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Dear Sir

Application for Listed Building Consent for works to Maud Foster Sluice, Boston, Lincolnshire in relation to the proposed Boston Barrier

On behalf of the Environment Agency please find enclosed an application seeking listed building consent for works to Maud Foster Sluice, Boston. Lincolnshire.

This submission follows pre-application discussions with you and Mary Anderson from Boston Borough Council, and with representatives from Historic England, Lincolnshire County Council and Heritage Lincolnshire. As agreed, this submission comprises four copies of the following:

- completed listed building consent application form, with ownership certificate;
- listed building consent application plans, comprising:
 - Site Boundary and Barrier Project Plan
 - Location Plan
 - Plan and drawing showing Existing Structure
 - Plans and Drawings showing Proposed Works; and
- Design, Access and Heritage Statement.

As agreed, a draft site notice for the application is also enclosed in anticipation that this may be of assistance to you.

The Environment Agency proposes to construct a flood wall abutting the Maud Foster Sluice as part of a wider proposal to reduce the risk to the town of Boston from flooding through the construction of a tidal barrier across the river Witham (also known in this location as 'the Haven'). The proposed flood wall would physically abut the stonework parapet of the Maud Foster Sluice, with the creation of a water tight joint which would not require intrusive work into the structure. The proposed flood wall has been designed to taper down towards the parapet of the Maud Foster Sluice, reducing the visual impact of the flood wall on the structure.

This application is being submitted at the same time as an application to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for an order under the Transport and Works Act 1992, entitled 'the

Boston Barrier Order'. This Order, if made, would authorise the Environment Agency to construct and operate the proposed new tidal barrier together with a new building to enable operation of the barrier, new flood defence walls on both banks of the Haven, a replacement gate across the entrance to the existing Wet Dock and to execute ancillary works including dredging of the river.

This listed building consent application is required as a consequence of the works proposed in the Boston Barrier Order and therefore, in accordance with section 12(3A) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended), we understand that you will automatically refer these applications to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

We have provided to you under separate cover 4 USB sticks, each containing a full set of application documents relating to the Environment Agency's application to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for the Boston Barrier Order, along with the Listed Building Consent application documents listed above.

The enclosed Design, Access and Heritage Statement has been prepared in support of the listed building consent application. The Design, Access and Heritage Statement concludes that although the proposed works would have a limited impact on the setting of the Maud Foster Sluice, the harm caused to its heritage significance would be less than substantial and would be outweighed by the public benefits resulting from the proposed works.

We trust that you have sufficient information to validate and process this application but if any further information is required please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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