
Site no.: Q27

Site name: Shleanaferan Channel

Grid reference: [NH 99208 30107]

Locality: Deep dry valley linking the upper reaches of the Achnahannet valley with Glenbeg, 5 km NNW of Dulnain Bridge

GCR Status: N/A

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Type: Natural landform assemblage

Description: Glenbeg merges upstream with a deep, sinuous, steep-sided, peat-filled glacial drainage channel. The channel is the main conduit within a system of channels and related glaciofluvial features. The channels are dissected into a thick, kettled spread of glaciofluvial sand and gravel that extends up into a col (Tobar Alain) in the regional watershed at about 340 m above OD.

Justification: A good example of an ice-marginal glacial drainage channel and former site of an extensive proglacial lake. Water was ponded across the main watershed whilst Strathspey ice remained to the south and Moray Firth ice lay to the north towards Lochindorb. The Spey ice margin subsequently retreated southwards, allowing meltwater to flow from the west into Glenbeg, cutting the main channel.

[References](#)