

## **BOSTON ALTERNATIVE ENERGY FACILITY**

### **SECTIONS 91, 92 AND 93 OF THE PLANNING ACT 2008**

### **RULE 13(6) OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010**

### **NOTICE OF HEARINGS RELATING TO THE BOSTON ALTERNATIVE ENERGY FACILITY DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

#### **PLANNING INSPECTORATE REFERENCE: EN010095**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the dates, times and places set out below, Issue Specific Hearings, Compulsory Acquisition Hearings and Open-floor Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (appointed by the Secretary of State) for the examination of the application made by Alternative Use Boston Projects for a Development Consent Order (“the DCO”) for the Boston Alternative Energy Facility (“the Application”).

The Application was made to the Secretary of State (via the Planning Inspectorate) under sections 14(1)(a) and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 on 23 March 2021 and was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate for examination on 20 April 2021. The Application has been given the Planning Inspectorate reference number EN010095.

#### **SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

The Application seeks development consent for the construction, operation and maintenance of a power-generation plant, known as the Boston Alternative Energy Facility, substantially within the Riverside Industrial Estate, Boston, Lincolnshire (“the Proposed Development”).

The Proposed Development would comprise—

- (a) a wharf and associated infrastructure (including re-baling facility, workshop, transformer pen and welfare facilities);
- (b) a refuse derived fuel (“RDF”) bale contingency storage area, including sealed drainage, with automated crane system for transferring bales;
- (c) conveyor system running in parallel to the wharf between the RDF storage area and the RDF bale shredding plant. Part of the conveyor system is open and part of which is under cover (including thermal cameras);
- (d) a bale shredding plant;
- (e) a RDF bunker building;
- (f) a thermal treatment plant comprising three nominal 34 MWe (megawatts electrical) combustion lines (circa 120 MWth (megawatts thermal)) and associated ductwork and piping, transformer pens, diesel generators, three stacks, ash silos and ash transfer network; and air pollution control residues (“APCr”) silo and transfer network;
- (g) a turbine plant comprising three steam turbine generators, make-up water facility and associated piping and ductwork;
- (h) an air-cooled condenser structure, transformer pen and associated piping and ductwork;
- (i) a Lightweight Aggregate (“LWA”) manufacturing plant comprising four kiln lines, two filter banks with stacks, storage silos for incoming ash, APCr, and binder material (clay and silt), a dedicated berthing point at the wharf, silt storage and drainage facility, clay storage and drainage facility,

LWA workshop, interceptor tank, LWA control room, aggregate storage facility and plant for loading aggregate/offloading clay or silt;

- (j) electrical export infrastructure;
- (k) two carbon dioxide (CO2) recovery plants and associated infrastructure, including chiller units;
- (l) associated site infrastructure, including site roads, pedestrian routes, car parking, site workshop and storage, security gate, control room with visitor centre and site weighbridge; and
- (m) habitat mitigation works for Redshank and other bird species comprising of improvements to the existing habitat through the creation of small features such as pools/scrapes and introduction of small boulders within a Habitat Mitigation Area.

The Application will also seek authorisation for the compulsory acquisition of interests in land, the temporary use of land, and the overriding of easements and other rights.

## HEARINGS

The Examining Authority's letter dated 14 October 2021 contains a programme for the examination of the Application, including a number of Hearings. In the light of the current Government guidance to control the COVID-19 outbreak, and the need to hold events in a way that is safe and fair to all, those Hearings will be conducted virtually on the dates and times set out in the table below. Following receipt of Deadline 1 submissions, the date reserved for an Open Floor Hearing on 18 November 2021 is not required. If necessary an Open Floor Hearing (OFH) will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams in the week commencing 22 February 2022.

If you intend to participate in virtual events please read the Planning Inspectorate's Advice Note 8.6: Virtual Examination Events which can be found at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/advice-note-8-6-virtual-examination-events/>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hearing Type</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Joining Details</b>
Tuesday 23 November 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) – draft Development Consent Order	Hearing starts at 10.00am  Arrangements Conference at 9.30am	Virtually via Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 24 November 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) on environmental matters (Part 1)	Hearing starts at 10.00am  Arrangements Conference at 9.30am	Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Date	Hearing Type	Time	Joining Details
Thursday 25 November 2021	Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) on environmental matters (Part 2 – if required)	Hearing starts at 10.00am Arrangements Conference at 9.30am	Virtually via Microsoft Teams
Friday 26 November 2021	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (If required)	Hearing starts at 10.00am Arrangements Conference at 9.30am	Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Notification is also made for time reserved for additional Hearings during 2022 as required. The details are as follows—

Reserved Dates for Hearings	Hearing Type
Monday 28 February 2022 to Friday 4 March 2022	Open Floor Hearings Issue Specific Hearings Issue Specific Hearing on navigation and fishing matters Compulsory Acquisition Hearings

Should the Examining Authority consider that it is necessary to have these reserve Hearings a further Notice will be published at least 21 days before the commencement of the Hearings giving the necessary details.

**PLACES OF THE HEARING** —At present all scheduled Hearings will be held virtually and a web address and/or telephone number will be provided to allow access to the Hearing by a tablet or computer connected to the internet and/or by telephone.

**ARRANGEMENTS CONFERENCE** — All participants will be required to attend an Arrangements Conference before each session of the Hearing. This will be held with the Case Team 30 minutes before the start of each session. This gives time for the Case Team to admit everyone to the Hearing.

**CANCELLATION OF HEARING** — If any of the sessions are no longer required, reasonable notice will be provided of the Planning Inspectorate’s decision to cancel them by the posting of a banner on the project website.

Any Hearings further to those listed will be advertised by one or more further notices. In accordance with Rule 13(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, as amended, the Planning Inspectorate will also notify interested parties of the date, time and place fixed for each hearing.

**For more information on the Hearings, the examination of the Application and full timetable (and any amendments to it), including how and when to register to speak at the Hearings and how and when to make written submissions,** please contact the Planning Inspectorate using the details below, or visit its website where procedural decisions and notices of hearings are available to download: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-east/boston-alternative-energy-facility-baef/>

### COPIES OF THE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Copies of the Application documents, including the draft Development Consent Order, the compulsory acquisition information (including the Land Plans, Book of Reference, Funding Statement and Statement of Reasons) and the Environmental Statement can be viewed and downloaded online at the Planning Inspectorate’s project website:

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

All further documents submitted in the course of the Examination will also be published in the Examination Library which can be found on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate’s website via a blue button under the “Documents” tab. The Examination Library is updated regularly throughout the Examination.

Documents can also be viewed electronically at the Kirton Library, free of charge. If you have difficulty accessing any documentation please contact the Case Team using the details provided at the end of this notice. Bearing in mind the availability of the documents on the National Infrastructure Planning website and the effect of public health restrictions, please consider your need to attend Kirton Library with care. Please check the current circumstances with the electronic deposit location before you attend.

Venue	Address	Opening Hours
Kirton Library	New Life Community Church The Junction Wash Road Kirton Boston Lincolnshire PE20 1QJ	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 10.00am to 12.00pm Wednesday: Closed Thursday: 2.00pm to 4.00pm Friday: Closed Saturday: 10.00am to 12.00pm Sunday: Closed

Printing Costs at Kirton Library	Black and White Copying	Colour Copying
	A4 Single-sided: 10p A3 Single-sided: 20p	A4 Single-sided: 25p A3 Single-sided: 50p

## ACCOMPANIED SITE INSPECTION

In addition to the above Hearings, the Examining Authority has arranged an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) on Wednesday 17 November 2021. The Interested Parties attending the ASI will include representatives of the Applicant, the council, together with other Interested Parties (or their representatives). It may be necessary to limit the numbers of persons who accompany the Examining Inspector 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. An itinerary for the ASI will be published on or before 10 November 2021 and can be found on the project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website:

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

If you wish to attend the site inspection either at a specific location within the itinerary, or at a new location, please contact the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team, at the postal or email address at the end of this notice.

A further Accompanied Site Inspection may take place during the period Monday 28 February 2022 to Friday 4 March 2022 but please visit the Planning Inspectorate's website for updates.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about the Application, the Hearings, how to take part in the Examination and any other matters covered in this notice may be obtained from the Planning Inspectorate or Alternative Use Boston Projects Ltd using the following contact details—

### **The Planning Inspectorate**

The Planning Inspectorate should be contacted in written form via the following e-mail address:

BostonAlternativeEnergyFacility@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Telephone: 0303 444 5000

Website:

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

Please quote the Application reference number EN010095 in any correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate about this Scheme.

Correspondence about this Scheme should be marked:

FAO Boston Alternative Energy Facility

**Alternative Use Boston Projects Ltd**

Alternative Use Boston Projects Ltd would request that written correspondence should be directed to the following email address: [consultation@bostonaef.co.uk](mailto:consultation@bostonaef.co.uk)

Telephone: 0800 0014 050

Post: FREEPOST RTLY-RLGH-GKSE, Boston Alternative Energy Facility, 25 Priestgate, Peterborough, PE1 1JL

Correspondence about the Proposed Development should be marked:  
FAO Boston Alternative Energy Facility DCO

**26 October 2021**