

**Christopher Osborne**

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**From:** Moore, Nigel <Nigel.Moore@dardni.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 03 June 2010 15:10  
**To:** Christopher Osborne  
**Subject:** RE: Wind Turbines and planning permission [Scanned]

Hi Chris,  
I have just discovered that number I gave you was not who I thought it was. My informant misunderstood. Stephen Thompson is responsible for Grid Connection in NI Energy and not planning.  
Sorry for the confusion  
Nigel

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**From:** Christopher Osborne [mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com]  
**Sent:** 03 June 2010 11:42  
**To:** Moore, Nigel  
**Subject:** RE: Wind Turbines and planning permission [Scanned]

Nigel,  
  
I was just wanting to pick your brains, is there anyone I could specifically speak to in Planning Service?

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Thanks again.

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**Sent:** 03 June 2010 11:10  
**To:** Christopher Osborne  
**Cc:** McKendry, Martin; Trimble, David  
**Subject:** RE: Wind Turbines and planning permission [Scanned]

Hi Chris,  
  
Planning permission is a function of DOE, and as such they are responsible for the regulations and fees in this area. There are details on their website at the link below.

[http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/advice/advice\\_apply/advice\\_renewable\\_energy/renewable\\_wind\\_turbines.htm#grants](http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/advice/advice_apply/advice_renewable_energy/renewable_wind_turbines.htm#grants)

The issue of Commercial/Domestic may be relevant. I know from some conversations I have had with a farmer that a single turbine is treated differently to two. More than one is regarded as a wind farm and requirements differ as a result. It may be that they are now also differentiating on size.  
I suggest you clarify the issue raised with them as the relevant authority

All the best

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Nigel

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**From:** Christopher Osborne [mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com]  
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**To:** Moore, Nigel  
**Subject:** Wind Turbines and planning permission [Scanned]  
**Importance:** High

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Good afternoon Nigel,

I have been getting a few telephone calls from members with queries about planning policy in relation to the erection of wind turbines.

The understanding on the ground was that the planning would be based on the square metred ground floor measurement, with a fee of £230. This would be the case despite the size of the turbine.

Now there have a run of queries from members, the latest one concerning a 250Kw turbine (30 metres in height) where they are asking for a further £1600 and queries about the Commercial nature of the turbine, compared to domestic ones. We could get involved in a debate about what constitutes domestic or commercial, but that will wait for another day.

Planners have been saying that the fee would be dependant upon height as opposed to ground floor squared.

Could you clarify the position for me?

Many thanks and i look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Osborne

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