

# HCAP17011: LC160: Dorset Green Technology Park, Winfrith Newburgh, Term Landscape Maintenance and Cleansing Contract 2016-2019

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### **Q1. Suitability Assessment Query**

Having accessed the above titled tender opportunities via “Contracts Finder”, I note that each one requires the bidding contractors to complete a comprehensive Suitability Assessment. As we are an approved supplier for HCA and have many contracts with you, can you confirm if we have to complete all this information, even though we already work for you? The info required is very in depth and will be very time consuming to collate and submit when you already have our company information.

A It is a requirement of each supplier that the Suitability Assessment is completed. The criteria for evaluation are pass or fail. The suitability assessment will be evaluated first. If a supplier ‘fails’ any element of the Suitability Assessment, then further quality and price submissions will not be evaluated.

### **Q2. Tree Specification**

“Watering of young trees up to 2yrs old” – Are there a mains watering point close by?

A There are no mains watering points on the site. Water is to be supplied by the Contractor.

### **Q3. Tree Replacements**

Would these be one off works outside of the contract?

A Tree replacements refer to newly planted trees that would be replaced as they did not thrive or successfully establish. New planting schemes would be tendered in accordance with HCA’s procurement strategy outside of this contract.

**30.06.2016**

### **Q4. TUPE Query**

Are there any staff eligible to transfer under TUPE currently working on site?

A There is currently no staff for transfer under TUPE regulations.

### **Q5. Yard/Storage Query**

Is there a depot and or yard / store facility available on the site to operate the GM contract from?

A There is no official storage facility on site at present however it will be possible to store machinery on site. The exact location is not confirmed and will be agreed with the successful Supplier but it is likely to be in close proximity to the gatehouse. There is currently 24Hr security on site, but all machinery left on site will be done so at the Suppliers own risk.

**Q6. Grass cutting specification**

Can you indicate the grass cutting frequency expected for short and rough grass areas? We realise the specification is output based but an indication would be useful based on the current practise?

A Where a specific number of visits/cuts is not stated the Supplier must maintain the grass as indicated within the specification. Grass growth must be monitored and maintained within the parameters of the specification regardless of growing conditions throughout the year. Therefore number of visits may vary so the tender price is expected cover maintenance for the entire duration of the year.

In our experience we would expect short grass to be cut on approximately a fortnightly cycle and rough grass on a 3-6 week cycle dependant on growing conditions, however neither of these frequencies should be predetermined by the Supplier and cutting should proceed to ensure it remains within the parameters of the specification.

**Q7. Cleansing Specification**

Can you indicate the volume of fly tipping collected over the past 12 months as an indicator of scale of the issue?

A HCA acquired the site within the last 12 months from a third party, initially there was a large volume to clear. There is 24 hour security, therefore the level of fly tipping across the site is minimal. A separate quote will be sought to clear all instances of fly tipping that fall outside the parameters of the cleansing regime.

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**Q8. Weed Control Specification**

Following our site visit it was evident that in relation to specification item W1 that there was significant weed growth in the shrub beds in particular. Will the beds and hard surface areas be weed free when the contract is awarded or will there be additional funds and or time to get them up to specification?

A None of the areas will be weed free when the contract is awarded. It is up to the winning Supplier to get them up to a weed free specification and to be maintained as so, throughout the contract period. No extra funds will be available.

**Q9. TUPE Query**

Would it be possible to get the information regarding TUPE for this contract please, we are working on our prices at the moment but require all the TUPE information in order to complete them.

A There is currently no staff for transfer under TUPE regulations.

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**Q10. Weed Control Specification**

Please can you provide a clear explanation of what is required re the Grass Edge Treatment W11?

A Refer to maintenance specification part 4.2.46 and section 3 for definition of a woody weed.

All encroachment from woody species, scrub or excessive weed growth shall be cut back a couple of times per year to prevent encroachment in to the grass area as detailed in the specification clause above.