

## BIOMASS TASK FORCE

### QUESTIONS FOR STAKEHOLDERS

The Government has commissioned an external study to assist both itself and the biomass industry in optimising the contribution of biomass energy to renewable energy targets, as well as to sustainable farming, forestry and the rural economy.

The study team, led by Sir Ben Gill, will work with the energy, agricultural and forestry industries, potential users of biomass and other stakeholders to identify barriers in the supply chain and ways of overcoming them. Full details can be accessed at:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/acu/energy/biomass-taskforce/index.htm>

To that end, it would be helpful to have views on the following questions:

What are the barriers that prevent the development of biomass energy in:

- the farming and forestry sectors
  - CAP support systems
- the supply chain (farm gate to end-use)
- setting up an end-use project (electricity, heat, CHP)
- technology development and use
- energy supply networks and charging systems
- economics of projects
- complexity of existing grant aid schemes
- lack of support for long term commitments in
  - regional/ local plans
  - users
  - producers

Are environmental impacts (at any stage in the process) a barrier or perceived to be a barrier?

What gaps exist in the support needed to develop projects?

**Having identified the barriers we then need to know potential solutions to them from your perspective. Please feel free to give as many alternative or complementary solutions as you see appropriate with relevant weightings for your answers.**

Are there international comparisons which the task force need to study? If you have international experience of biomass projects and their successes or failures please forward them.

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