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Dear Max Wiltshire,

Boston Alternative Energy Facility (BAEF)

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination Deadline 4.

1. Natural England Deadline 4 Submission

At Deadline 3 Natural England expressed concern about the timings of Deadline 3 (Monday 6th December) and Deadline 4 (Monday 13th December). Documents were published to the PINS website at 18:15 on Tuesday 7th December. This has only allowed 4 working days to provide a response on seven substantive documents requiring specialist input, at a time when we have several marine NSIP consultations and limited capacity due to prior commitments and COVID related absences. Therefore, Natural England's intention is to submit further advice on Deadline 3 and Deadline 4 documents at Deadline 5.

Natural England also highlights that because the people providing input from Natural England on the Boston Alternative Energy Projects are also working on several other high risk cases; we need to be able to effectively resource/project plan to ensure we can provide our advice in a timely manner, and in order to do this it would be helpful if the Applicant could indicate through PINS what they will be submitting and when.

For any queries relating to the content of this letter please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely

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