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**From:** Tom Stratton  
**Sent:** 30 March 2010 17:24  
**To:** Kevin Bishop  
**Cc:** Joanna Rumble; Lorna Brown  
**Subject:** Princetown - Biomass Boiler Grant Application  
**Attachments:** Bio-energy grant scheme covering letter 30.03.10.doc

Kevin

Many thanks for confirming the HMBC's oil usage.

I have now submitted the grant application to the Department of Energy and Climate Change and will keep you updated. A copy of my covering letter is attached for your information and as discussed, given the fact that the DNPA is not eligible for funding, I have explained that the Duchy will own the boiler. I have referred to the 'High Moorland Visitor and Business Centre' to clarify the use of your end of the building.

Best wishes

Tom

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**From:** Kevin Bishop  
**Sent:** 30 March 2010 15:22  
**To:** Tom Stratton  
**Subject:** Oil use

Tom

We use approx £18,000 litres of oil at Princetown at an estimated cost of £9k

Kevin

<http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk>

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29<sup>th</sup> March 2010

The Bio-energy Capital Grants Scheme (Round 6),  
AEA, The Gemini Building,  
Fermi Avenue,  
Harwell International Business Centre,  
Didcot, OX11 0QR.

Dear Sirs,

**DARTMOOR – Duchy of Cornwall Office**  
**Bio-Energy Capital Grants Scheme Application**

The Duchy of Cornwall's Dartmoor estate is administered from an office in Princetown, the highest village in England. Adjoining this building is the High Moorland Visitor and Business Centre, which is leased to the Dartmoor National Park Authority.

Both premises currently rely on a conventional oil fired heating system and the Duchy has been investigating the installation of a biomass (wood-fuelled) alternative.

Given the often adverse climate on Dartmoor, oil consumption within the premises is high (approximately 22,000 litres per annum) and the proposed use of wood-fuel will provide a substantial CO2 reduction.

A quotation has been obtained from the Dodd Group of St Austell, Cornwall, in order to assist with our application and copies of the requisite application forms (paper and CD based) are enclosed for your kind consideration.

The Duchy and indeed our lessees, the National Park Authority are committed to a move towards the use of sustainable energy and we see the installation of a biomass boiler at Princetown as an important symbol of this. Whilst the Duchy will own and operate the boiler, heat will be supplied to the High Moorland Centre, with an educational display promoting the use of such technologies being created within the visitor element. The boiler will also be periodically made available to people to look at in order that they can learn more about such installations.

The Centre provides office accommodation to a number of local groups including the Dartmoor Preservation Association (a conservation group) and the Dartmoor Farmers Association (a farmer lead meat marketing initiative) and these groups are very much in favour of benefiting from a sustainable means of heating. The local Primary school is also interested in developing a project for its pupils surrounding the boiler's installation and the rationale behind it.

We have been involved with the establishment of the recently formed Dartmoor Wood-fuel Cooperative at Duchy owned Brimpts Farm with our tenant Andy Bradford and a group of local people and we intend to source our fuel from there. The Cooperative is being run on a not for profit basis and it sources its timber locally, supplying five boilers at present.

It is intended that timber from the Duchy's Dartmoor woodlands will be processed through the Cooperative and other local woodland owners are also being encouraged to bring neglected areas back into management, assisted with the marketing opportunity that the demand for wood-fuel is providing. We see the installation of a boiler in Princetown as an excellent way of completing the 'chain' of timber growing, processing and end use.

With regard to the specific detail of the enclosed application, we have referred to a estimated project timescale. This is based on the works being completed by the full onset of winter 2010.

We have received the enclosed letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November from the National Park Authority confirming that planning consent is not required for the works. This letter still applies although you will note that it refers to an earlier grant application that we made for the same project to British Gas.

We are not in a Smoke Control Zone and having made telephone enquiries, we understand that we do not need any other forms of consent to proceed with the works.

Clearly, we appreciate that any offer of grant that may be received from yourselves will be made subject to the Duchy being able to satisfactorily answer any queries or fulfil any obligations that you may stipulate.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to let us know. In the meantime, we thank you for considering our application.

Yours faithfully

Tom Stratton  
for Land Steward