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Dear Marina

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
PLANNING APPLICATION 10/02077/PP
ERECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSE
LAND WEST OF ARDARE, COLINTRAVE**

You may recall that we had correspondence earlier this year in respect of the above application. You sent me your comments in your letter dated 16th March 2011, the conclusion of which was the following:

"The impact of this development does not support LP ENV 2 – Impact on Biodiversity which I would deem to have a negative impact due to loss of important trees which are subject to a Tree Preservation Order and the unacceptable impact on European Protected Species and species of local interest".

I relayed your report to the agent for the application, Mr James Houston, and he elected to employ a consultant, Wild Surveys Ltd, to carry out an investigation into the site. I have recently received the report from Wild Surveys Ltd, together with letters/comments from both Mr Houston and the applicant, Mr Nicholas Staunton. I have enclosed a copy of this newly-submitted information and would be extremely grateful if you could examine its contents and provide your comments.

I look forward to hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss matters.

Yours sincerely

Planning Officer
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