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1	30-Oct-24	Document Missing	There appears to be a document missing from the Tender Pack : Appendix A – Designers Risk Register 30229848-ARC-HGN-01-TH-ZZ-00002 – MKSS – Design Risk Management Schedule	Please refer to the Tender Amendment 1 attachment.	Tender Amendment 1 >Volume 4 Site Information>Additional Documents>PCI Appendix A - Designers Risk Assessment
2	8-Nov-24	Site investigation	Can you please forward the site investigation listed in the Pre-construction Information, as highlighted below. - Trial Hole Log Sheets 1-6 for Milton Keynes Station Square - Trial Hole Locations Plan - Milton Keynes Station Square	The Trial Hole Logs and Location Plan will be included in Tender Amendment 1 which will be issued imminently.	Tender Amendment 1 >Volume 4 Site Information>Additional Documents
3	8-Nov-24	Contractors compound	Further to the specification Appendix 1/1 items 1-3, can you please confirm: -Has an area been identified for the Contractors compound? -Re Item 2 – is it acceptable for the Overseeing Organisations parking spaces being in a public car park? -Providing the area is reinstated on completion, can the contractor place offices on the orange shaded area in the sketch below:	It is envisaged the Contractors compound will be located within the site boundary. However, should this not be convenient, the Contractor should make their own arrangements for suitable compounds in other areas directly with the landowner concerned. It should be noted the Contractor must take into account traffic movements in the local area and the effect on local traffic and highway infrastructure when proposing any alternative compound. Parking spaces for the Overseeing Organisation must be within the Contractors compound as specified. Subject to reinstatement of the area to the original condition, Contractors offices may be placed in the existing landscaped areas as proposed.	
4	8-Nov-24	Programme Format	Further to Specification Appendix 1/13 1ii) can we produce our programmes in Asta Powerproject instead of MS Project?	Due to existing software used by the Overseeing Organisation, programmes should be provided in MS Project. However, alternative project management software proposed will be permitted providing the software, suitable license and training (if required) is provided and paid for by the Contractor.	
5	8-Nov-24	Traffic Management	Further to Specification Appendix 1/17 Clause 2, we note that Traffic Management plan need to be submitted 12-weeks in advance of implementation. The timescale outline in the ITT document only has 4-weeks from contract signing and the assess date. Traffic Management will be required on the access date, therefore can Appendix 1/17 be amended to 2-weeks notification. Likewise, Appendix 1/17 clause 4 will also need amending to suit the project timescales. Can you please confirm that Traffic Management does not need to be removed for Easter or Bank Holidays. This is covers by Appendix 1/17 clauses 20-22.	The Contractor should contact the Local Highway Authority (LHA) and satisfy themselves on requirements for permits and notice periods, the requirements in Appendix 1/17 can be relaxed subject to satisfactory response from the LHA. With regard to requirements for traffic management during Bank Holiday periods, Appendix 1/17 Clause 22 allows the Contractor to seek authorisation to leave traffic management in place, the Contractor is recommended to contact the LHA to ascertain whether this will be possible.	
6	8-Nov-24	Site Clearance Table 2/3-1	Further to the first item of Table 2/3-1 of the specification, can you please confirm where the "Existing Stone slabs" are being removed.	The Existing Stone Slabs referred to in Table 2/3-1 are the coping stones on the walls to the existing landscaped areas to the north of the site.	
7	8-Nov-24	Bicycle Shelters	Can you please confirm what is required with the existing cycle shelters. Drawing 30229848-ARC-HSC-ZZ-DR-HE-00001 P01 shows the shelter closest to the bus-stops being set aside for relocation and the other half being removed. We understand that new cycle shelters are required as part of the project and can not see where the existing shelters are being relocated.	New cycle shelters are not required. The requirements are for the Contractor to take down the existing shelters and re-purpose them for re-use in the areas identified on the Contract Drawings. Any reference to "new" cycle shelters refers to the reinstatement of the existing shelters. There is an element of Contractor design for the new foundations and any work to re-purpose the existing shelters for re-use.	

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8	8-Nov-24	Santander dock and bicycles	<p>Can you please confirm the duration we need to allow within our programme for the third-party contractor to remove and later reinstall the Santander cycles and docking station.</p> <p>Furthermore, can you please confirm:</p> <p>If we need to provide storage for the equipment between removal and reinstallation.</p> <p>The installation details for the Santander docking stations.</p> <p>Is any work required by the contractor to allow the Santander docking stations to be reinstalled?</p>	Durations and programme for the relocation of the Santander cycles and docking station is currently unknown. The Contractor should include a reasonable allowance for this operation and clearly show this in their tender submission.	
9	8-Nov-24	Street Lighting	<p>Can you please confirm the duration we need to allow within our programme for the third-party contractor install the new street lighting.</p> <p>Can you please confirm if there is any work required by Winvic to allow the new Street Lighting to be installed?</p>	<p>The only works required under this contract are the removal of existing lighting columns, installation of new columns (provided free issue by the Client) and ducting.</p> <p>The third party contractor street lighting installation (new installation of lanterns, cabling and connections) will not be undertaken as part of this contract and will be provided by the third party when works are complete.</p>	
10	8-Nov-24	As built LV Electric	Can you please forward the as-built information for all of the electric equipment (street lighting, bicycle shelters, clock, etc) that we have to remove, showing all the electric connection.	All information held is contained with the Pre-Construction Information. Where additional information is required, the Contractor shall allow for electrical surveys to be undertaken to determine and confirm disconnections required.	
11	8-Nov-24	Existing Totem	We note that the existing Advertising Totem is to remain in a location where the footpath is reduced to 2m. We note that the totem is 1m wide, therefore giving limited space for pedestrians to pass through. Does this totem need to be included in the site clearance?	The layout of this path has been amended and will be included in Tender Amendment 1.	Tender Amendment 1 > Volume 3 - Works Information > Amended Documents
12	8-Nov-24	Landscape Irrigation	Can you please confirm if the "Leaky Pipe" irrigation system required a main water supply or do we just need to provide connection points for a hose system?	Details of work required will be included in Tender Amendment 1.	Tender Amendment 1 > Volume 3 - Works Information > Additional Documents
13	8-Nov-24	Percolation Test	Can you please confirm what is consider a pass for the percolation tests in the tree pits?	Percolation tests are required by the Landscape Architect to confirm the design and suitability of the proposed tree pits. As required by clause Q31/515 the results should be reported to the Project Manager who will confirm any additional requirements.	
14	8-Nov-24	Statutory Service diversions	<p>Can you please confirm that BT, water, and gas services do not need diverting, especially where the existing services press through proposed planting area. The proposed excavation in the planting area is 700mm deep and BT services may only have 450mm cover.</p> <p>In reference to DWG # 30229848-ARC-HSC-ZZ-DR-HE-00001, a sketch of the existing service which has been compiled from the tender information. BT = dark grey, water = blue, gas = yellow.</p>	No diversion of existing utilities is envisaged.	
15		Tender Amendment	This amendment includes updated and additional documents to the published 'MKDP Tender Pack.zip.' Please refer to the 'Tender Amendment 1' attachment for details.	<p>Unchanged Documents:</p> <p>-Volume 0: Invitation to Tender</p> <p>-Volume 1: Form of Agreement</p> <p>Amended Documents:</p> <p>-Volume 2: Contract Data</p> <p>-Volume 3: Works Information (for certain drawings)</p> <p>Additional Documents:</p> <p>-Volume 3: Works Information</p> <p>-Volume 4: Site Information</p>	Tender Amendment 1 (Zipped Folder)

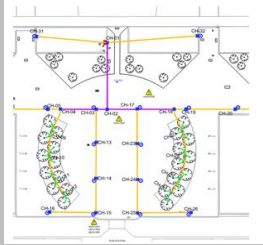
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16	13-Nov-24	Drawing 3616-PLA-XX-GF-DR-L-0001	Please provide scope of works for existing tree retained or confirm that this is by others. Drawing shows play installation and notes by others. These play features are not shown in the Arcadis drawing pack. Is play excluded or included in the scope?	These are existing trees to be retained, therefore the contractor must manage their works to avoid damage to these trees in accordance with any requirements in the External Works Softworks Specification. The play features, as with any items marked as to be completed "by others" are not part of the Scope.	
17	13-Nov-24	Drawing 3616-PLA-XX-GF-DR-L-2001	Multi-stem trees are specified by girth of each stem and height. Specified height will not provide girths prescribed. Please advise if girth size of stems is to take precedent.	Girth size of stems take precedence.	
18	13-Nov-24	Drawing 3616-PLA-XX-XX-DR-L-6001	Details 02A and 02B show an irrigation system in the form of drip lines. Please confirm details and provide scheme design.	Details for the irrigation system have been issued as part of Tender Amendment 1	
19	13-Nov-24	Drawing 3616-PLA-XX-XX-DR-L-6002	Details 03A show irrigation system. Please confirm details and provide scheme design.	Details for the irrigation system have been issued as part of Tender Amendment 1	
20	13-Nov-24	Drawing 30229848-ARC-HLG-ZZ-DR-HE-00001-P01	Confirm lighting design and installation is by others. Assume 50mm duct to trees in hard landscape is for uplighters noted as TBC in Appendix 5/2. Please confirm. Are light columns to be sleeved or fixed ahead of surfacing works. Please confirm interface.	The lighting design has been completed by others, this third party will also install all cabling, connections, lanterns and uplighting following completion of the Station Square contract. The Station Square contractor is only responsible for installing the new columns (provided free issue by the Client) and ducting as specified in the Works Information. All columns to be installed by the Station Square contractor to suit their programme and should be completed before surfacing works to avoid disruption to the newly laid surface.	
21	13-Nov-24	30229848-ARC-HGN-ZZ-DR-HE-00001-P01	Are there any works required to the exiting cycle racks that are to be repositioned.	No works are envisaged to the existing cycle racks other than their relocation as noted on the drawing.	
22	13-Nov-24	Appendix 1/10 Permanent Works to be Designed by the Contractor	States foundations for relocated cycle racks and new shelter structure for same are CDP. The cycle shelter has limited information other than the plan dimensions. Are there any specific requirements to achieve in the specification of the shelter i.e. to match style of existing? Clock Tower - Appendix 26/70 describes CDP responsibilities. Please can you confirm where the current Distribution Board for the power to the clock is located and whether this is a private connection.	There are no specific requirements for the specification of the cycle shelters, however they should be commensurate with the style and function of the existing shelters. The Clock Tower is fed with a private connection, the location of the distribution board is unknown at the current time.	
23	13-Nov-24	Drainage Strategy	The scheme relies on existing gulleys which are raised/lowered to suit levels. Is the existing infrastructure sufficient for the change in surface finish and reduced permeability. With edging to soft landscape areas there is no opportunity to fall to soft so all surface water will be shed towards the station. Is this the right assumption.	This assumption is correct. The proposed provision of additional landscaped areas and permeable tree pits will result in a net reduction of permeable areas therefore the existing drainage infrastructure is sufficient.	
24	13-Nov-24	Artwork	Is the surface applied artwork to be applied during the contract period?	The Client has engaged with an Internationally renowned artist to provide the artwork. Details of this artwork are currently in development and the intention is this will be applied during the contract period if possible. Time permitting, details will be provided by way of tender amendment, failing this instruction under the contract will be made following contract award. Until such amendment is issued please assume the artwork is not to be considered in your tender submission.	

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25	14-Nov-24	Tender Communication and Site Visit	Please can you advise on who is best to speak with regarding this tender? We would also like to attend site to further investigate the area, is this possible?	For any clarifications regarding this tender, please direct your queries here via mkdptender@arcadis.com . The procurement team will respond accordingly. The project site is accessible to the public, so site visits are permitted at any time without prior notification.	
26	14-Nov-24	Site Clearance Table 2/3-1 Coping Stones	Further to the response to Tender Clarification 6 can you please confirm the quantity of coping stones to be removed and if the existing walls need to be broken down. The Site Clearance drawing 30229848-ARC-HSC-ZZ-DR-HE-00001 C01 does not detail this site clearance. Our assumption on the extent of the coping stones to be removed is highlighted in blue in the extract below.	We can confirm the extent of copings to be removed is as you have shown highlighted in blue. The existing walls are not to be broken down.	
27	14-Nov-24	Street Lighting Columns	Further to Tender Clarification 9 can you please forward details of the Street Lighting columns that we are to install.	Please allow for 4m columns, 146mm diameter base with a planted root of 800mm.	
28	14-Nov-24	Landscape reinstatement	Can you please confirm the Landscape reinstatement requirements where ducts are laid through existing planted areas. Please see the screenshot below. 	In landscaped areas, ducts to be laid on sand bed and surround with as dug backfill.	
29	14-Nov-24	Electric Supply to Irrigation Kiosk	Further to Appendix 1/16, can you please confirm that the client will be providing the electric supply to the irrigation kiosk, and the location where the electric connection will be made.	We can confirm the Client will provide the electric supply to the irrigation kiosk.	
30	15-Nov-24	Deadline Extension	Please could we request a deadline extension to the 13th December.	Due to programme constraints and the upcoming Christmas period, any requests for extensions to the submission deadline will not be considered.	
31	18-Nov-24	Artistic Surface Treatment	The artistic surface treatment is not detailed, it looks like there is suggestion this will be done afterwards. Could you provide confirmation of this please?	The Client has engaged with an Internationally renowned artist to provide the artwork. Details of this artwork are currently in development and the intention is this will be applied during the contract period if possible. Time permitting, details will be provided by way of tender amendment, failing this instruction under the contract will be made following contract award. Until such amendment is issued please assume the artwork is not to be considered in your tender submission.	
32	19-Nov-24	Designers Risk Management Schedule	Please can you send the Design Risk Management Schedule for the Milton Keynes project.	See response in CQ#1. Please refer to the published Tender Amendment 1 which can be accessed directly via the Contracts Finder notice.	
33	19-Nov-24	Budget	Please can you provide an estimated budget/ annual spend for this project?	For commercial reasons, the Client is not able to provide this information. Tenderers should submit their most competitive bid based on the Works Information provided.	

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34	19-Nov-24	Landscape reinstatement	Thank you for your response to CQ No. 28, however the question related to the reinstatement of the landscaping that will need removing to lay the ducts. Can you please confirm the species and density of the replacement planting?	The route for the ducting in this area is being reviewed and the ducts will be rerouted around the existing landscaped areas, this will be issued as a tender amendment in due course.	
35	21-Nov-24	NEC4 ECC Option A - Standard Form	Please provide another copy of the 'NEC4 ECC Option A - Standard Form' as we cannot open this document.	The Standard form of contract is the Engineering and Construction Contract Option A: Priced Contract with Activity Schedule, June 2017 (with amendments January 2023) published by Thomas Telford Ltd. If tenderers are unable to open this document due to licensing restrictions, the Contract can be purchased from Thomas Telford Limited.	
36	21-Nov-24	Landscape planting density	Can you please confirm that the planting densities shown on drawings 3916-PLA-XX-GF-DR-L-2002 S1 B and 3916-PLA-XX-GF-DR-L-2003 S1 B are correct. For example: •Planting Mix 1 shows 119 shrubs per m2, with the majority of the shrubs being 5l pots. •Bulb Mix 2 shows 90 bulbs per m2.	Your interpretation is incorrect. Planting mix 1 is a total of 549m2. There are 3,849 plants total in this mix. Total plants divided by total area gives 7 per m2. Bulb mix 2 is 30 bulbs per m2, not 90, as each species is 33.3% of the mix. This is stated on the planting schedule.	
37	21-Nov-24	Retention X16	We request that the retention amount in X16 is reduced to 3%.	We are not able to comply with this request.	
38	21-Nov-24	X18 Limit of Liability	We note X18 has been selected in Contract Data Part 1, however no further details have been provided. We suggest: •£18.2 - £5million •£18.3 - £10million •£18.4 - £5million •£18.5 - £10million	Please omit reference to Secondary Clause X18 from the Contract Data.	
39	21-Nov-24	RFI	Do you have any As built information for the existing features, for those to be removed and which to stay, to help us understand what requirements there might be for excavation please?	All information held is contained with the Pre-Construction Information. Where additional information is required, the Contractor shall allow for a reasonable amount of site investigation to ascertain the nature and extent of existing features. When submitting their bid, the Contractor should state assumptions they have made for the removal and retention of existing features.	
40	21-Nov-24	Early Warning Register	We note the Early Warning Register in Contract Data Part 1 lists nominated sub-contractors as an event. Can you please confirm if there are any nominated sub-contractors.	This relates to sub-contractors nominated by the Client to carry out works as referred to in the Works Information, for example Waterscapes Ltd for the irrigation system.	
41	21-Nov-24	Closure of Under pass	Are we to assume the central underpass is to be closed and pedestrians redirected around the square during the works.	The Contractor is responsible for developing a suitable traffic and pedestrian management plan, any potential closure of the underpasses should be addressed as part of this plan.	

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42	21-Nov-24	Clearance/tree pits	Please can you confirm the following: 1. Is the large container unit on the East Corner of the site and the pallets with boulders to be removed by others or included in our tender sum ? 2. Do you have a cross section drawing or a clarification of the build up for the planting area to the Northern End of the site. 3. Do you have cross section detail drawing for the large 22no London Plane trees, Or do we assume same build up as other tree pits in soft?	1. The large container and the pallets with boulders will be removed by others prior to commencement of this contract. 2. We do not have the information requested. 3. All information relating to the London Plane Trees has been provided in Works Information.	
43	22-Nov-24	Statue	Can you confirm if the Statue will be removed prior to works commencing?	The statue is included in the Works Information to be removed, noted as "Sculpture", as detailed on drawing 30229848-ARC-HSC-ZZ-DR-HE-00001	
44	22-Nov-24	Noise monitoring facilities	Please confirm if you would like us to provide noise monitoring facilities	Noise monitoring is not a specific requirement, however the Contractor should note and comply with the requirements of Appendix 1/9.	
45	22-Nov-24	Preliminaries	Please confirm if you would like us to provide noise monitoring facilities	Noise monitoring is not a specific requirement, however the Contractor should note and comply with the requirements of Appendix 1/9.	
46	22-Nov-24	Preliminaries	Please confirm if you would like us to provide vibration monitoring facilities	Vibration monitoring is not a specific requirement, however the Contractor should note and comply with the requirements of Appendix 1/9.	
47	22-Nov-24	Works by others	Please confirm that the electrical supply to the clock will be disconnected by others prior to commencement of our works.	The Contractor should allow for disconnections of electrical equipment within the site.	
48	22-Nov-24	Works by others	Please confirm that the electrical supply to the benches will be disconnected by others prior to commencement of our works.	The Contractor should allow for disconnections of electrical equipment within the site.	
49	22-Nov-24	Works by others	Please confirm that the electrical supply to the lighting columns / luminaries will be disconnected by others prior to commencement of our works.	The Client will arrange for disconnections of DNO supplies only.	
50	22-Nov-24	Works by others	Please confirm if you require us to supply and install the foundation base to the feeder pillar.	The foundation base will be installed by others.	
51	22-Nov-24	Specification	We have concerns about the specified resin bonded specification with regards to its suitability and durability. We would like permission to change this to a resin bound alternative to mitigate issues. Please confirm if we can use this alternative. Please note that if the resin bonded system is required we cannot offer any warranty or guarantee for this product.	The completed scheme is primarily intended to be a maintenance scheme to improve the existing surfaced area prior to potential further development in the medium term, therefore a resin bonded surface will be fit for purpose. Tenders should be submitted in accordance with the Works Information, however tenderers can offer alternatives providing a fully compliant tender is also submitted.	
52	22-Nov-24	Works by others	Please confirm that the new electrical supply to the clock will be connected by others	Yes	
53	22-Nov-24	Design	Please confirm that the client has undertaken a structural integrity test of the existing bike shelters to determine that they are suitable for re-use	A structural integrity test of the existing shelters has not been undertaken, the Contractor is to determine this on commencement of the project and report any problems to the Client.	
54	22-Nov-24	Maintenance	The specification only requires 12 months maintenance for the soft landscaping (planting and trees). Please confirm if you would like this extended to 24 months for the trees which is standard practice for soft landscaping works.	The time period for warranty of landscaping is specified in the External Works Softworks Specification Clause 720, para. 1.1.1. In accordance with Clause 710, maintenance periods will align with this period, i.e. 12 months for planting and 24 months for trees.	

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55	22-Nov-24	Muckaway	Please confirm if there is any other soils reports / boreholes to enable us to assess the risk of hazardous and non-hazardous materials. Without further information we will only be able to price with all arisings being clean inert.	All information held has been provided in the Site Information in Volume 4 of the tender pack.	
56	22-Nov-24	Irrigation	Please provide foundation details for irrigation kiosk	All information held has been included in the Works Infimation in Volume 3 of the tender pack. Further information should be sought from Waterscapes Ltd, the nominated sub-contractor, if required.	