

Bowland Ecology has a wide range of experience of ecological impact assessment throughout the UK. Bowland Ecology technical staff are members of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) and as such adhere to the CIEEM codes of professional conduct and guidance.

Framework consultants, United Utilities plc since 2004. Bowland Ecology worked extensively on the 55 km West East Link Main (WELM); a fresh water pipeline crossing seven local authorities. We successfully negotiated with local authorities and regulators which included undertaking an Appropriate Assessment to consider the potential impacts on a European designated site. Licences were obtained for great crested newts, bats, badger and water vole from Natural England.

Bowland Ecology has worked on the ecological surveys for upgrade works to the Loch Katrine Aquaduct which supplies water to Glasgow. This project involved identifying the ecological constraints on works at 23 locations on the route and advising on the appropriate mitigation.

Bowland ecology has worked on the ecological surveys for works to maintain the Thirlmere and Haweswater aqueducts which bring fresh water from the Lake District to supply Lancashire and Greater Manchester. This has involved identifying potential impacts upon designated sites and protected species including water vole, otter, white clawed crayfish, badger, bats and newts which may result from the works and the access routes to the manholes and wells.

The Thirlmere aqueduct is now in the final stages of completion and involved assessing the ecological constraints at a total of 67 sites along the aqueduct. Licenses were obtained for badgers at a number of the sites and working method statements were used to avoid impacts on great crested newts at a number of locations. Bowland Ecology worked closely with Natural England, United Utilities and the appointed contractor in order to limit the potential impacts to the Bowland Fell SPA as a result of the proposed works.

The Haweswater aqueduct project is in the initial design stage and has involved assessing the potential ecological constraints at a total of 53 sites along the aqueduct including the proposed working areas and access routes.

