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**To:** Gareth Moles email redacted by the RHI Inquiry  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed changes to RHI - Drumcree Parish Church  
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Hello Gareth

Just confirming that I have received your email.

It was good to chat yesterday and we now have your information on record. I was also speaking to Paul Lyttle this morning so he knows we had a chat.

I will keep you posted in relation to any developments on possible grace periods etc.

Regards

Seamus

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Gareth Moles [<mailto:> Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry]  
**Sent:** 25 August 2015 23:13  
**To:** Hughes, Seamus  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to RHI - Drumcree Parish Church

Hello Seamus,

Thank you for taking my call earlier today and for the information you provided regarding the forthcoming proposed changes to RHI in non-domestic installations.

As we discussed I currently am a member of the select vestry at Drumcree Parish Church in Portadown and for just over 14 months now we have been planning to change the heating system within the church and parochial hall to a renewable energy source, namely a biomass boiler. This decision was taken by the select vestry and I am sure you will appreciate was influenced by the RHI payments which would follow the installation of such a system. Moving the process forward has been a protracted one simply because of the nature of the building involved, we have a considerable amount of protocols which must be followed in order to have full approval for the project, diocesan approvals, building control, planning permission, etc. We will also have to have archeologist's present when ground is broken for the boiler house because there has been a place of worship on our site since the 1500's. All this has placed us at a distinct disadvantage with our time-frame compared to a commercial install for example. We have also already committed a financial outlay during the planning of this project, including architect's fees and the purchase of land adjacent to our church where the new boiler house will be situated. It is with all this in mind that we are concerned how any proposed changes to the RHI will affect our project, and with how quickly said changes are likely to be implemented considering no announcement has yet been published on the exact nature of the changes being introduced. We are currently at a stage with our project where we are only awaiting final planning permission to be granted in order to begin, plans were submitted just over 2 months ago so hopefully this approval is not too far ahead. Can I ask that consideration be given to projects such as ours when alterations to RHI rates are being published and that the

possibility of a grace period also be considered for projects already well underway.

Best regards  
Gareth Moles