



Meeting note

Project name	Boston Alternative Energy Facility
File reference	EN010095
Status	FINAL
Author	The Planning Inspectorate
Date	11 March 2021
Meeting with	Alternative Use Boston Projects Limited
Venue	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Meeting objectives	Project Update
Circulation	All attendees

Summary of key points discussed and advice given

The Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) advised that a note of the meeting would be taken and published on its website in accordance with section 51 of the Planning Act 2008 (the PA2008). Any advice given under section 51 would not constitute legal advice upon which applicants (or others) could rely.

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Update

The Applicant confirmed it is continuing discussions with RSPB, Natural England and Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust in order to address issues relating to the HRA. The Applicant has supplied a HRA supplementary information document which addresses the discussions with RSPB, NE and Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust.

The Applicant outlined the information included in the HRA supplementary information document which includes extra information on ornithological survey data, extra information on vessel movements from the Port of Boston, as well as detail regarding the loss of roosting and feeding habitat for redshank within The Haven. The Applicant confirmed it has proposed a habitat mitigation area on the foreshore to reuse the rocks used by roosting birds that would otherwise be lost and enhance the habitat in adjacent areas, to the south of the application site, which will now be included in the Order limits, increasing the size of the application site. The Inspectorate enquired about the ownership of the habitat mitigation area. The Applicant confirmed that the land below MHWS is owned by the Crown Estate who have provided in principal support for the habitat mitigation area. The land above MHWS is of unknown ownership, potentially also Crown Estate, but investigations are continuing.

There has been no formal response from Natural England or RSPB relating to the amendments made by the Applicant.

The Inspectorate advised the Applicant to ensure all changes are clearly highlighted in all the key application documents. The Applicant confirmed that an additional Annex will be

added to the HRA highlighting the additional consultation, the consultation report will also be updated to reflect this.

Resubmission Date

The Inspectorate enquired about the Applicant's intended timeframe for resubmission. The Applicant confirmed it intends to resubmit the application as soon as possible.