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Your reference: EN010095 Our reference: DCO/2018/00012

04 October 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Act 2008: Boston Alternative Energy Facility (BAEF)

Boston Alternative Energy Facility – Preliminary Meeting representation and response to matters raised orally at the Preliminary Meeting Part 1

Registration identification number 20028136

The Marine Management Organisation ("MMO") wish to register some comments and concerns in relation to Agenda Item 4 which was discussed at the Preliminary Meeting part 1 on Tuesday 28 September 2021. This can be repeated orally during the preliminary meeting part 2, if required.

Agenda Item 4 – Draft Examination Timetable

At the Preliminary Meeting part 1 on Tuesday 28 September 2021, the Environment Agency raised the representation that they believed the examination should be deferred due to concerns that some of the issues raised by the application are unlikely to be resolved during the proposed timetable. The MMO, as previously noted in section 4.7 of our relevant representation, support the Environment Agency in their written and oral request for consideration be given to deferring Deadline 1, and all following Deadlines of the Examination, by six months to allow the Applicant time to resolve the outstanding issues. The MMO wish to reiterate this point and confirm we are still in agreement that the examination should be deferred.

In addition, the MMO are concerned that the application in its current state is lacking the information required to accurately assess the impacts of the development. The MMO have previously raised concerns around the maintenance dredging and have not been able to gain further clarity on the logistics of this. The MMO requires confirmation of who will be undertaking the maintenance dredging, as this could cause wider issues for the application.



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The MMO have not had a response form the Port of Boston on this. The MMO need to further understand the legalities of Port of Boston potentially taking responsibility for the maintenance dredging, and how this will be covered within the DML alongside full clarification of how dredged material will be disposed of.

Additionally, upon further internal review, we are concerned about the lack of detail presented within the DML at this stage, in regard to construction methods, and dredge and disposal.

Yours faithfully,



Katherine Blakey Marine Licensing Case Officer

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