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Dear Mr Wiltshire,

The RSPB's submissions for Deadline 4 of the Boston Alternative Energy Facility Examination

This letter is provided to update the Examining Authority on the information that we have been able to provide comments on by Deadline 4 and sets out our plan for submitting comments on any outstanding information that we are currently not in a position to provide our comments.

At Deadline 4, we are making submissions on the following:

- Final comments on the Applicant's Ornithology Addendum (REP1-026). We have provided a copy with tracked changes and a clean version that provides our full comments on the applicant's additional ornithology information submitted at Deadline 2.
- Response to the Applicant's comments on our Written Representation (REP1-60). We provide comments where they add value to the Examination. However, many of the comments made by the Applicant we have addressed further in our comments on the Ornithology Addendum. This document is provided for completeness.
- Initial comments on the Applicant's 'Without Prejudice' Derogation Case. We have reviewed the three documents covering alternatives (REP2-011), Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest (REP2-012) and Compensation measures (REP2-013). These documents are high-level and we await more detail from the Applicant, however, we have provided initial comments to aid the Examination at this stage.

We acknowledge that additional information has been provided by the Applicant. This includes the Outline Landscape and Environmental Management Scheme (OLEMS; REP3-007/008) and the revised draft of the Development Consent Order (DCO; REP3-003/004). We are continuing to review these documents and will endeavour to provide comments at Deadline 5 (25 January 2021).

We note the Applicant has also requested clarity with respect to the species we consider could be affected by the Application. We are developing a summary of our current position to aid the Examination and will look to provide this additional submission in advance of Deadline 5.

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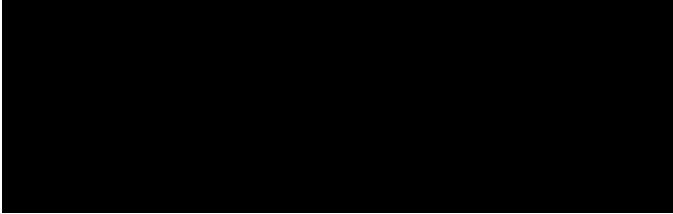
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We will review additional information submitted at Deadline 4 and endeavour to respond to new information by Deadline 5, but any submissions will be dependent on the capacity of our specialist colleagues. We will provide an update where any requested submissions at Deadline 5 may not be possible for us to achieve.

We continue to discuss the potential compensation measures with the Applicant and a meeting has been scheduled for 12th January 2022.

We hope this note is helpful and demonstrates our commitment to engaging positively with the Examination and the Applicant.

Yours sincerely,



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