

**Christopher Osborne**

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**From:** McGowan, Noel <Noel.McGowan@doeni.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 18 November 2013 09:55  
**To:** Christopher Osborne  
**Subject:** RE: Planning reference [Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry]

Good morning Chris,

I am bringing the proposal to group meeting today to be signed off so hopefully it will be concluded and decision notice sent out shortly. I hope to have [Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry] decision notice in the post this week. There had been a delay due to legalities of environmental health issues throughout NI which have now been sorted out last week.

Thanks  
 Noel McGowan

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**From:** Christopher Osborne [mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com]  
**Sent:** 18 November 2013 08:14  
**To:** McGowan, Noel

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**Subject:** FW: Planning reference [Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry]  
**Importance:** High

Good morning Noel,

My name is Chris Osborne and I am the Senior Policy Officer with the Ulster Farmers Union with responsibility for renewables.

[Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry] is a member of ours and is concerned that despite previous reassurances from Planning Services he has not heard from anyone in relation to his project. You may or may not be aware that several areas on NI have grid capacity problems and [Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry] farm is one such location. This means that any delays encountered will have a knock on effect further down the line in relation to getting his turbine up and running.

I would be grateful if you could get back to me and let me know what the latest position is.

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Osborne  
 Senior Policy Officer

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**From:** SPD Development Management Advice & Guidance [mailto:SPD.DevManAdvice&Guidance@doeni.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 06 November 2013 11:23

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**To:** Christopher Osborne  
**Subject:** Planning reference

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Good Morning Mr Osborne

Thank you for e-mail. I have contacted the case officer, Noel McGowan, regarding Application [redacted] at [redacted] and I have asked Noel to provide you with an update on this application.

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I hope this is helpful,

Regards,

Lorna Lipsett  
Strategic Planning Division  
Planning & Local Government Group

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**From:** Christopher Osborne [<mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com>]  
**Sent:** 31 October 2013 10:53

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**To:** Rogan, Louise  
**Subject:** FW: Planning reference  
**Importance:** High

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Good morning Louise,

I cc'ed you in the last email to Judith but I have received a message back saying that her inbox was full. Could you bring this email to her attention?

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks

Chris Osborne  
Senior Policy Officer

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**From:** Christopher Osborne  
**Sent:** 31 October 2013 10:43  
**To:** 'judith.winters@doeni.gov.uk'  
**Cc:** Rogan, Louise; 'Bagnall, Suzanne'  
**Subject:** Planning reference  
**Importance:** High

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Good morning Judith,

In the first instance I must apologise for not getting a chance to speak to you at Greenmount on Tuesday. Despite being there all day I was either at seminars, in meetings or speaking to UFU members. However, I heard that your presentations were well received, with landowners speaking favourably about how the Planning Service are managing small scale renewable planning applications.

Previously if I had a specific planning policy query I would have spoken to Suzanne.

One of our members is awaiting on official confirmation for his wind turbine;

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was informed by his case officer in Ballymena in early August that there would be no problems with the case, but now 3 months later he is still to receive written confirmation. Our member is concerned as his case cannot proceed with PP and NIE have issued a "heat map" showing capacity hot spots in NI and is an area where they could be a problem and is concerned that the longer this drags on, the further down the queue his connection will be.

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I would be grateful if you could look into this for me and let me know if there is any policy delays.

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Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Osborne  
UFU Senior Policy Officer

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