

Christopher Osborne

From: Breen, Colin <Colin.Breen@dfpni.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 July 2015 15:53
To: Christopher Osborne
Subject: RE: Rating of Wind Turbines

Hi Chris,

Thanks for your e-mail. Yes I can happily report all has went well with my knee. I had phoned your office earlier but you were with someone, I will be in until 4.30 today and am not in the office tomorrow.

I would be happy to meet regarding the wind turbines, the hydro generators are being dealt with Brian James I used to deal with them but he took over responsibility at this revaluation. I think we we could meet in Belfast in our Lanyon Plaza office or possibly at your offices if that suits you better. I do think that Brian James and possibly our District Valuer should also be present so we could discuss all of the renewable energy valuations together as I have had some input into the others. Brian James is off until 27th July so possibly that week or the following week depending on availability. I am free Friday 31st. July or most of the following week. Can you confirm your availability and I will contact the others involved and try to get something set up.

If you want to contact me feel free to get me at either of the numbers below.

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Regards

Colin

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Subject: Rating of Wind Turbines
Importance: High

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Good morning Colin,

We spoke a couple of months ago before you left to have work done on your knee. I trust that all went okay.

Since we last spoke, we written to the Finance Minister (it was still Simon Hamilton at the time, but we have made further calls to Arlene Fosters office since), I have attached a copy of the letter. In addition, I have spoken with Sharon McGee and she said that LPS would have no problem with landowners appealing the rates bills (as long as they made efforts to make a minimum payment). In the meantime, the UFU continue to lobby as per the content of the attached letter. We have also been speaking with Brian James in Belfast in relation to AD plants and we have provided him with live feedstock costs which would be used in calculating the RV.

I said when we last spoke that we would convene a meeting to discuss the rating of wind turbines and now that you are back in the office this would be a good opportunity to do so. When and where would good for you? I am led to believe that you are also dealing with hydro generators and we have had a number of calls from UFU members affected and I was hoping to discuss these as well.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you need to call me you will get me on 90 370222.

Many thanks.

Chris.

Chris Osborne

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