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Dear Mr Crowe,

Further to our telephone conversation regarding unlicensed felling taking place at Loggan Bridge, Loggan Upper, electoral district of Wingfield, Gorey, County Wexford, I am writing to confirm that I have personally witnessed the uprooting by machine of approximately ten acres of mature trees on the site.

I enclose recent photographs of the site that clearly show stumps and remains of the uprooted trees, as well as the machines on the site.

Regarding your suggestion that I contact the District Conservation Officer, I did speak to Lorcan Scott, who told me that he can only get involved if the site is a NHA or SAC. I have received no information from him that the site has any such designation, so I must rely on your office.

I have a right of way into the woodland that this site formerly was part of. This right of way is specified on my deeds as 'for the use and enjoyment thereof', and it is also matter of deep concern to me that Coillte can sell public lands to developers without any consultation with those who have specific rights to the access and use of that land.

Please inform me in writing whether you plan to pursue this case. It is my intention to explore any avenue open to me to ensure that the law is enforced, the woodland reinstated, and the developers who have demolished it prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, even if this means referring the matter to the European courts.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Debra E. James