Clarifications to Bidder’s Questions:

Survey of invertebrate assemblages of saltmarsh within Humber Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest

**Q1) No vacuum sampling for noise disturbance. Would a quiet battery-powered vac sampler be permitted on the saltmarsh given visual disturbance (presence of surveyors) will disperse foraging birds too? Hand-searching for beetles can be less effective though sieving litter/ detritus can be productive, though potentially more time-consuming; i.e. longer continued presence per unit area than if vacuum sampling for 2 or 3 minutes.**

A1) Suction sampling is not in the protocol for this assemblage, so shouldn’t be used.

**Q2) It states that pitfall traps must be set on two occasions, during the early season and late season. Is this two occasions in each of the early season and late season; or just two occasions: early and late?**

A2) Please quote for setting pitfall traps on 2 occasions (one in the early visit and one in the late visit).

**Q3) Are there any access restrictions for any of the sites that might impede site work? For example, any UXO or military operations?**

A3) We are not aware of any access restrictions which may impede access to any of the sites. You may wish to request an Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) report, if you deem it necessary.

**Q4) Is the reporting one combined report or separate reports for each site?**

A4) The reporting is one combined report.