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Subject: Erection of Dwewllinghouse, Land North West of Ardare, Colintrave (ref: 10/02077/PP)

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR JAMES HOUSTON

Dear Jimmy,

I refer to our conversation last week in respect of the above application.

On 23rd June 2011, you submitted an ecological report from Wild Surveys Ltd together with you and your client's response to the various points raised by the objectors. The ecological report was passed onto the Council's Local Biodiversity Officer and she has subsequently commented that, having studied the report, she is "*satisfied that what is proposed in terms of the footprint of the building and access will not compromise the biodiversity of the site provided the woodland integrity is maintained*".

As intimated in my letter to you dated 21st March 2011, the site is located within a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) that was conferred on 7th November 1992. Policy LP ENV 7 of the Argyll and Bute Local Plan 2009 seeks to resist development that would be likely to have an adverse impact on trees and this would be of particular significance when the said trees were protected by a TPO. The present application identifies the removal of 7 mature trees and, whilst information indicates that this would be approximately 19% of the total number of mature trees within the site, due regard must be paid to the fact that the trees which would be lost are covered by a TPO.

In summary, therefore, whilst the species issue may have been addressed through the submission of the report from Wild Surveys Ltd, the Department has significant concerns regarding the tree removal. I understand that you may wish to consult with your client and I would be grateful for your response to the foregoing comments. If you consider that a meeting would be useful (either in my office in Dunoon or at the site), I could make myself available at a mutually convenient date and time.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

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