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1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 Five Public Information Days were hosted on behalf of Alternative Use Boston Projects Ltd (AUBP) in September 2018 to consult on proposals for a new power-generation plant, Boston Alternative Energy Facility. The Public Information Days were held at the following locations.

Table 1 Locations, dates and times of Public Information Days

Venue	Date	Time
White Hart Hotel 1-5 High street, Boston PE21 8SH	14 September 2018	2-8pm
St Nicholas Community Centre Fishtoft Road, Skirbeck PE21 0AA	15 September 2018	2-8pm
Black Sluice Lock Cottages South Forty Foot Bank, London Road, Boston PE21 7RA	19 September 2018	2-8pm
Fishtoft Pavilion Playing Fields, Church Green Road PE21 0RP	20 September 2018	2-8pm
Frampton Church House Village Hall Middlegate Road, Frampton, Boston PE20 1AW	21 September 2018	2-8pm

- 1.1.2 These events formed part of Phase One of the pre-application consultation for the Boston Alternative Energy Facility, as set out in the Statement of Community Consultation.
- 1.1.3 Over 240 people attended the events. All attendees were encouraged to share their feedback on the proposals. The feedback received will be considered by AUBP as the proposed facility is developed and considered where relevant.
- 1.1.4 The Phase One Public Information Days were publicised via adverts in three local newspapers (Boston Standard, Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian) and articles published in local media outlets; posters displayed across Boston and sent to parish councils and local businesses to display; and a maildrop to over 26,500 residential and business addresses.
- 1.1.5 The key objective of the Phase One Public Information Days was to inform members of the public about the proposed Boston Alternative Energy Facility, seek views on any potential local impact on the community and answer any queries about the proposals. The materials displayed at the events were published on the project website, including an online feedback form inviting responses on, or by, 19 October 2018.

2 Attendance

2.1.1 242 people attended the Public Information Days in total. All attendees were invited to complete a feedback form (see **Appendix 1**). At the end of the consultation period (19/10), 71 feedback forms had been received via post and the online survey. **Table 2** below shows the number of feedback forms received from each venue, along with the total number of attendees at each event. Please note, some respondents may have attended more than one event and not all respondents confirmed which event they attended.

Table 2 Number of attendees at Public Information Days

Venue	Total number of attendees	Number of respondents that attended
White Hart Hotel, 14 September 2018	62	21
St Nicholas Community Centre, 15 September 2018	36	9
Black Sluice Lock Cottages, 19 September 2018	40	7
Fishtoft Pavilion, 20 September 2018	40	12
Frampton Church House Village Hall, 21 September 2018	64	21
Total	242	70

3 How people found out about the Public Information Days

3.1.1 The feedback form provided a section for respondents to identify how they found out about the Public Information Days. The breakdown of information provided is summarised below in **Table 3** and **Figure 1**. Please note, some respondents selected more than one answer.

Table 3 How people found out about the Public Information Days

Method	Number
Flyer through the door	53
Advert in the local newspaper	6
Article in local newspaper	6
Word of mouth	5
Social Media	2
Council or Parish Council	2
Website	2
Community notice board	1
Poster	1

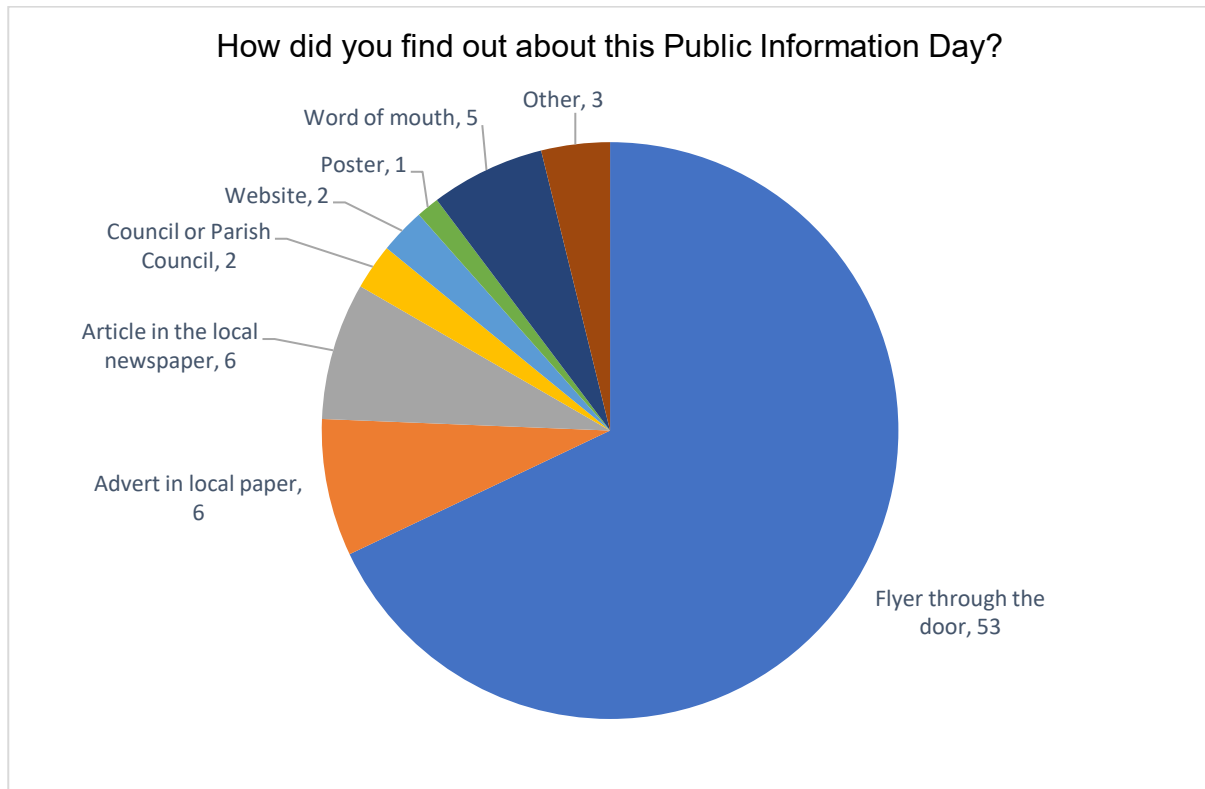


Figure 1 How people found out about the Public Information Days

4 How useful were the Public Information Days useful in informing people about the project?

4.1.1 Respondents suggested that the Public Information Days did help to inform people about the proposed Boston Alternative Energy Facility, as shown in **Table 4**.

Table 4 How useful the Public Information Days were

Did you find this event useful in informing you about the proposed Boston Alternative Energy Facility?	Number
Yes	69
No	1

4.1.2 No comments suggested the Public Information Days weren't useful. Some people who responded 'yes' gave reasons for their answers. The following reasons, and the number of times they were mentioned, are shown in **Table 5**.

Table 5 Comments made about the usefulness of the Public Information Days

Reasons why the Public Information Days were useful	Number
More information	44
Helpful and knowledgeable	14
Reducing lorry movements	8
Already an industrial area	5
Identified difficulties	4
Reduce landfill	4
Job creation	2
Producing energy	2
Identified benefits	2
Well thought out project	1
Request for council representatives	1
Local waste should be used	1
Good consultation with communities	1
Impact on local area	1
Support for project	1

5 Were the materials presented at the Public Information Days helpful and informative?

5.1.1 Respondents commented on the helpfulness of the materials on display at the Public Information Days. **Table 6** shows how many people thought the materials were helpful and informative.

Table 6 How helpful the materials at the Public Information Days were

Were the materials presented at the Public Information Days helpful and informative?	Number
Yes	66
No	4

5.1.2 Some people gave reasons for their answers. **Table 7** shows these reasons.

Table 7 Comments made about how helpful the materials at the Public Information Days were

Reasons why the materials were helpful	Number
Clear and concise	19
Videos	10
Helpful staff	9
Information boards	7
Maps	4
Design of machinery	1
Timeline	1
Gasification Process	1
Safe disposal of materials	1

5.1.3 People who didn't find the materials useful made the following comments.

Table 8 Comments made about how unhelpful the materials at the Public Information Days were

Reasons why the materials weren't helpful	Number
People were more informative than the boards	1
More staff were needed	1
Only the facts were available	1

6 To what extent did the Public Information Days increase respondent's understanding of the project?

6.1.1 Respondents advised that the Public Information Day did increase their understanding of the proposed Boston Alternative Energy Facility. Please see **Table 9** and **Figure 2**.

Table 9 To what extent the Public Information Days increased understanding of the project

Did the Public Information Day increase your understanding of the project?	Number
Yes to a great extent	53
Yes to some extent	18
No	0

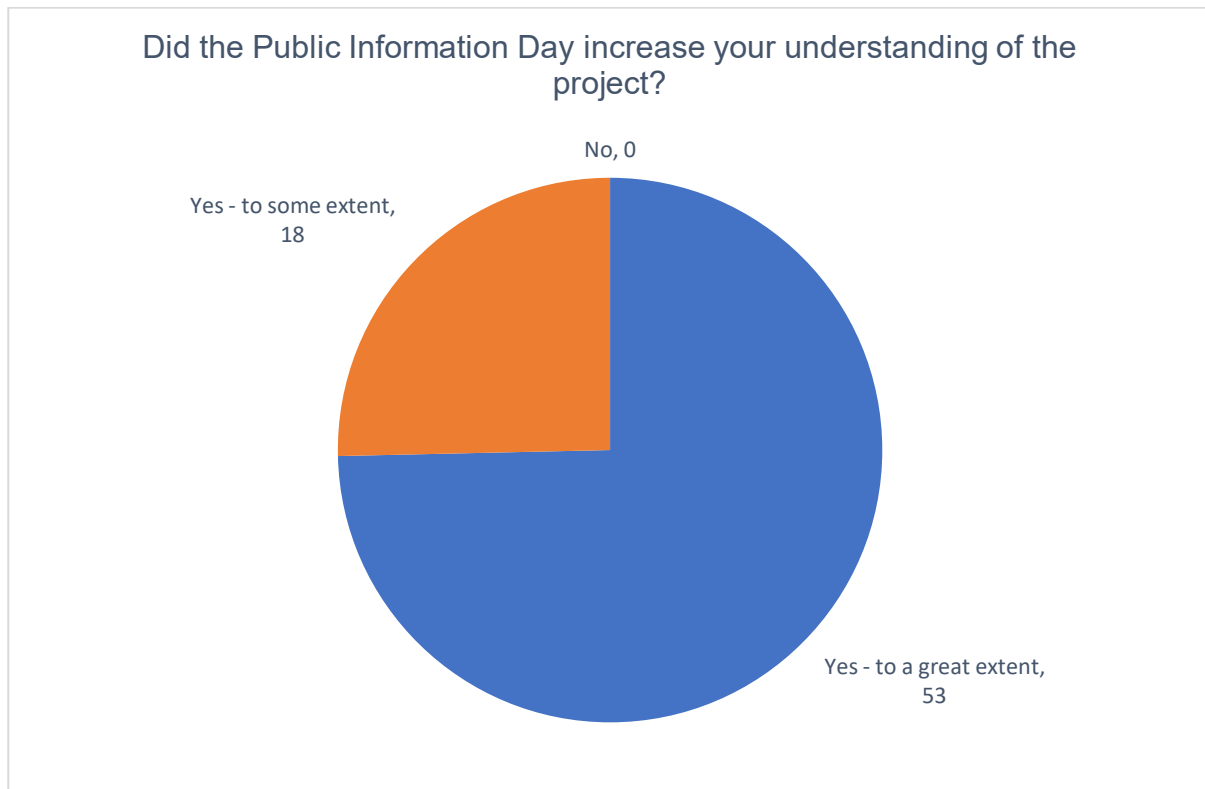


Figure 2 To what extent did the Public Information Days increase understanding of the project?

7 Do you think it is important to find alternative ways to generate electricity?

7.1.1 The majority of people who returned feedback forms advised that it is important to find alternative ways to generate electricity. Please see **Table 10**.

Table 10 How important it is to find alternative ways to generate electricity

Do you think it is important to find alternative ways to generate electricity?	Number
Yes	70
No	1

7.1.2 Respondents gave the following reasons for why it is important to find alternative ways to generate electricity.

Table 11 Reasons why it is important to find alternative ways to generate electricity

Reasons why it is important to find alternative ways to generate electricity	Number
No comments	30
Reducing landfill	29
Creating renewable energy	9
Recyclable resources	5
Long term effects	4
Benefits	3
Support for the project	2
Use of local waste	1

7.1.3 Some people suggested that it isn't important to find alternative ways to generate electricity. The reasons for these answers are listed in the **Table 12**.

Table 12 Reasons why it isn't important to find alternative ways to generate electricity

Reasons why it isn't important to find alternative ways to generate electricity	Number
Pollution and emissions	4
Traffic	1
Shipping	1
Noise	1

8 Do you think generating energy from waste is better than sending waste to landfill?

8.1.1 Most respondents advised that generating energy from waste is better than sending it to landfill. Please see **Table 13**.

Table 13 How generating energy from waste is better than sending waste to landfill

Do you think generating energy from waste is better than sending to landfill?	Number
Yes	69
No	0

9 What do you think the most important benefits of the project might be?

9.1.1 The feedback form asked respondents to consider the potential benefits associated with the project. The responses are summarised below in **Table 14** and **Figure 3**. Please note, respondents were able to select more than one answer.

Table 14 Benefits of the Boston Alternative Energy Facility

Type of benefit	Number
Reducing the amount of waste to landfill	65
Providing a source of renewable energy	52
Energy production	45
Job creation	31
Investment in the local economy	29
Other	4

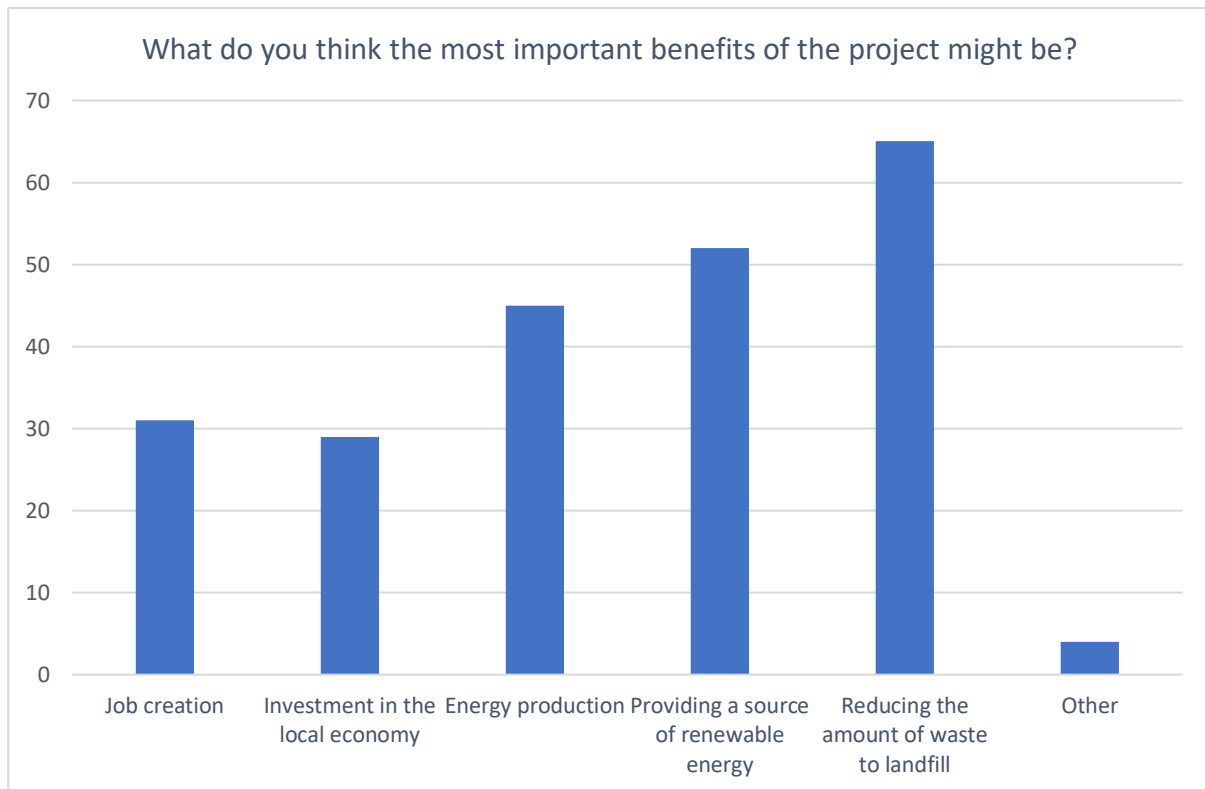


Figure 3 Benefits of the Boston Alternative Energy Facility

9.1.2 Five 'other' comments were made. These comments were:

- The Boston Alternative Energy Facility is not a renewable energy source;
- There are no benefits of the Boston Alternative Energy Facility to the town of Boston;
- The local authority is trying to increase revenues;
- Responsibility needs to be taken for one's own waste; and
- There are benefits of the Boston Alternative Energy Facility in every way.

10 Feedback Received

10.1.1 The feedback form provided sections for respondents to identify any concerns or issues about the scheme. Comments received were as follows:

Table 15 Comments received on questions 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the feedback form

Question	Comments
Q9. If you have any concerns about our proposals, please detail them below.	<p>23 people had no concerns.</p> <p>15 people had concerns about noise.</p> <p>14 people had concerns about emissions and air quality.</p> <p>13 people had concerns about traffic and transport.</p> <p>9 people had concerns about odour.</p> <p>9 people had concerns about pollution.</p> <p>8 people had concerns about the impact on wildlife.</p> <p>6 people had concerns about safety measures.</p> <p>4 people suggested waste from Boston should be used.</p> <p>4 people had concerns about the impact on port.</p> <p>4 people had concerns about the risk of flooding.</p> <p>3 people had concerns about public reaction to the proposals.</p> <p>3 people had concerns about the facility's hours of operation.</p> <p>1 person had concerns about devaluation of property.</p> <p>1 person had concerns about the amount of waste the facility will process.</p> <p>1 person had concerns about health effects.</p>
Q10. What mitigation measures would you like to see minimise any potential negative impacts of the facility?	<p>29 people suggested no mitigation was necessary.</p> <p>13 people suggested transport mitigation.</p> <p>11 people suggested mitigation of hazards and increased safety measures.</p> <p>7 people suggested landscape mitigation.</p> <p>7 people suggested that surveys should be undertaken and published.</p> <p>5 people suggested noise mitigation.</p> <p>5 people suggested the local community needs reassurance.</p> <p>4 people suggested odour mitigation.</p> <p>3 suggested using a different location as mitigation.</p> <p>3 people suggested mitigation against flood risk.</p> <p>3 people suggested using an acoustic barrier.</p> <p>2 people suggested mitigation on the height and size of the facility.</p> <p>2 people suggested members of the public should receive regular updates.</p> <p>1 person suggested site visits for members of the public.</p> <p>1 person suggested mitigation against the volume of waste being received.</p>

Question	Comments
	1 person suggested mitigation on where the RDF will be received.
Q11. Are you aware of any other organisations or people Alternative Use Boston Projects Ltd. should talk to, who may have information that could inform our proposals?	<p>A number of groups were suggested which have been listed below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Agency • Schools • Farmers • The Wildlife Trust • Harbour users • Boston Ramblers • Boston U3A • River Authorities • Local businesses • Environmental groups • RSPB • Fisheries • NFU • The Port of Boston
Q12. Are there any additional steps that Alternative Use Boston Projects Ltd. could take to keep local communities better informed about the proposed Boston Alternative Energy Facility?	<p>33 people suggested nothing. 17 people suggested newspapers. 12 people suggested leaflets through the door. 10 people suggested radio. 8 people suggested television. 7 people suggested social media. 5 people suggested the website. 2 people suggested emails. 2 people suggested Parish councils. 1 person suggested tours of an existing facility. 1 person suggested DVDs to be taken home. 1 person suggested the use of libraries. 1 person suggested an open day of the facility after construction. 1 person suggested a stall on the market.</p>
Q13. Please use the space below to provide any additional comments about the Public Information Day or the proposal for Boston Alternative Energy Facility	<p>46 people had no additional comments. 11 people suggested the Public Information Days were informative events. 7 people stated that the proposals were a good idea. 3 people recognised the environmental benefits of the project. 2 people suggested that the proposals are a positive use of waste. 2 people suggested the proposals were a better alternative to landfill. 2 people commented on the lack of disabled access at The White Hart Hotel. 1 person commented on the Boston Alternative Energy Facility's effect on house prices. 1 person suggested that a financial contribution should be made to the RSPB, schools, the maintenance of roads and the local council. 1 person suggested the location of the Boston Alternative Energy Facility is not environmentally friendly.</p>

Question	Comments
	1 person recognised that the facility will provide jobs. 1 person acknowledged the use of the river and minimising traffic.

11 Conclusion

11.1.1 Over 240 people attended the Phase One Public Information Days which, from experience gained from other public events, represents a strong turnout and demonstrates the extent of publicity for the consultation.

11.1.2 The feedback received from this phase of consultation was mostly positive and supportive of the proposals.

11.1.3 Respondents understood the need to reduce landfill and find alternative ways to generate renewable energy. Respondents also thought that creating energy from waste was a good idea. The main concerns people had related to traffic, safety, air quality and emissions, odour and noise.

12 Photographs

12.1 White Hart Hotel



12.2 St Nicholas Community Centre



12.3 Black Sluice Lock Cottages



12.4 Fishtoft Pavillion



12.5 Frampton Church Hall



Appendix 1 – Phase One feedback form

12. Are there any additional steps that Alternative Use Boston Projects Ltd could take to keep local communities better informed about the proposed Boston Alternative Energy Facility?

13. Please use the space below to provide any additional comments about the Public Information Day or the proposal for Boston Alternative Energy Facility.

Please return your form in the box provided or via freepost using the address below. Alternatively, you can complete an electronic form via the Boston Alternative Energy Facility website. www.bostonaef.co.uk

- ☐ Please tick here if you would like us to contact you to answer a question and if you are happy for us to store your details for this purpose.
- ☐ Please tick here if you would like us to keep you updated about the project and if you are happy for us to store your details for this purpose.

You are under no obligation to give us your contact details but if you would like us to contact you please leave your email or postal address here:

Name

Address

Email

It would also be helpful if you could give us your postcode so that we have an idea where people who have attended the exhibition live. You are, however, under no obligation to provide us with this information.

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The Public Information Days in September 2018 are part of Phase One consultation for the proposed Boston Alternative Energy Facility.

Your feedback is important to us and is essential in helping to shape our plans in the lead up to our Development Consent Order submission seeking consent for the Facility.

Phase One consultation ends on **Friday 19 October 2018** and it is important that all feedback forms and comments are received before the closing date.

1. Which Public Information Day(s) did you attend?

- ☐ White Hart Hotel, Friday 14 September 2018
- ☐ St Nicholas Community Centre, Saturday 15 September 2018
- ☐ Black Sluice Lock Cottages, Wednesday 19 September 2018
- ☐ Fishtoft Pavillion, Thursday 20 September 2018
- ☐ Frampton Church Hall, Friday 21 September 2018

2. How did you hear about this Public Information Day?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer through the door | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advert in the local newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Poster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Article in the local newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council or Parish Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) |

3. Did you find this event useful in informing you about the proposed Boston Alternative Energy Facility?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If yes, what did you find particularly helpful? If no, why?

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4. Were the materials presented at the Public Information Days helpful and informative?☐ Yes

If yes, what did you find particularly useful?

☐ No

If no, why?

5. Did the Public Information Day increase your understanding of the project?☐ Yes – to a great extent☐ Yes – to some extent☐ No**6. Do you think it's important to find alternative ways to generate electricity?**☐ Yes☐ No

Please explain the reasons behind your answer.

7. Do you think generating energy from waste is better than sending waste to landfill?☐ Yes☐ No

Please explain the reasons behind your answer.

8. What do you think the most important benefits of the project might be?☐ Job creation☐ Investment in the local economy☐ Energy production☐ Providing a source of renewable energy☐ Reducing the amount of waste to landfill☐ Other (please specify)

9. If you have concerns about our proposals please detail them below.

10. What mitigation measures would you like to see to minimise any potential negative impacts of the facility?

11. Are you aware of any other organisations or people Alternative Use Boston Projects Ltd should talk to, who may have information that could inform our proposals?
