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Glanmiheli Pond Survey Clarification

Dear Sir,

On Friday 31st January, as part of the Ecology round table discussion I asked if a survey had been taken at Glanmiheli Pond at Glanmiheli Farm, near Sawmills, as I have been unable to find any mention of it in the ES and as I have seen line maps within the ES Tree Survey report and on SPM's latest route map that show the line corridor overlapping the pond itself.

I was handed SPM's response yesterday, but it appears there has been a misunderstanding and further clarification is now sought.

Two points have arisen from SPM's response –

- 1) the survey point discussed and pictured by Bowland Ecology is taken at a point outside the line corridor, as the line actually crosses over the Mehili Brook at a different point, shown on their route map. (attached)
- 2) my request for survey information was in regard to a pond to south of Glanmiheli farm buildings which was not mentioned in the latest ES documents and which I believe was established in Victorian times to hydro power farm machinery. It is to the south of the Glanmiheli farm buildings, and has historical links to Sawmills Pool, being fed by it.

I have attached an extract of the Route Map showing Bowland Ecology's Miheli Stream survey point and the Glanmiheli Pond which appears not surveyed. Also attached are an OS map, Bowland Ecology's report and a google map showing the Glanmiheli pond.

The Glanmiheli pond is not shown on the google map photo provided by Bowland Ecology, being just off the southern edge of farm buildings, and outside photo edge. I have therefore attached a google map showing the pond in question, marked with a yellow cross. The line is proposed to run directly past this pond, with the woodland habitat within its corridor, as the attached route map demonstrates. Water birds have been witnessed using the pond for breeding in the past and I am concerned that it has not been surveyed for impacts on all wildlife as Mrs Carolyn White stated in her Witness Statement on Tuesday night that she had seen dormice on her nearby property.

Local knowledge shows much wildlife using both these water sources, so I am concerned that the correct surveys may not have been undertaken. Bowland Ecology refer to no newts being found at the Miheli stream survey point but this may not be the case at the Miheli Pond bordered by woodland.

I look forward to further clarification of my concerns regarding surveys and information gathered.

Kind regards

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