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Dear Mr Southall

Thank you for copying in the then Minister for Natural resources, Culture and Sport to your e-mail to the First Minister regarding the closure of Cwmcarn Drive. I have been asked to reply.

Officials are in contact with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) 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 *Phytophera ramorum* (larch disease).

I understand that NRW intend to seek a meeting with you on this matter. I hope you will take the opportunity to discuss your concerns and to allow NRW to explain the actions taken.

Yours sincerely

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