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Dear Ms Dickson

ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION AT GIANT'S CAUSEWAY WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Thank you for your letter dated 24 November regarding temporary car parking at the Giant's Causeway World Heritage site, and the update on the recent discussions at the Planning Committee in your Council area.

I note that the Council has explored the option of implementing an Article 4 Direction in order to assist with addressing the car parking issue and has decided, for the reasons outlined in your letter, not to proceed with this approach.

I remain concerned about the car parking and traffic issues and their impact on the overall management of visitors to the World Heritage Site. While these issues remain unresolved it negatively impacts on road safety, visual amenity, the environment and the overall successful operation of one of the North's most important tourism destinations. Whilst I welcome the Council's continued engagement with the National Trust on exploring car parking solutions, I am disappointed that the council has decided not to take forward an Article 4 Direction which may well have assisted in dealing with some of these issues.

My officials will continue to work with all stakeholders in the pursuit of a solution to this issue.

NICHOLA MALLON MLA
Minister for Infrastructure