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Dear Angela

I have spoken to colleagues in our Fisheries Dept regarding the streams that feed into the Len.

The EA has never surveyed these streams for fish and so there is no baseline information on what they contain. To complete the ecological assessment it's felt that a full understanding of the watercourses' ecology is essential, particularly as it is planned to move them. We therefore request that fish surveys are included.

For such small watercourses a surveyor with a standard electric fishing equipment in a backpack should be able to walk stretches of the watercourse and determine what is there. In relation to this the following paragraph has been provided by our Fisheries Dept:

Under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act (1975), the use of any instrument (other than rod and line) to capture the fish requires a Bylaw 8 consent. B8 consent application forms can be obtained from the Environment Agency or online at <http://www.efishbusiness.co.uk/>

This type of survey is best conducted outside of the winter period. for identifying if any trout move up into the springs a later summer/autumn survey would be best, but this would be reliant on the habitat being suitable for trout.

Regards

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