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Dear Mr Poots MLA,

Re: Woodland at Craigall Rocks.

Thank you for your letter dated 16th April 2021 in relation to the above.

I wish to advise that the issue was discussed at the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 Planning Committee where it was resolved that the tree groups and woodland within Craigall Rocks or its vicinity are not considered to merit designation under a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

It is noted that your department has responsibility under the Forestry Act (NI) 2010 to regulate tree felling where, in certain circumstances, owners of private woodlands of 0.2 hectares or more must apply for a licence to fell trees, and are required to reestablish the woodland under an approved felling management plan.

The Council considers that this may be a more appropriate means of ensuring continued tree cover at this location.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding this.

Yours faithfully,

Denise Dickson Head of Planning