

**Christopher Osborne**

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**Sent:** 15 February 2011 15:39  
**To:** Christopher Osborne  
**Cc:** McEvoy, Sinead; Kerr, Gail  
**Subject:** RE: AD [Scanned]

Dear Chris Osborne,

Thank you for your email to me today. On the 11 February 2011, an email was received by Planning Service Headquarters from you regarding the same query as outlined below. Your correspondence is currently being acknowledged and a response to your emails of the 11 February 2011 and 15 February 2011 will be issued in due course.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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**From:** Christopher Osborne [mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com]  
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**To:** McFerran, Kathryn  
**Subject:** AD [Scanned]

Sinead,

My name is Chris Osborne and i am the Ulster Farmers Union Policy Officer responsible for Renewables.

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I believe that you spoke to the CAFRE workshop back on 2 November 2010 at Greenmount. Unfortunately i was not able to attend, but the UFU were represented by our Deputy President Harry Sinclair and David McElrea, Chairman of our Rural Enterprise Committee.

I have received a query in relation to the issue of Planning fees for an Anaerobic Digestion facility. Fees are being doubled because it is deemed that the AD process is removing energy for the ground. If this was the case, i would argue that Permitted Development should apply when the feed stuff is an agricultural crop, maize and grass silage for example.

Could you clarify the position for me?

Many thanks and i look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Osborne  
Policy Officer

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