

**CYNGOR CEFN GWLAD CYMRU
COUNTRYSIDE COUNCIL FOR WALES**

**SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST: OPERATIONS REQUIRING CONSULTATION
WITH THE COUNTRYSIDE COUNCIL FOR WALES (CCW)**

SITE NAME: RIVER ITHON

UNITARY AUTHORITY: POWYS

DATE OF NOTIFICATION: 2002

The operations listed below may damage the features of interest of River Ithon SSSI. Before any of these operations are undertaken you must consult CCW, and may require our consent. **The list of operations is not a prohibited list.**

It is usually possible to carry out some of these operations in certain ways, or at specific times of year, or on certain parts of the SSSI, without damaging the features of interest. If you wish to carry out any of these activities please contact the local office of CCW, a Conservation Officer will give you advice and where appropriate issue a consent. Please help us by using the enclosed form to ask us for consent to carry out these operations.

In certain circumstances it will not be possible to consent these operations, because they would damage the features of interest. Where possible the Conservation Officer will suggest alternative ways in which you may proceed, which would enable a consent to be issued. To proceed without CCW's consent may constitute an offence. **If consent is refused, or conditions attached to it, which are not acceptable to you, you will be provided with details of how you may appeal to the National Assembly of Wales.**

<u>Ref No</u>	<u>Type of operation</u>
1.	Cultivation, including ploughing, rotovating, harrowing and re-seeding.
2.	The introduction of grazing and alterations to the grazing regime (including type of stock, intensity or seasonal pattern of grazing).
3.	Stock feeding.
4.	The introduction of mowing or cutting and alterations to the mowing or cutting regime.
5.	Application of manure, slurry, silage liquor, fertilisers and lime to agriculturally unimproved permanent grass, forestry and all other unimproved riparian habitats (including woodland and any other natural or semi-natural vegetation).
6.	Application of pesticides, including terrestrial and aquatic herbicides, (weedkillers), excluding the spot treatment of noxious weeds.
7.	Dumping, spreading, discharging or storage of any materials.
8.	Burning of vegetation.
9.	Release into the site of any wild, feral, captive-bred or domestic animal*, plant, seed or micro-organism and any genetically modified organism.

10. Killing, injuring, taking or removal of any wild animal*, or the eggs/nests of any wild animal or the disturbing, taking, damaging or destroying of any wild animal in its place of shelter, excluding pest control, existing fishing and game shooting.
11. Destruction, displacement, removal or cutting of any plant or plant remains, including tree, shrub, waterweed, herb, hedge, dead or decaying wood, moss, lichen, fungus, leaf-mould, turf or peat, other than mowing of permanent grass and traditional hedge management.
12. Tree and/or woodland management, including afforestation and planting, clear and selective felling, thinning, pollarding and coppicing, modification of the stand or underwood and changes in species composition.
- 13a. New drainage works, including the installation of mole, tile, tunnel or other artificial drains.
- 13b. Modification to the structure of water courses including rivers, streams, springs, ditches, drains, ox-bows, backwater channels and mill leats/races, including their banks and beds, as by re-alignment, regrading, damming, dredging, shoal-removal, excavation and the installation and repair of weirs, sluices, fish ladders and croys, and the installation of new fishing platforms, fords and stock watering points.
- 13c. Management of aquatic and bank vegetation for drainage purposes.
14. Alterations to water levels and tables and water utilisation including irrigation, storage and abstraction from existing water bodies and through boreholes.
15. Infilling or digging of ditches, drains, ponds, pools, marshes, ox-bows, backwater channels or mill leats/races.
- 16a. Introduction of, or changes in, fishery practice and/or management, including alterations in fishing/angling practice, and the use of fish traps and cages.
20. Extraction of minerals including peat, shingle, hard rock, sand and river gravel, topsoil, subsoil, and spoil.
21. Destruction, construction removal or repair of roads, tracks, bridges, dams, weirs, walls, fences, hardstands, banks (including bank protection work), ditches or other earthworks.
23. Erection of permanent or temporary structures, or the undertaking of engineering works, including drilling or the laying, maintenance or removal of pipelines and cables, above or below ground.
24. Modification of natural features, including clearance of boulders, large stones, loose rock or scree and the battering, buttressing or grading rock-faces, river banks and rock outcrops.
26. Use of vehicles, vessels or craft likely to damage riparian features or disturb species of interest.
27. Recreational activities likely to damage riparian features or disturb species of interest.
28. Introduction of game or waterfowl management and alterations to game and

waterfowl management and hunting practice.

Notes:

Activities and operations regulated by the Environment Agency, or by other statutory bodies, will be dealt with by the appropriate body in consultation with the Countryside Council for Wales, in accordance with section 28(I) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(as amended).

- i. This is a list of operations appearing to CCW to be likely to damage the special features of this SSSI, as required under section 28(4)(b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as substituted by Schedule 9 to the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
- ii. Where an operation has been granted a consent, licence or permission from another authority separate consent will not normally be required from CCW, however you should always give notice to CCW prior to exercising such consent, licence or permission.
- iii. Any reference to animal in this list shall be taken to include any mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird, fish or invertebrate (including honey bees).

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