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To: [Johnston, Chris](#)
Subject: RE: biomass event (CAFRE / AFBI)
Date: 07 December 2015 14:50:38

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The banner features a green and yellow color scheme with a tractor silhouette. It includes logos for the European Union, Rural Development Programme, DARD, and CAFRE. The text reads: "Business Development Groups Now Open for Applications". At the bottom right, it says "For further information www.cafre.ac.uk".

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Cathal thanks but my confusion still rests with why anyone would burn pellets at the moment if they weren't getting the RHI?

Also, in your experience, what quality of boiler is being installed?

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The banner features a green tractor in a field under a blue sky. On the left, there are logos for the European Union, the Rural Development Programme, and DARD (Department of Agriculture and Rural Development). The central text reads "Business Development Groups" in large green letters, with "Now Open for Applications" in blue below it. On the right, the CAFRE logo (College of Agriculture, Food & Rural Enterprise) is displayed. At the bottom right, it says "For further information www.cafre.ac.uk".

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