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Alternative Use Boston Projects Limited
Natural England
All Interested Parties

Date: 25 May 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Alternative Use Boston Projects Limited (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed Boston Alternative Energy Facility (“the Proposed Development”)

1. The Secretary of State has received responses from the Applicant and other Interested Parties to his consultation letter dated 24 April 2023. The statutory deadline for the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (“the Secretary of State”) to determine the Application is 06 July 2023.
2. Given the time elapsed and further information provided since the close of Examination, the Secretary of State invites any comments from **Interested Parties** on the representations received.
3. **Natural England** is invited to confirm whether the information provided by the Applicant in its response of 15 May 2023^{1,2} resolve its outstanding concerns regarding air quality impacts.
4. Regarding the proposed adaptive management of The Wash SPA compensation sites, **the Applicant** is invited to provide an update on any progress it has made in considering what adaptive management might consist of. For example, what the trigger levels for adaptive management might be and any adaptive management measures that could be implemented should it be found that the compensation measures are not sufficiently delivering.
5. Responses should be submitted by email only to:
BostonAlternativeEnergyFacility@planninginspectorate.gov.uk by **23.59 on 08 June 2023**.
6. Responses will be published on the Boston Alternative Energy Facility project page of the National Infrastructure Planning website as soon as possible after the deadline:

¹ [https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010095/EN010095-001431-9.112\(1\)%20Addendum%20to%20Without%20Prejudice%20HRA%20Derogation%20Case%20Compensation%20Measures%20\(for%20The%20Wash%20SPA\)_tracked.pdf](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010095/EN010095-001431-9.112(1)%20Addendum%20to%20Without%20Prejudice%20HRA%20Derogation%20Case%20Compensation%20Measures%20(for%20The%20Wash%20SPA)_tracked.pdf)¹

² [https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010095/EN010095-001428-9.51\(2\)%20Air%20Quality%20Deposition%20Monitoring%20Plan%20\(tracked\).pdf](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010095/EN010095-001428-9.51(2)%20Air%20Quality%20Deposition%20Monitoring%20Plan%20(tracked).pdf)

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

7. This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of whether to grant or withhold development consent for the Boston Alternative Energy Facility or any part of the project. Nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what the eventual decision might be or what final conclusions the Secretary of State may reach on any particular issue which is relevant to the determination of the application.

Yours faithfully,



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