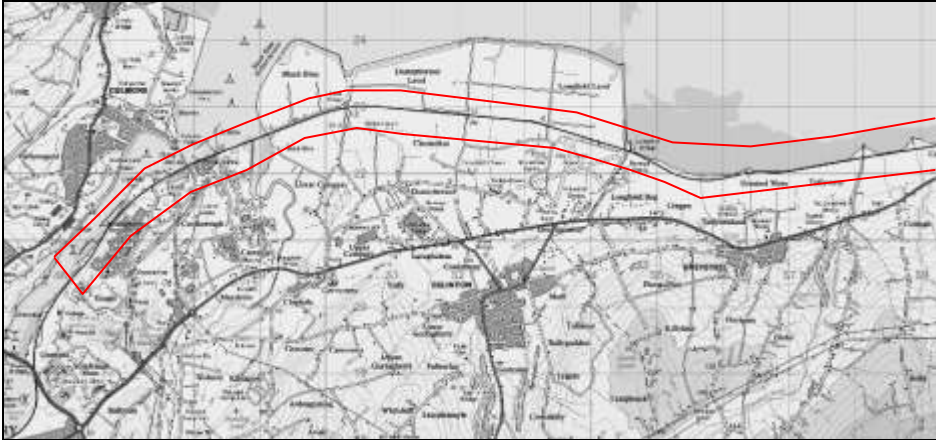
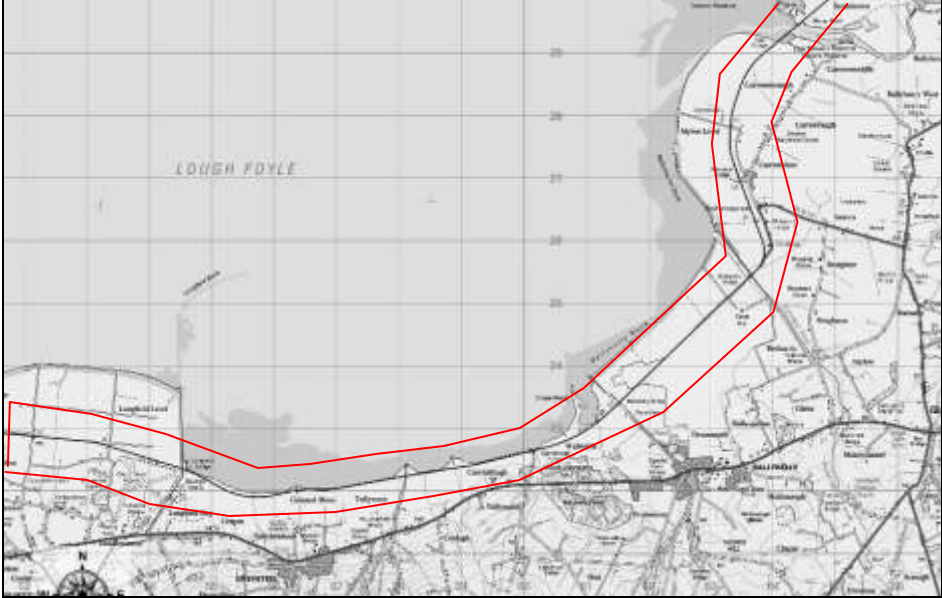


Asset Ref No.	The Belfast & Northern Counties Railway: The Londonderry and Coleraine Railway	
Heritage Type	Built	
	<i>Post-medieval/modern (C19)</i>	
Location	OS 6-inch map sheet	
	Townland	Myroe Level (Intake), Ballykelly Level (Intake), Ballykelly/Walworth, Carrickhugh, Bridge, Coolkeeragh, Lower Campsey, Clanterkee Saltworks, Donnybrewer Level (Intake), Drummaneny, Longfield More/Beg, Bridge, Gresteel Beg, Faughanvale/Tullyverry, Coolagh, Bridge
	Parish	
	LCA	Foyle Alluvial Plain
	ITM Coordinates	Various
	NG Coordinates	Various
	Protection Status	Industrial Heritage Record
Condition	Good	
Ownership (if known)		
Site Description	<p>Several remains of the Londonderry & Coleraine Railway (built c.1850) are extant within the Lough Foyle Alluvial Plain LCA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHR01339:048:00 Myroe Level (Intake), Level crossing • IHR01339:052:00 Ballykelly Level (Intake), Level Crossing • IHR01339:054:00 Ballykelly/Walworth, Ballykelly Station; Level Crossing & Bridge • IHR01339:056:00 Carrickhugh, Bridge • IHR01339:057:00 Carrickhugh, Station • IHR01339:061:00 Coolkeeragh, Level Crossing • IHR01339:063:00 Coolkeeragh, Bridge • IHR01339:064:00 Lower Campsey, Level Crossing • IHR01339:066:00 Clanterkee Saltworks, Level Crossing & Bridge • IHR01339:068:00 Donnybrewer Level (Intake) Eglinton Station & Level Crossing • IHR01339:070:00 Donnybrwer Level / Drummaneny, Level Crossing • IHR01339:072:00 Longfield More/Beg, Bridge • IHR01339:074:00 Gresteel Beg, Bridge • IHR01339:076:00 Faughanvale/Tullyverry, Bridge • IHR01339:077:00 Coolagh, Bridge • IHR01433:001:00 BNCR Branch Line Limavady Junction – Dungiven, Ballykelly Level, Limavady Junction • IHR01433:003:00, BNCR Branch Line Limavady Junction – Dungiven, Broughter, Station at Level Crossing • IHR01433:004:00, BNCR Branch Line Limavady Junction – Dungiven, Burnally, Bridge 	
Landscape Context (setting)	The railway line is a prominent feature within the LCA. , and largely follows the northerly coast line.	

Site Appraisal	This consists of IHR sites.
Sensitivity	
Associations	<p><i>The Londonderry and Coleraine Railway was authorized on 4 Aug 1845. It had an ambitious plan to link those two places involving the reclamation of large areas of coastline on the shores of Lough Foyle in order to save on construction costs and land purchase. Not surprisingly, progress was slow, not least because the directors were based in London and all major decisions had to be referred there. It was not until the end of 1852 that trains began running as far as Limavady with the line to Coleraine opening the following year. It is a very picturesque route, most of it following the shoreline and dipping through cliffs by means of a number of tunnels. The Derry terminus was at Waterside, the present NIR site, on the east of the Foyle. Traffic was slow in picking up and a number of government loans were sought to tide the company over its initial difficulties. These included the short-lived Magilligan branch which opened in July 1855 in the hope of feeding passengers to a ferry service across the lough to Donegal but closed 3 months later, a record for an Irish railway. The line was taken over by the Belfast and Ballymena Railway and renamed part of the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway in 1860 which proved to be a successful railway company at this time, not least accommodating lines to Larne Harbour and tourist attractions like the Giant's Causeway, Portrush and the Glens of Antrim. The BNCR was bought by the Midland Railway in 1903. Nationalised post WW2, all that survives today is the commuter line to Larne, the Derry route and the Portrush branch. Source: Mulligan, F (1983) 150 years of Irish Railways. Applebee Press. Pp. 105-115.</i></p>
Recommendations	<p>The railway line stands as testimony to the C19th industrial heritage of the area. A heritage trail tracing same along its route has good tourist potential and sympathetic re-use of any structures is to be encouraged. The existing operating line facilitates stunning views of the LCA and is also to be encouraged.</p>
Mapping	 <p>The map shows the railway route from Waterside in Derry to Coleraine, following the Lough Foyle coastline. The route is highlighted in red, showing its path through the area and its connection to the Lough Foyle coastline. The map includes various geographical features, roads, and other infrastructure of the region.</p>

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References	http://maps.ehsni.gov.uk/MapViewer/Default.aspx
Plates	n/a
Additional Notes	n/a