

# APPENDIX D-7b

## Photographic Plates

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**Plate 1** PB2, PB5, HH3 and WD4 habitats at the northern extent of the site (left). The Elatagh River is classified as an Eroding upland stream with an abundance of *Scapania undulata* where stability allowed (right). The headwaters of this watercourse drain the western extent of the proposed development.



**Plate 2** Himalayan Knotweed along the mid reach of the Carraig An Langáin Stream (left) and the Drumnahough Stream, a tributary of the River Swilly (right).



**Plate 3** Stoat seen amongst rocks along the Elatagh River at aquatic survey Site 3 (left). Spraint of Otter or Mink on a rock in the Carraig an Langáin Stream near Site 4.





**Plate 4** Deer dropping and resting place near T10 (left). Deer track close to T3 (right).



**Plate 5** Red Deer on a track south of T10 (left). Badger snuffle hole near the northern extent of alternative grid option (right).



**Plate 6** Hare droppings near the centre of the site (left). Derelict house previously considered a Common Pipistrelle roost in July 2008 (right).





**Plate 7** Common Frog (*Rana temporaria*) recorded at the proposed development site (left). Tributary of the Carraig An Langáin Stream within the proposed development site (right), where set-back enhancement measures will apply.



**Plate 8** Small Heath *Coenonympha pamphilus* (left) and ground beetle *Carabus glabratus* (right).



**Plate 9** Portion of peat restoration site with conifer plantation and drainage (left). Example of a disused quarry/borrow pit in the wider study area (right). Retention and creation of such features will benefit amphibians and other fauna.



**Plate 10** Reach of the Elatagh River downstream of the site. Random willow along river stabilise banks (left). Eroding bank of the Elatagh River in the absence of stability that can be provided by tree roots (right).