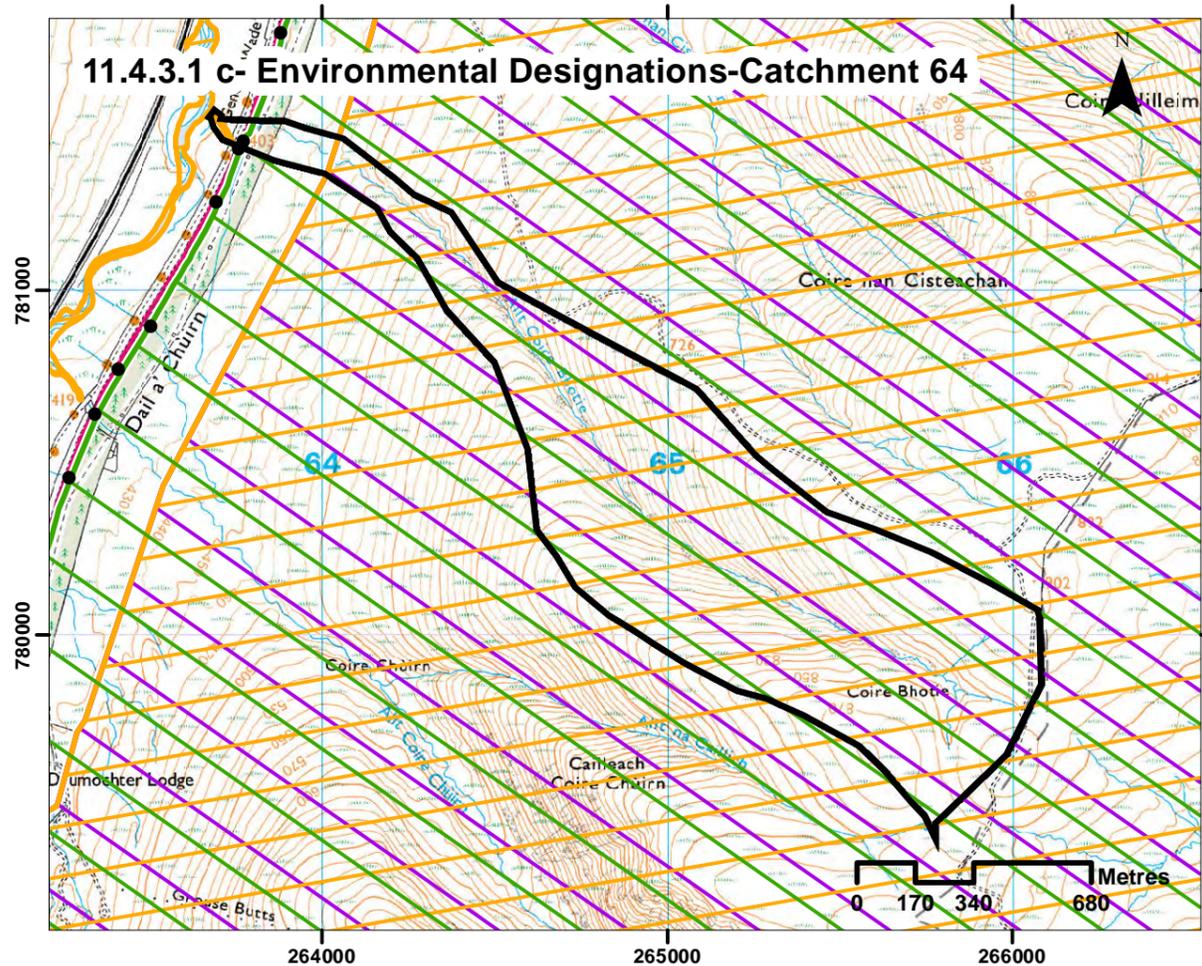
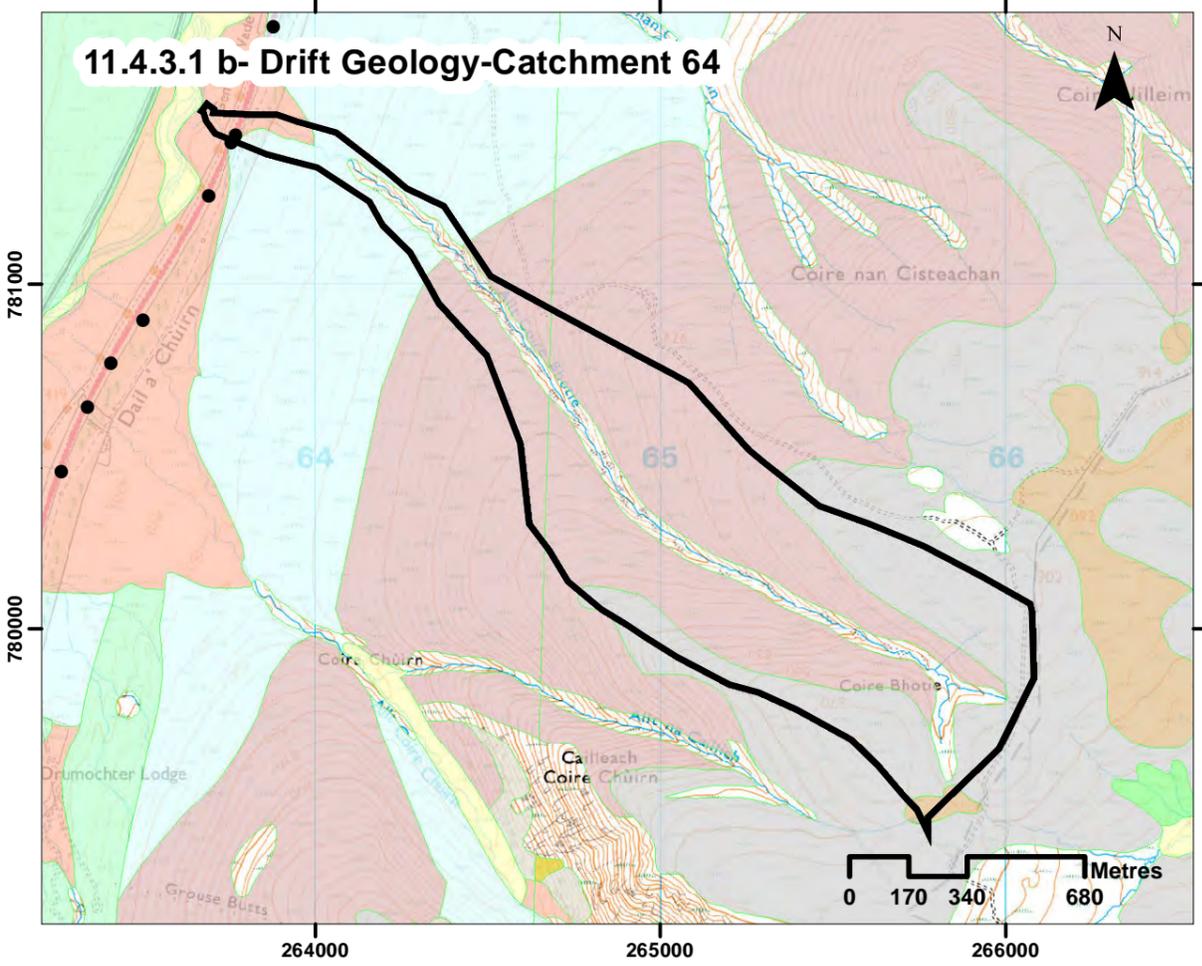
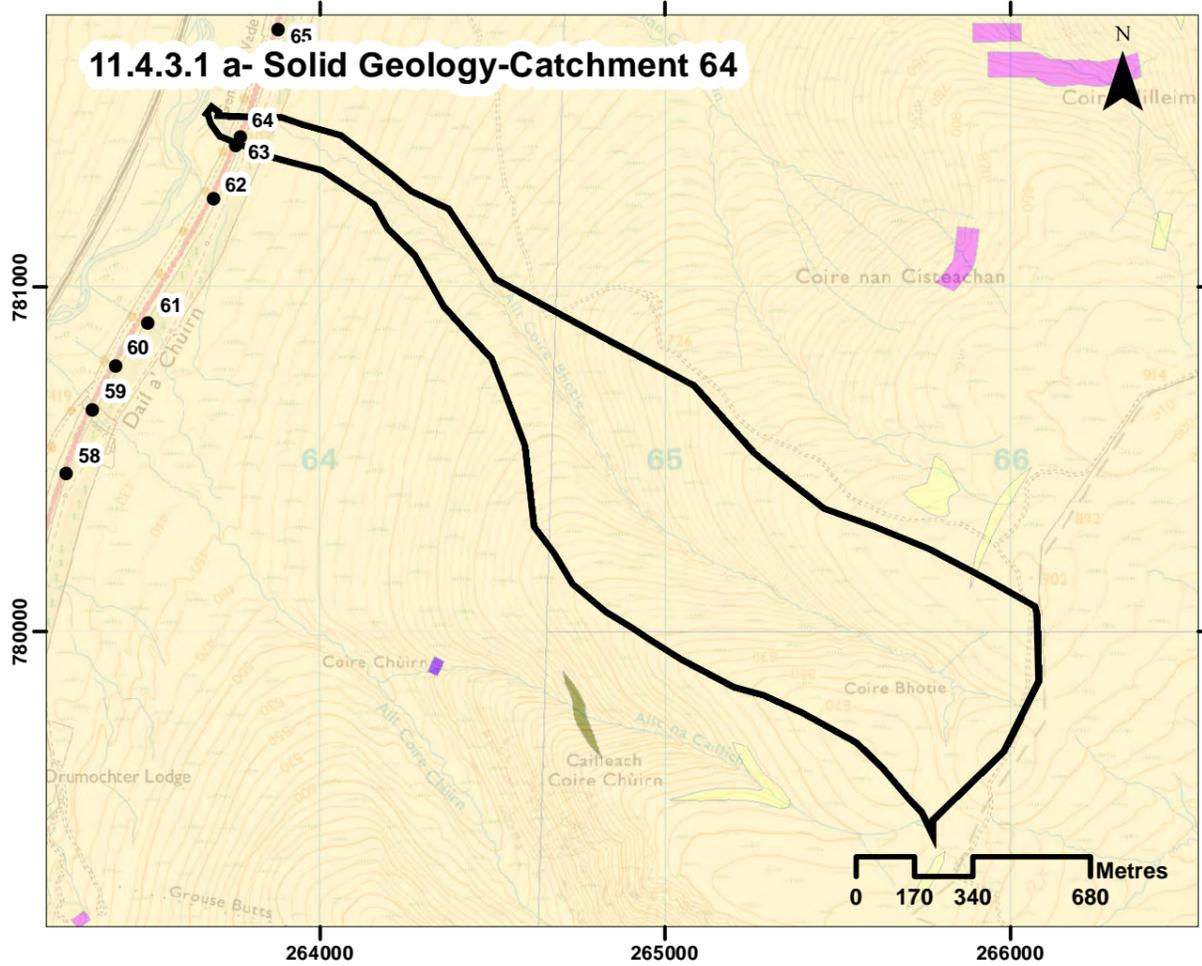
Steep upper
catchment

Flatter mid slopes

Photograph 11.4.3.105-Catchment upstream of
crossing showing confined channel

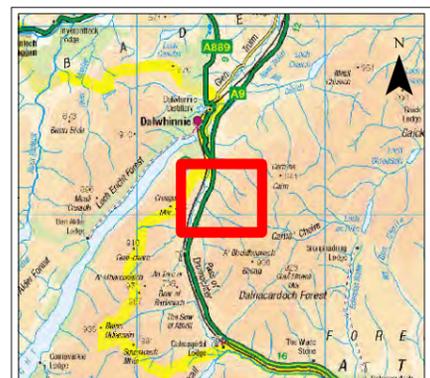
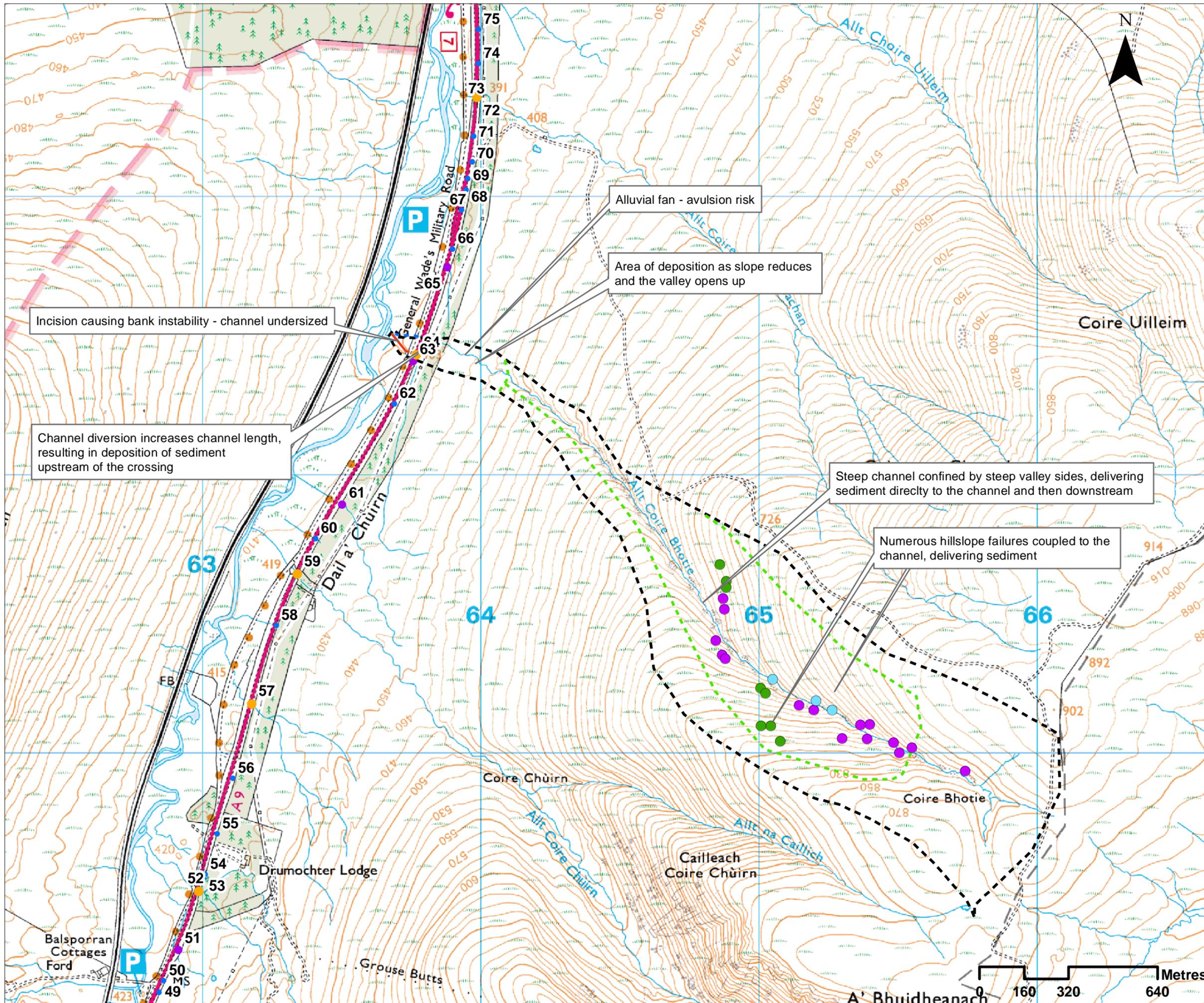


Photograph 11.4.3.106-Downstream towards
crossing



- ### 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**
- ▲ Road Bridge
 - ▲ Track/Footbridge
 - Culvert
 - Cascade
 - Step in Bed
 - Catchpit
 - Ford
 - Drainage Ditch
 - Power Lines

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- ### Legend
- Major crossing
 - Minor crossing
 - Other crossing
 - Coupled debris flow
 - Debris flow
 - Valley side erosion
 - - - Break in slope
 - - - Original channel
 - Incision
 - Crossing catchment

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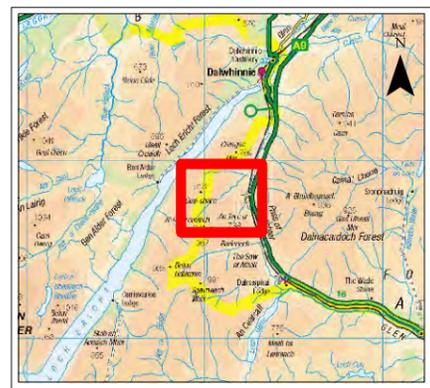
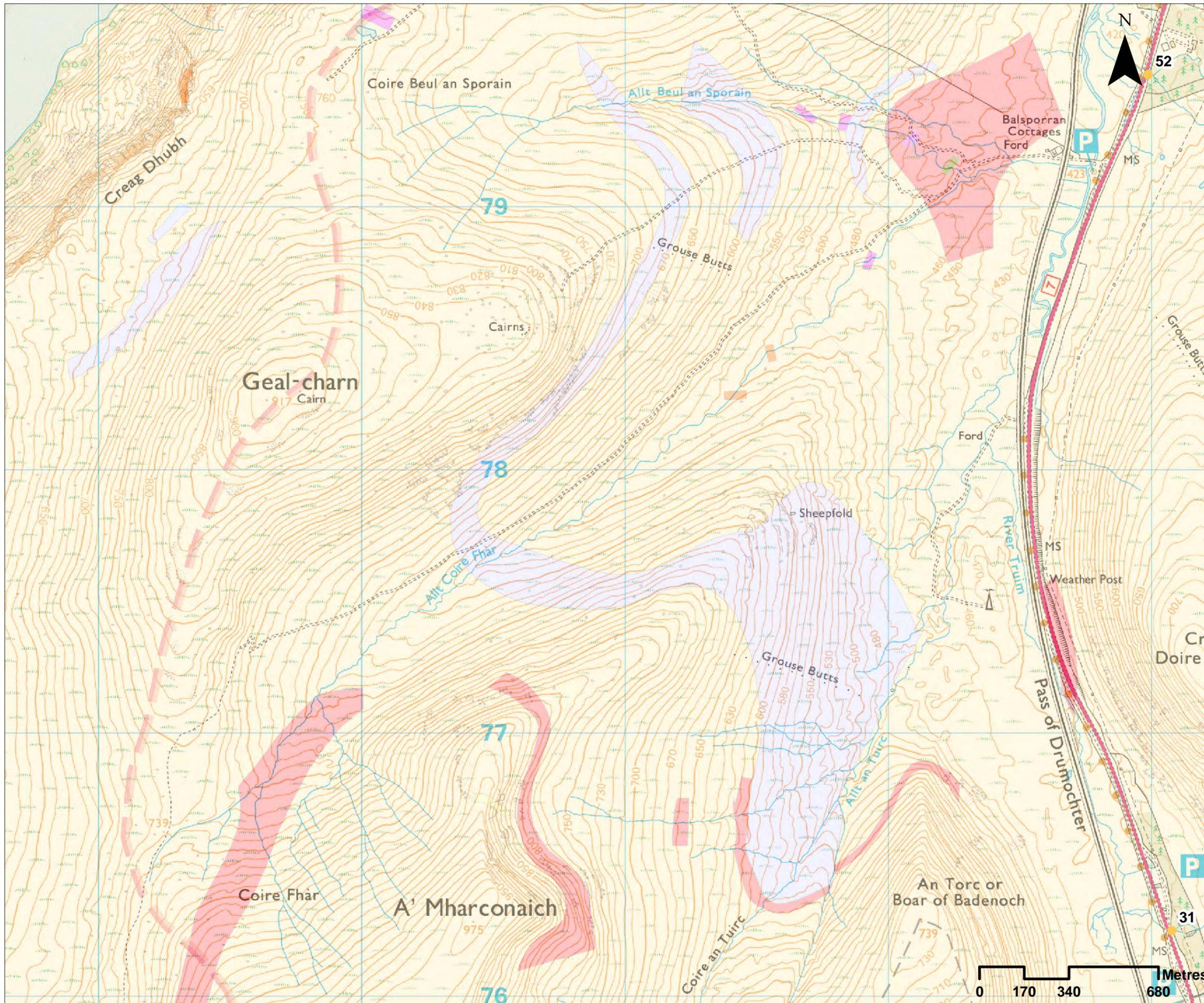
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Annex 11.4.3 - Hydromorphological Catchment Assessment - Allt Beul an Sporain

Catchment No.	Allt Beul an Sporain		
Catchment Name	Allt Beul an Sporain		
Channel Nature	Nature of water course		Natural
	Size of water course		Major
Quantitative Spatial Elements	Catchment Area (km ²)		N/A
	Average slope in catchment (°)		N/A
	% Catchment over 750m (for snow melt risk)		N/A
WFD classification	Water, flows and levels		Good
	Physical condition		Good
	Overall ecological status		Good
Geology	Majority Bedrock (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 a and b, Allt Beul an Sporain)	Gaick Psammite formation-Psammite	Resistant to weathering, impermeable
	Is an alluvial fan present at or near the crossing	N/A	
Environmental Designations	Ramsar	No	
		River Spey	Atlantic salmon, freshwater pearl mussel, otter, sea lamprey
		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
	SAC		
	SPA	Drumochter Hills	Dotterel breeding, merlin breeding
	SSSI	Drumochter Hills	Breeding bird assemblage, fluvial geomorphology of Scotland, montane assemblage, vascular plant assemblage
Sediment source and supply - Catchment Scale	Changes in slope and channel confinement	See Figure 11.4.3.2-Allt Beul an Sporain	
	Is peat present in the catchment	Yes	
	Is there a bog burst risk	Small	Within catchment
	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	Yes	Throughout main channel
	Wooded/forested areas in catchment	Very little	
Comment on sediment source potential in catchment	There are extensive sediment sources within the catchment from the steep slopes and these are delivered to the main channel.		
Morphology and Process	Channel morphology	Plane-Riffle	Varied channel form and process, typical of the river type
	Predominant sediment size	Gravels	
	Unvegetated bars	Yes	
	Vertical incision	Medium	
	Deposition	High	
	Lateral migration/bank erosion	High	
	Infrastructure type	Railway crossing	
	Impact of infrastructure	Potential to alter discharge and sediment inputs, causing a change in the natural process	
Channel realignment	Straightened at confluence		
Summary behaviour	Steep valley sides directly supply sediment to the channel through a network of small tributaries and debris flows. Extensive areas of deposition and erosion within main channel suggesting that channel is mobile within the narrow floodplain.		



- Solid Geology**
- Gaick Psammite Formation - Psammite
 - Grampian Group - Psammite, Quartzose
 - North Britain Siluro-Devonian Calc-Alkaline Dyke Suite - Felsite
 - Scottish Highland Ordovician Minor Intrusion Suite - Pegmatite

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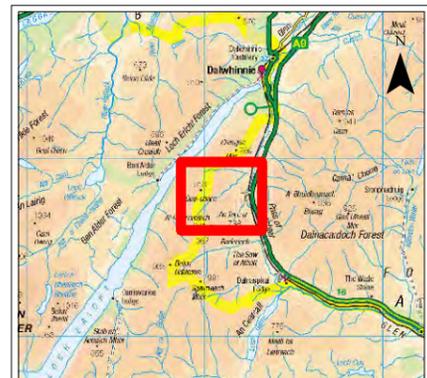
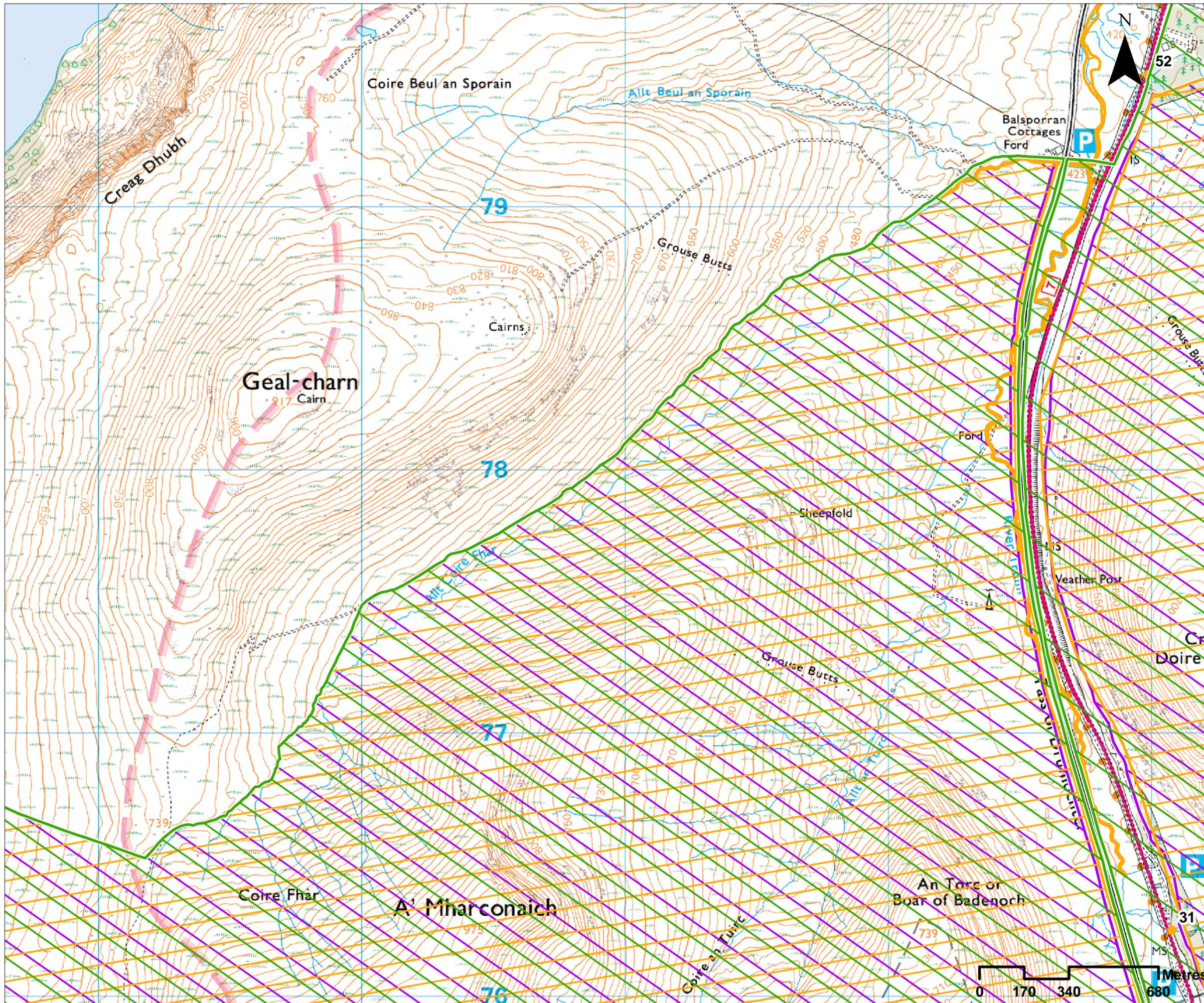


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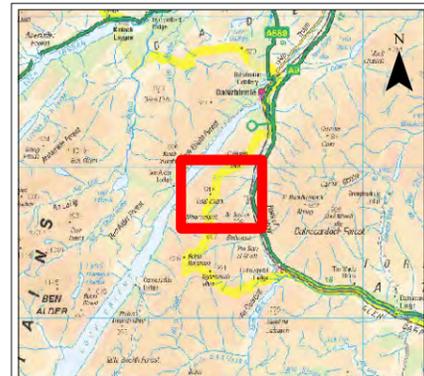
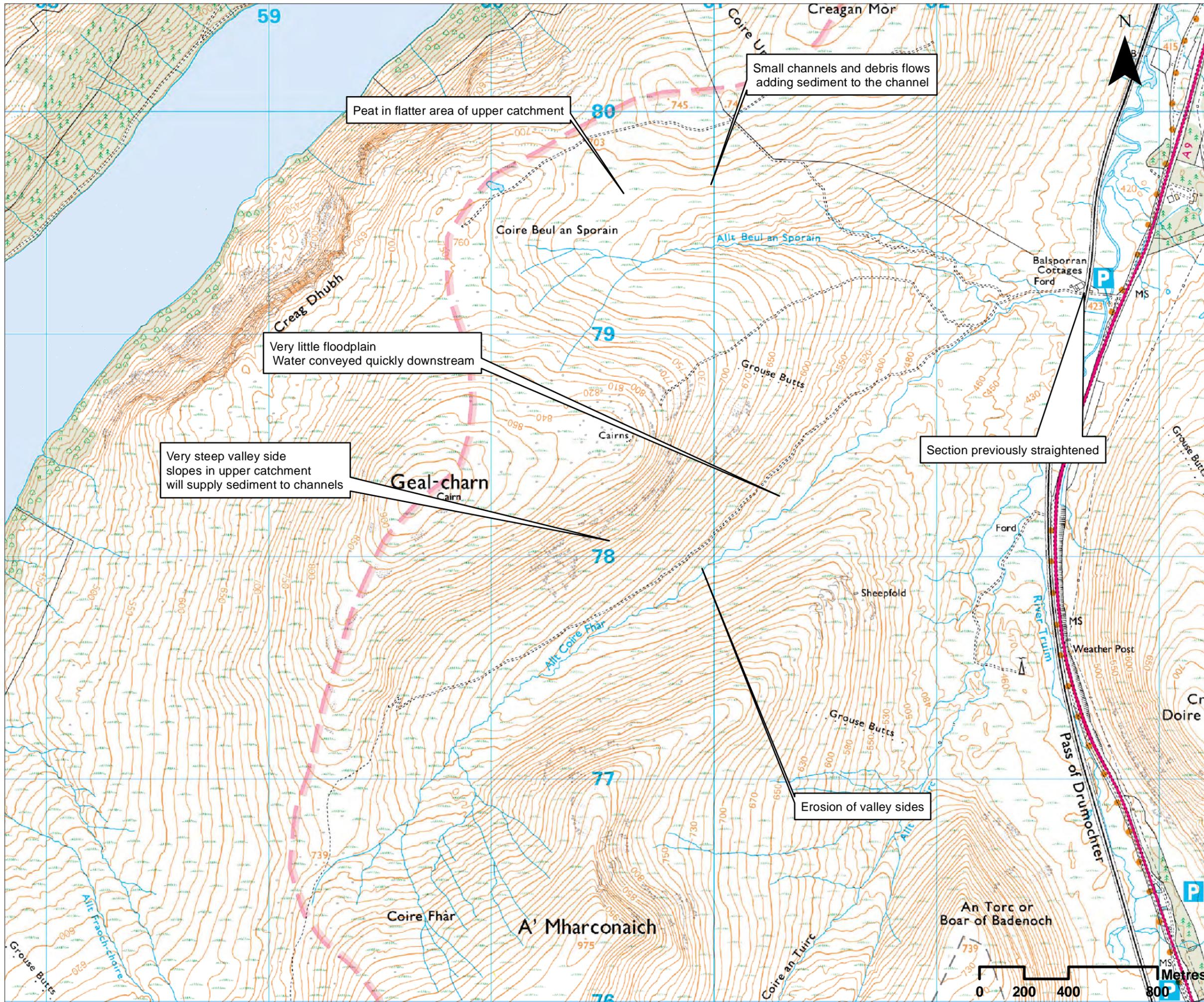


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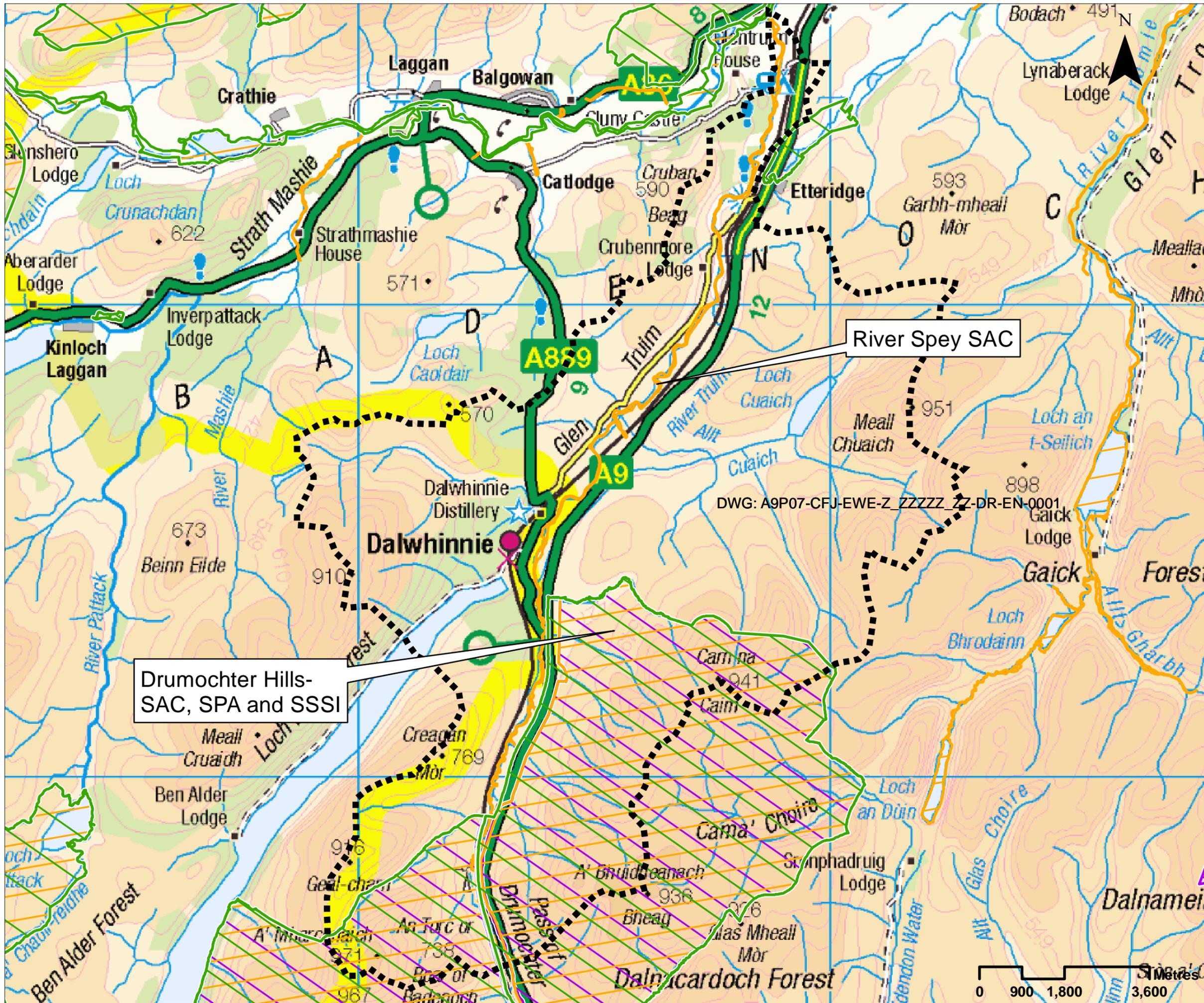
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Annex 11.4.3 - Hydromorphological Catchment Assessment - Truim

Catchment No.	Truim		
Catchment Name	Truim		
Channel Nature	Nature of water course	Natural	
	Size of water course	Major	
Quantitative Spatial Elements	Catchment Area (km ²)	131	
	Average slope in catchment (°)	N/A	
	% Catchment over 750m (for snow melt risk)	N/A	
WFD classification	Water, flows and levels	Good	
	Physical condition	Good	
	Overall ecological status	Good (River Truim from source to Allt Cuaich) Moderate (River Truim-lower catchment)	
Geology	Majority bedrock	Gaick Psammite formation-Psammite	resistant to weathering, impermeable
	Majority Bedrock (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 a and b)	N/A	
Environmental designations (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 c)	Ramsar	No	
	SAC	Yes	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 heath. River Spey - Atlantic salmon, freshwater pearl mussel, otter, sea lamprey
	SPA	Yes	Drumochter Hills - Dotterel breeding, merlin breeding
	SSSI	Yes	Drumochter Hills - Breeding bird assemblage, fluvial geomorphology of Scotland , montane assemblage, vascular plant assemblage
Sediment source and supply - Catchment Scale	Changes in slope and channel confinement	See Figure 11.4.3.2	
	Is peat present in the catchment	Yes	Within catchment, but not with a direct impact on the Truim
	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	Currently impacting on the road
	Unvegetated bars	Yes	Through main channel
Wooded/forested areas in catchment	Yes		
Comment on sediment source potential in catchment	There are extensive sediment sources within the Truim catchment, fro the steep slopes and these are delivered to the Truim from the steep tributaries. Some of this supply is currently reduced getting to the Truim by the undersized culverts, catchment pits etc. that form the A9, and by the SSE and Hydro power scheme.		
Morphology and Process	Channel morphology	Wandering	Varied channel form and process, typical of the river type
	Predominant sediment size	Gravels	
	Unvegetated bars	Yes	
	Vertical incision	Medium	
	Deposition	High	
	Lateral migration/bank erosion	High	At time at or close to the toe of the road embankment and railway embankment
	Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d)	Railway and Road, several bridges and culverts over tributaries. Aqueduct taking flow from catchment	
	Impact of infrastructure	Altering discharge and sediment inputs to the Truim, casing a change in the natural process, including channel narrowing	
Channel realignment	Yes	Between the road and the railway in several locations	
Summary behaviour	<p>The Truim is an active channel, migrating laterally across its flood plain, however it has a number of pressures that are limiting the rate of this natural change.</p> <p>22% of the River Truim catchment is regulated by a hydropower scheme initiated in the 1930's, and extended in the 1940's and 50's with most of the water abstracted going into Loch Ericht in the Tay catchment. Loch an t-Seilich has a compensation flow of 1.263m³/s released continuously down through the fish pass on the dam, with flows above this diverted to Loch Cuaich or spilled, and a flow of 0.684m³/s is released continuously down the Truim at Dalwhinnie through the fish pass on the intake (Enviro Centre, 2008). All of the bed load is trapped behind the diversion dams has historically been removed for the river system and stockpiled (Gilvear, 2004).</p> <p>As well as the Hydropower scheme the flow and sediment supply of the Truim are also impacted by the tributary crossings of the A9 and the Railway, where these are undersized and reducing flow and sediment supply to the main channel. There are also areas of bank protection along the channel to protect the railway and road embankments from erosion, as well as locations where bank protection may be required in the near future. Despite these pressures the morphology of the channel is varied and as expected for a channel of this type. There is little bank protection fixing the channel, and there is good channel floodplain connectivity.</p>		



- Legend**
- Crossing catchment
 - Environmental Designations**
 - Special Site of Scientific Interest
 - Special Area of Conservation
 - Special Protection Area

Drumochter Hills-
SAC, SPA and SSSI

River Spey SAC

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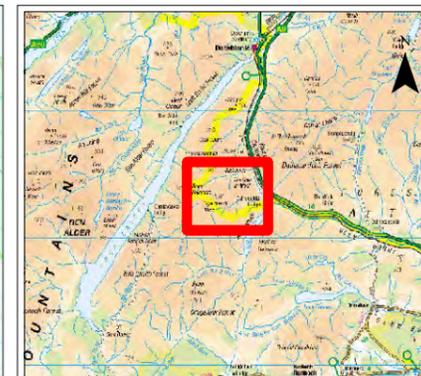
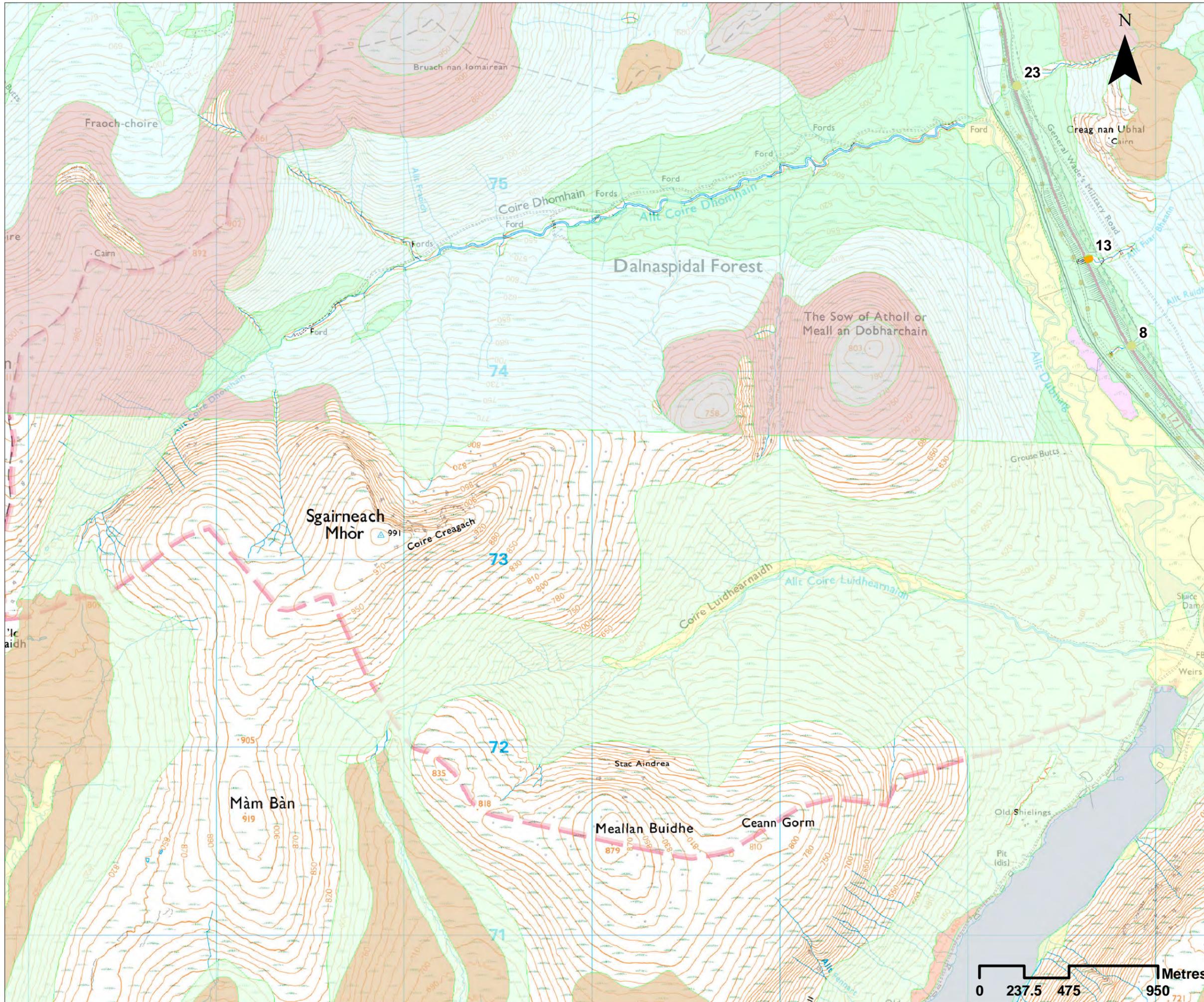


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Annex 11.4.3 - Hydromorphological Catchment Assessment - Allt Dubhaig

Catchment No.	Allt Dubhaig (Allt Coire Dhomhain for WFD)		
Catchment Name			
Channel Nature	Nature of water course	Natural	
	Size of water course	Major	
Quantitative Spatial Elements	Catchment Area (km ²)	N/A	
	Average slope in catchment (°)	N/A	
	% Catchment over 750m (for snow melt risk)	N/A	
WFD classification	Water, flows and levels	Good	
	Physical condition	High	
	Overall ecological status	Poor	
Geology	Majority bedrock	Gaick Psammite formation-Psammite	Resistant to weathering, impermeable
	Majority Bedrock (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 a and b, Allt Dubhaig)	N/A	
Environmental Designations	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	Dotterell breeding, merlin breeding
	SSSI	Drumochter Hills	Breeding bird assemblage, fluvial geomorphology of Scotland, montane assemblage, vascular plant assemblage
Sediment source and supply - Catchment Scale	Changes in slope and channel confinement	See Figure 11.4.3.2	
	Is peat present in the catchment	Yes	Within catchment
	Is there a bog burst risk	Small	
	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	Throughout main channel
	Unvegetated bars	Yes	
Wooded/forested areas in catchment	Small		
Comment on sediment source potential in catchment	There are extensive sediment sources within the catchment from the steep slopes and these are delivered to the main channel through the tributaries. Some of this supply is currently reduced getting to the Allt Dubhaig by the undersized culverts, catchment pits etc. that form the A9		
Morphology and Process	Channel morphology	Wandering	Varied channel form and process, typical of the river type
	Predominant sediment size	Gravels	
	Unvegetated bars	Yes	
	Vertical incision	Medium	
	Deposition	High	
	Lateral migration/bank erosion	High	
	Infrastructure type (see Drawing 11.4.3.1 d)	Railway and Road, several bridges and culverts over tributaries	
Impact of infrastructure	Altering discharge and sediment inputs, causing a change in the natural process		
Channel realignment	N/A	N/A	
Summary behaviour	The Allt Dubhaig is an active, wandering channel. There are many steep tributaries adding sediment to the main stem through incision, valley side erosion and the transportation of debris flows. The river is varied in form and process.		



Drift Geology

- Peat
- Glaciofluvial Ice Contact Deposits
- Gaick Plateau Moraine Formation
- Hummocky Glacial Deposits
- Ardverkie Till Formation - Diamicton
- Glaciofluvial Sheet Deposits
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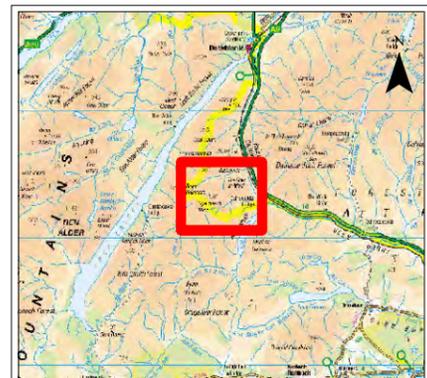
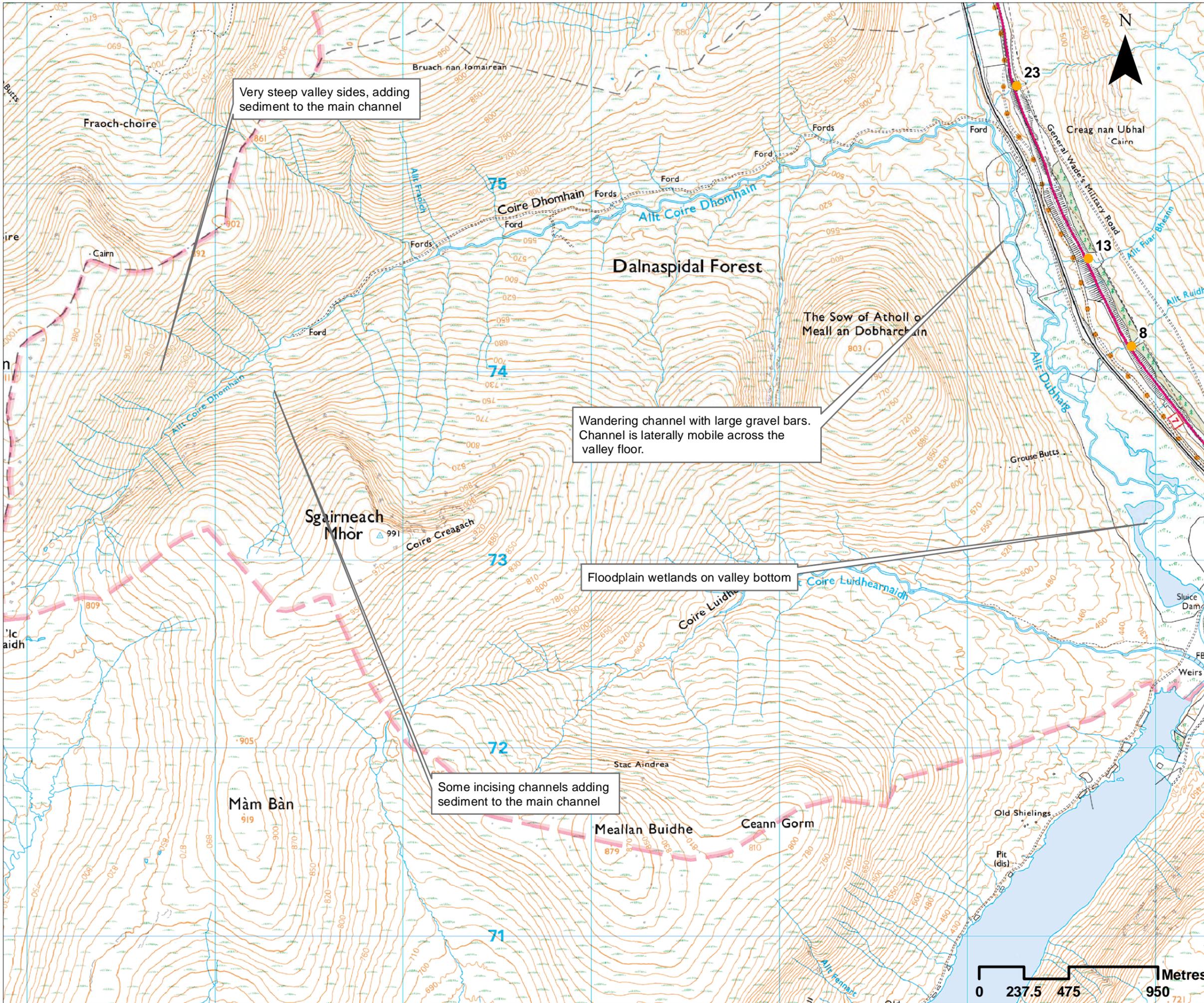


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