

Clarifications and Responses

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION SCENARIOS FOR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT 2042

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About this Document

This document contains a record of the queries and clarification questions received by Natural England in relation to the opportunity to deliver 'Science and Innovation Scenarios for The Natural Environment 2042'.

All information relating to the suppliers who raised these queries has been removed to ensure confidentiality during the application and evaluation process.

The full messages have also been condensed into concise question and answer format to support the purpose and accessibility of this document.

If you feel there are any key details of your query that have been overlooked as a result of this transformation, please contact marcela.capaja@naturalengland.org.uk.

As the clarifications period for this project is now closed, we are unable to respond any new queries or clarification requests.

Please ensure your submission is sent to marcela.capaja@naturalengland.org.uk by Friday 29th September at 3pm (BST).

Question 1.

Is there possibility to increase the budget for this work, or otherwise accept proposals with a reduced scope to deliver within the allocated budget?

The budget currently remains fixed at the advertised rate. While we are exploring the opportunities to extend the budget, there is no guarantee of additional funds being made available at present. Resultantly, there is no current possibility of an increased budget for the SINE42 Scenarios work. There may however be room for negotiation around the project scope of works to accommodate a more collaborative and co-creative approach. Natural England may be able to offer support in the form of assistance of internal project and engagement lead to manage, deliver and report on related stakeholder engagement; support from the technical project lead to manage, resolve and communicate emerging issues; assistance with stakeholder mapping, evidence scoping, evidence pooling and systems mapping, in support of the supplier's work.

Question 2.

What level of support and involvement is the FSI team expecting to provide, particularly on project management, analysis, and scenario development?

The Futures, Systems and Innovation project team will provide support throughout the project which will be identified through a 'ways of working agreement' as part of the project initiation

process. It will be between the supplier and Natural England to decide upon an appropriate way of working that is suitable for both parties. This may include:

Stakeholder management and engagement support: Natural England may deliver stakeholder mapping to signpost the supplier towards essential contacts and expertise, as well as support on managing stakeholder communications where required. This may include organising and hosting online and in-person workshops, events, and interviews with key stakeholders along with the necessary planning, delivery, and reporting,

Specialist Knowledge support: Natural England may connect the suppliers with key contacts within and external to the organisation, ensuring the supplier has access to relevant and high-quality evidence and information. The FSI team will ensure that the project is aligned with the organisation's key objectives and relevant environmental targets.

Evidence Scoping and pooling: Natural England may have the capacity and resource to support with setting the scope for evidence gathering, collecting and pooling evidence from internal and external stakeholders, systems mapping.

Key driver analysis & scenario building: Natural England will entrust the core analysis and scenario building process to the supplier. Resource may be available through Natural England's FSI team should the supplier wish to make these activities more collaborative. Natural England will host regular project progress meetings to help steer and track the development of these activities, including to manage where additional collaboration may be needed.

Question 3.

Will Natural England work with an architect to develop the SINE strategy?

The project will be led, governed, and supported by the internal Futures, Systems, and Innovation (FSI) team at Natural England. Whilst there will be no external architect for the project, the SINE 42 project team will leverage the appropriate channels to ensure project suppliers have access to environmental evidence, expertise and subject specialists.

Question 4.

The tender states that the supplier can attach an organogram and Gantt chart at E04, however E02 also requires a Gantt chart and E03 requires an organogram. Which question should include these requirements and are they in addition to the page limit?

Only one project plan and a singular Gantt chart needs to be submitted, providing they meet the requirements listed across E02, E03 & E04. The project Gantt chart must display core tasks, time allocations (in days) milestones, and key dependencies. A project organogram must display the main project roles and the named individual(s) fulfilling them, the project management structure

and lines of communication and reporting. Both the organogram and the Gantt chart can be submitted in addition to the page limit, as listed in E04.

Question 5.

Would Natural England be willing to incorporate additional wording intended to protect pre-existing IPR and to enable the supplier to use knowledge generated during the course of the project?

The contract will follow the [standard condensed terms](#) used to contract with suppliers. While we do not accept changes to these terms for this contract, should the supplier be successful we would be happy to have a discussion about its interpretation to find a viable way forward.

Question 6.

Could you please confirm the submission deadline for the tender?

All submissions should be sent to marcela.capaja@naturalengland.org.uk by **Friday 29th September at 3pm (BST)**.

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