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Mr D Keenan  
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Dear Mr Keenan

**Freedom of Information Request – Presence of Pith**

My letter, dated 21 June 2010, on the above refers.

Having reviewed your request and consulted with appropriate colleagues, I would advise that the information requested in respect of the presence of pith is not held by the University.

Tree-ring measurements were taken for correlation purposes and, therefore, the width of the measurable rings was the important issue for the University – it was immaterial whether the series of rings ended at the pith or if it was missing for other reasons (e.g. decay) and, therefore, no details were recorded. It should be noted that the tree-ring records held by the University go back some 40 years and were collected in different eras with different standards and purposes than that which might currently pertain.

As we have indicated in responses to previous requests, the University is content for you to contact directly the Head of School, Professor Keith Bennett, by telephone on 028 9097 5140 or email at [hos.gap@qub.ac.uk](mailto:hos.gap@qub.ac.uk), for specific information.

In issuing this information, the University has fulfilled its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If you are dissatisfied with the response provided, please put your complaint in writing to me at the above address. If this fails to resolve the matter, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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