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Dear Max Wiltshire,

Boston Alternative Energy Facility (BAEF)

The following constitutes Natural England's formal statutory response for Examination Deadline 6.

1. Natural England Deadline 6 Submissions

Natural England has considered the relevant documents submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 5. We would like to highlight to the Examining Authority that only new documents (version 1) or revised versions of outline documents/plans where amendments have been formally made will be responded to by Natural England at each relevant Deadline. Natural England is submitting the following documents within the following thematic appendices:

- Appendix H5 – Natural England's Risk and Issues

2. Examination Timetable Concerns

Natural England has insufficient capacity to meet the Deadline 6 requirements to fully consider all of the Applicant's Deadline 5 submissions. Therefore, Natural England will submit advice on REP5 – 006 9.59 Chapter 17 Marine and Coastal Ecology Appendix 17.1 HRA update for the next deadline.

We note the Applicant intends on submitting updated Without Prejudice Habitats Regulations

Assessment Derogation Case: Compensation Measures and Assessment of Alternative Solutions at Deadline 6. If so, Natural England will make best endeavours to review these for Deadline 7 recognising that we will require the full five weeks to consult with our colleagues (outside of the case team) and other interested parties in order to provide comprehensive advice on this complex matter.

Natural England also highlights that we will work with the Applicant on a Statement Of Common Ground for the next deadline.

3. Risk and Issues Log – Deadline 6

Natural England have submitted the Terrestrial Ecology section of the Risk and Issues Log at Deadline 6 due to updates on issues related to bats that were not reflected in our Deadline 5 Risks and Issues log. Please see NE Appendix H5.

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

Yours sincerely

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