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FROME - PHASE 2 - PUBLIC REALM WORKS MARKET PLACE AND SURROUNDING AREA - TENDER

A detailed design of the proposed Phase 2 Public Realm works in Frome Town Centre has been undertaken and now has the benefit of planning consent. The scheme follows the first phase of works carried out in 2017 for the enhancement of the Market Place and to restore the Boyle Cross to a working fountain.

The attached tender documentation outlines the proposed works, which it is proposed will be undertaken in phases to minimise disruption to traffic and pedestrian users. The main aims are to improve footways, bus stops, disabled parking, the facilities for loading/unloading and uncontrolled crossings.

The scheme includes the following elements of works, the phasing of which is to be confirmed:

Disabled bay area

Removal of existing pennant kerb and footway to form a new on-street disabled space to the east of west bound bus stop, the new bay is to have buff colour surfacing (Mastertint).

Bus Stop lay-bys

The layout for this area is to be improved so that one bus can stop at the bus platform while a second bus can park using the bus lane avoiding traffic congestion. The new bus lanes are identified with buff colour surfacing (Mastertint).

It is proposed that both the existing old bus shelters will be replaced with new ones supplied separately by Macemain + Amstad (Paragon Cantilever Shelter). This construction contract (FTCMP2) will include future proofing works for the possible introduction of a Real Time Information system i.e. electrical and comms ducting.

The existing railings on the small retaining wall on the southern side of Market Place are to be retained and repainted.

The existing footways will be narrowed at each side of the road and resurfaced using the existing paving slabs to match the existing pattern or replacement blocks if necessary, being similar to the Marshalls Tegula pennant slabs and specified laying pattern. Resurfacing of the existing lower level footway to the southern bus stop has been included to provide an even graded and tidy paving area.

Pedestrian crossings including tactile paving and central splitter island

Introduction of two new uncontrolled pedestrian crossings, one being located at the bottom of Bath Street and the other linking Boyle Cross and George Hotel together with associated white lining, tactile paving and buff colour surfacing (Mastertint). These crossing points are level with the existing carriageway and do not include islands, pedestrians crossing in one movement.

Improvement to the existing pedestrian crossing in King Street with new buff colour surfacing (Mastertint) and flush kerb line demarcation.

An over-runnable central splitter island with associated white lining and buff colour surfacing (Mastertint) has been added to the scheme to both direct vehicles and as part of traffic calming measure, not as a refuge island.

The footway from the bus stops to Cork Street and junction of Stony Street and Market Place will be resurfaced using Marshalls Tegula Pennant Grey slabs matching the existing pattern in the area of the bus stops. The new slabs will be laid from the bus stop, past the George Hotel and around the corner into Cork Street as noted below. The proposed buildout for the new pedestrian crossing outside the George and the new footway realignment between the 'loading bay only' area and the northern bus lay-by will be of the same materials.

Cork Street

Removal of the existing guard railings around the radius of the junction onto Market Place and replacement with bollards, the existing Frome emblems being removed to storage for future use.

The footway works as described above will include the removal of a portion of the existing footway to form 1 No. disabled bay near the George entrance and to accommodate a new extended loading-unloading bay between the crossing point and the bus stop.

Two number additional parking spaces are to be provided along Cork Street, together with the introduction of dropped kerbing to allow access from the carriageway onto the footway in the location of the existing disabled parking.

Stony Street

Resurfacing of existing footway, as indicated on the pavement construction drawing, to be replaced with Welsh Pennant paving and setts with conservation kerbing. Similarly, this paving material is used to form the new buildout adjacent to Stony Street junction and infill the police parking bay which is being removed as part of the scheme and re-profiled junction.

Introduction of new road gullies as necessary in low spots.

The works do not include for new street lighting as the existing lighting is to be retained with the exception of the required lighting within the bus shelters.

Programme of works

The contractor is to confirm their best contract programme for undertaking the works allowing for:

- A, Paving material supplies and deliveries.
- C, Electrical, data and comms connections as may be required to new bus shelters, to be confirmed.
- D, CCTV survey to be carried out after new gully connections (during the works programme as necessary)
- E, Access to existing properties and shops being maintained **at all times**.

- F, Traffic management plan to ensure as a minimum that a one-way access system can be maintained through the town centre **at all times**

Tender documentation

The attached tender documentation includes:

- i. Drawings as indicated on the attached schedule including additional information
- ii. Schedule of Rates
- iii. Declaration of Non-Collusion
- iv. Form of Agreement

The Bill of Quantities has been issued to aid in the preparation of the tender returns and contractors are required to satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of the take off.

Whilst it is noted that indicative existing services layouts have been included within the tender information, it is the contractor's responsibility to trace / confirm the exact position of all existing services within the vicinity of the works, ensuring compliance with Health and Safety and minimising the risk of damage or outages and to provide Traffic Management and Welfare proposals in accordance with CDMC Pre-construction Information package (issued in draft format) and Designer's Risk Assessment.

Tender return

To include:

- Contract works values for the area
- Contractor's best programme/phasing diagram - Must be submitted with the Tender return to be compliant
- Traffic Management proposal - Must be submitted with the Tender return to be compliant.
- Health and Safety documents
- Signed 'Declaration of Non-Collusion Statement'
- Any Items of concern / Qualifications
- Signed form of agreement
- Schedule of rates used to build up the lump sum tender price as identified within the attached bill of quantities
- Method statement

All subsequent Health and Safety documentation will be required for submission to the CDMC upon award of the project and prior to commencement. Please note that the existing highways must strictly be kept clean and clear of construction materials at all times, unless agreed in advance with Somerset County Council Highways Department and particular attention to delivery times to avoid the peak drop off and pick up times.

Tender process

Tenders for the works are to be submitted by mid-day the 6 March 2020 in a plain sealed envelope addressed to Mr Paul Wynne, Town Clerk, Frome Town Council, Town Hall, Christchurch Street West, Frome, Somerset BA11 1EB. The envelope should bear the word 'Tender' followed by the subject to which it relates and nothing else that could identify the sender.

Tenders received will be opened only in the presence of the Town Clerk and relevant staff. All tenders received will be recorded in a register available for inspection. All persons present at the opening will sign the Register.

The receipt of any tenders received will be acknowledged but will then be subject to analysis to check compliance. Interviews with shortlisted contractors will follow with the target date for nomination of the preferred contractor being 19 March 2020. It is proposed that the works will commence following formal appointment and contract as soon as possible afterwards. The target date for commencement is 4 May 2020.

The return of the tender does not constitute the placement of an order or instruction and the successful contractor will be interviewed and duly instructed.

Queries

Any queries regarding the scheme or the attached tender documentation should be directed to:

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