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Dear Mr Evans

The Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (Wales) Regulations 2007

I am writing following my visit of Tuesday 8th April 2008 when I called with Kathleen Carroll to check whether a breach of the above EIA Regulations had occurred. As you are aware, the Welsh Assembly Government had received a tip-off in early January 2008 drawing our attention to works undertaken in Field Nos. **SN 5359**: 0708, 2406 and 3597 at Bwlch Castell, Cilcennin, Lampeter. This referred to the uprooting of trees and was followed by a visit from two members of our Rural Inspectorate in early January 2008. Since you expressed an intention to plough and reseed some of the land in question, you were asked to make a screening application - though you subsequently decided to defer any work until 2009.

We viewed the site and discussed with you the work that had been carried out. I am satisfied that no breach of the EIA Regulations has occurred. You have cleaned out existing ditches, removed some scrub/trees and burned an area of gorse without any associated cultivation. These are considered to be routine agricultural operations that fall outside the above Regulations. As you are now aware, you need to make a screening application before going ahead with any ploughing and reseedling of these fields as they can be considered semi-natural/uncultivated due to their unimproved marshy swards. You should also note that abiding by the EIA Regulations is a cross-compliance requirement for the Single Farm Payment.

I have enclosed our EIA Guidance Notes 1 and 2, which should help to explain the EIA Regulations in more detail. However, please get in touch if you are in doubt about any future works that may fall within these Regulations. I am also happy to provide advice over the telephone. Thank you for being most helpful during our visit.

Yours sincerely

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