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To Interested Parties, the Applicant  
and Affected Persons

Your Ref:

Our Ref: EN010095

Date: 26 October 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13 and Rule 16**

### **Application by Alternative Use Boston Projects Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Boston Alternative Energy Facility project**

#### **Notification of hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection**

I write to advise you that the following hearings will be held on 23, 24 and 25  
November 2021:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Joining Details</b>
<b>Tuesday 23 November 2021</b>	<b>Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1): The draft Development Consent Order (dDCO)</b>	<b>10.00am (arrangements conference from 9.30am)</b>	<b>Virtual events</b>  Join by device or telephone using details to be provided in joining instructions, which will be provided to attendees at least 48 hours in advance of the Hearing.
<b>Wednesday 24 November 2021</b>	<b>Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2): Environmental matters (part 1)</b>	<b>10.00am (arrangements conference from 9.30am)</b>	
<b>Thursday 25 November 2021</b>	<b>Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2): Environmental matters (part 2 – if required)</b>	<b>10.00am (arrangements conference from 9.30am)</b>	

Please note that part 2 of the Environmental matters hearing will not take place if all matters are concluded in part 1. If part 2 is cancelled this will be notified in the banner on the National Infrastructure Planning website and no other notice is required. The Examining Authority (ExA) will aim to publish detailed agendas on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website at least 5 working days in advance of each hearing date.

I did not receive any requests to be heard at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing by the specified deadline. Therefore the time reserved for a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing on 26 November 2021 has been cancelled as it is not required.

Those Parties who wish to speak at the hearings should notify the Case Team at the email address above by **Tuesday 16 November 2021**. Please ensure that you include your Interested Party reference number in your correspondence.

For those parties who do not wish to speak at the hearings they will be available to view the hearings on the Livestream. A link to the Livestream will be made available on the project page on the National Infrastructure Planning website shortly before the events are scheduled to begin. A recording of the hearings will also be published on the website as soon as practicable after the events take place.

### **Date, time and meeting place for the Accompanied Site Inspection**

Please be advised that the Examining Authority will hold an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) under Rule 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on Wednesday 17 November 2021 commencing at 9:45am. The meeting place is the Station Approach Car Park. Access is from Station Approach, off the A52 or Station Street. The address is 11 Station Approach, Boston, PE21 8RN.

Areas to be visited on this ASI are as set out in the final agenda, listed in Annex A of this letter. They will be the Fishing Quay on London Road, the main works area at Riverside Industrial Estate and surroundings, viewpoints of significant effect, tree screening near the entrance to Metsa Wood and the Golf Yard on Fishtoft Road. The ExA also plans to view the Mouth of the Haven later in the day as an USI.

Interested Parties who wish to attend the ASI should notify the case team at the contact details above by **Tuesday 9 November 2021**. Please see the detailed itinerary in Annex A for the information the Case Team require when confirming attendance.

It may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany me for logistical and safety reasons, but it should be possible for arrangements to be made for Interested Parties (or their representatives) to join the inspection at specified locations within the itinerary. Please contact the Case Team if you wish to meet the inspection at a specific location within the itinerary.

Interested Parties should be aware that **ASIs are not an opportunity to make any oral representations to the ExA about the Proposed Development**. However, I may invite participants to indicate specific features or sites of interest.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

*Max Wiltshire*

**Max Wiltshire**  
**Examining Authority**

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## Accompanied Site Inspection itinerary – Wednesday 17 November 2021

The itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) can be found below.

Please note that the Examining Authority's (ExA) inspection of sites is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

### Joining the site visit

The site inspection will commence at 9.45am at the Station Approach Car Park. Participants are asked to assemble promptly as the ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start time. The ExA and Inspectorate Case Team will be travelling in a vehicle separate to the Applicant and any other parties throughout the day.

To ensure the smooth running of the ExA's inspection, attendees may wish to provide contact details for the day, notify the Case Team if there are any changes in attendance, and ensure the Planning Inspectorate is made aware of any special access requirements. To reduce and manage the risks presented by holding Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) during periods of high infection rates of Covid-19, the Case Team advise travelling in private or separate vehicles throughout the day. If parties wishing to attend are unable to do so, when confirming attendance please advise the Case Team of this.

Please confirm attendance by emailing the Case Team at [BostonAlternativeEnergyFacility@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:BostonAlternativeEnergyFacility@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) or by phoning Customer Services on: 0303 444 5000 by **Tuesday 9 November 2021**.

To ensure the smooth running of the ExA's inspection, it is requested that Interested Parties wishing to attend the site visit:

- confirm whether you wish to attend all of the site visit or specific parts of the itinerary;
- confirm whether you will be travelling between sites in a private vehicle or some other means;
- provide a contact mobile number to the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team for the day;
- notify the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team if there are any changes in attendance; and
- ensure the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team is made aware of any special access requirements for any participants.

### **Clothing**

Attendees are recommended to wear appropriate sturdy footwear and weather appropriate clothing. The Applicant will provide hard hats, high visibility jackets, safety glasses and gloves, if required. Please be aware that some of the locations will be observed on foot, possibly on uneven, wet or frozen ground with narrow or no footway provision.

### **Sites on private land**

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

### **Refreshments**

Please note refreshments will not be provided.

### **Cancellations**

Please note that in the unlikely event that the Accompanied Site Inspection is cancelled we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the Planning Inspectorate's website which can be viewed here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/boston-alternative-energy-facility-baef/?ipcsection=overview>

## Final itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspection

Please note the reference numbers in the Point of interest column refer to a plan included with the Applicant's draft Accompanied Site Inspection itinerary [PDA-001]. Please see Annex B below for a copy of this plan.

Point of interest	Approx times	Location	Notes
Start	09:45	Station Approach Car Park (PE21 8RN)	Meeting point for onward travel. A compulsory site briefing from the Applicant (including health & safety and welfare information) will take place.
1	10:00 – 10:10	Fishing Quay on London Road, PE21 8AF	View Boston and Fosdyke Fishing Society Fishing Quay. Proposed wharf to view navigation issues/impact on commercial fishing interests.
2	10:00 – 10:15	Depart and travel to the Riverside Industrial Estate PE21 7TN	
6	10:15 – 11:00	Main works area	<p>Arrive at site and Walk down Bost/14/8 to view the site lagoon and view across main site, walk back up Bost/14/8 to intersection.</p> <p>Continue around Bost/14/5 to view location of Lightweight Aggregate Plant and southern end of wharf area.</p> <p>Walk down Bost/14/10 to intersection and step off the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and view area of (construction phase) concrete batching plant. Walk to Callen Road and view main site area.</p> <p>Walk down Nursery Road to view area of construction laydown, parking, and operational parking.</p>
5	11:00 – 11:30	Habitat Mitigation Area	Walk along Bost/14/7 and view the Habitat Mitigation Area. Return along Bost/14/7 to intersection with Bost/14/5 and Bost/14/9.
4	11:30-12:00	PRoW of Bost/14/4 and Bost/14/11	View PRoW intersection of Bost/14/4 and Bost/14/11 where:

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During construction Bost/14/11 will be temporarily closed and diverted along Bost/14/4 during footbridge construction.</li> <li>• During operation where Bost/14/4 will be closed and diverted to Bost/14/11.</li> </ul> <p>Walk down Bost/14/11 until the Bost/14/10 intersection where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During construction and operation Bost/14/10 will be closed.</li> </ul> <p>Continue down Bost/14/9 to intersection with Bost/14/5 where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During construction of the footbridge Bost/14/9 will be closed and diverted to Bost/14/5; and</li> <li>• During operation Bost/14/5 will be closed and diverted along Bost/14/9.</li> </ul>
3	12:00-12:45	Proposed wharf	Walk to Bost/14/4 and view wharf area at low tide (12:17). Continue along Bost/14/2 to view the vessel turning circle. Return along Bost/14/2 to intersection with Bost/14/4 and Bost/14/11.
	12:45 – 13:30	Travel to Costa Coffee/ Starbucks for lunch and comfort break at PE21 7HP.	

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VP 7, 8, 10, 11	13:30 - 15:30	Travel to the four viewpoints of significant effect; entrance to Metsa Wood (PE21 0BJ); and the Golf Yard, Fishtoft Road (PE21 0DP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking north west from the junction of Footpaths Fish/13/2, Fish/13/5 and Fish/13/7 on the north bank of The Haven – grid reference E534628, N341961 (View 7).</li> <li>• View tree screening and closeness of properties near the entrance to Metsa Wood</li> <li>• View the conifers screening at the Golf Yard</li> <li>• Looking south from Footpath Bost/13/3 near St Nicholas’s Church, Skirbeck Conservation Area and properties off The Featherworks / Skirbeck Gardens - grid reference E533779, N342990 (View 8)</li> <li>• Looking east from Marsh Lane near property Cremorne and opposite property Coronation Villa – grid reference E533523, N341992 (View 10)</li> <li>• Looking east from Slippery Gowt Lane alongside properties off Wyberton Low Road (near Sustrans Route 1 / North Sea Cycle Route) – grid reference E533230, N341638 (View 11).</li> </ul>
Finish	16:00	Station Approach Car Park	Finish of ASI



Figure 1 [PDA-001]: Applicants proposed Accompanied Site Inspection route

