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Dear Lynne

Thank you for your letter highlighting your constituents' concerns regarding the closure of Cwmcarn Forest drive.

Officials are in contact with Natural Resources Wales on this matter and have been assured that there is no intention to permanently close the route. I understand that the route will be closed for approximately two years to allow for the safe and efficient felling and extraction of the infected trees. This work is vital to help eradicate the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum* (larch disease).

I understand that NRW officers responsible for the forest planning work are making arrangements to meet with Mr Southall in order to help allay his concerns and to explain in more details the work that will be carried out.

I enclose a detailed breakdown on the situation provided by NRW for your attention. I trust this will help you to answer the concerns of your constituents.

Yours sincerely

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