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Dear Sir/Madam

As NEMT and NFHT are entering into joint enterprises such as insurances, and are becoming major financial benefactors, I would like to ask as a NEMT trustee, by way of due diligence the following questions:

#### **Membership, Visitors & Volunteers**

1. What is the total membership of NFHT as of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019?
2. Where is the process of becoming a NFHT member publicised and how do you become a member?
3. How many active volunteers do NFHT have as of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019?
4. How often do NFHT volunteers meet?
5. How do NFHT volunteers benefit?
6. What projects are NFHT currently engaged in?
7. What premises do NFHT own/rent?

#### **Financial**

8. What fundraising applications have NFHT's made in the last year?
9. What were the total external (none trustee) **funds** successfully raised in the last year?
10. What is the total amount of external (none trustee) **donations** that NFHT received in the last year?
11. What is the total amount of internal (trustee) **donations** that NFHT received in the last year?
12. What is NFHT's source of **income**?
13. What is the total external (none trustee) **income** that NFHT generated in the last year?
14. What major (over £1k) assets do NFHT have?
15. Is NFHT registered for "Gift Aid"?
16. How much has NFHT received in "Gift Aid" in the last year?

#### **Management/Governance**

17. Can you please forward me a copy of NFHT's full aims and objectives?
18. Can you please forward me a copy of your full constitution as posted with the Charity Commission?
19. Can you please forward me a copy of all your policies?
20. What are the names of all your past trustees?
21. Who are the officers on the board of NFHT?

22. How often do the trustees meet?
23. How many times have the trustees met in the last year?
24. When was the last trustee meeting?
25. Can you please forward me copies of trustee meeting minutes for the last 3 years?
26. When was the last AGM?
27. Please forward me the minutes of your last AGM

### **Public Benefit**

28. What is the address to visit NFHT's public attractions?
29. Are NFHT's public attractions regularly open to the public?
30. Where is NFHT's public activities promoted?
31. Can you show me NFHT's public activity promotional materials for the last year?
32. Do you have a public visitor book/record?
33. How many public visitors have you had in the last year?
34. Can you evidence these public visitors' numbers as NEMT and other charities can?
35. How many people have received heritage education from NFHT in the last year?
36. What days a week is NFHT open to the public?
37. How do the public look at or go out in NFHT's boats?
38. How do you publicise looking at or going out in NFHT's boats?
39. When was looking at or going out in NFHT's boats last publicised?
40. Do NFHT's boats go out regularly with the public on-board?
41. How often was each NFHT boat out in the last year with public visitors on-board?
42. How many public visitors went out in NFHT boats in the last year?
43. What maritime events did NFHT attend in the last year?
44. Where can the public view NFHT's records, photographs, illustrations and audio recordings?

As it will help demonstrate that NFHT are a charity that NEMT should be financially and operationally involved with and in the best interests of NEMT, a reply in writing to each point would be greatly appreciated.

I am on record as objecting to giving monies away where NEMT do not legally need to, and to entering into joint enterprises with NFHT.

Yours sincerely

Martin Wilson  
Trustee  
North East Maritime Trust