SPECIFICATION FOR THE PROVISION OF TRIAL HOLES FOR HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENTS, KETTERING

Following a successful bid to English Heritage, Kettering Borough Council have been awarded funds to improve the town centre, as part of a High Street Heritage Action Zone project. The Council are looking to locate utilities like water and gas pipes along with possible historic road surfaces. A key element of this project is to undertake public realm works in the town centre. It is a requirement of the funding that we retain and repair any historic road surfaces and features. Whilst there are limited or no features apparent at surface level, consideration will need to be given to reuse and reinstatement of the historic road surfaces or features.

As part of the final design the Council are seeking a contractor to undertake a number of trial holes (See Appendix A) within Kettering town centre. Contractor will be required to undertake the following:

* Undertake 1x1m hand dug trial holes to a maximum depth of 1.2m to identify all utility services and features and reinstate to an equal standard to that prior to the works being undertaken.
* Record and identify all services and provide trial hole log, recording photographic evidence of utility services and historic features, coordinates of services and level of service to OS datum.
* Provide a programme for trial holes and allow access for a conservation officer and or county archeologist to visit and record historic features. Trial Holes to be closed only on approval of Engineer.
* Provide supporting documentation in a timely manner to allow the Council to secure necessary road opening licences
* Comply with all requirements of NCC when working in the public highway.
* Provide and maintain appropriate traffic management and ensure all excavations and working area are adequately fenced off at all times
* Demonstrate an ability and track record of undertaking similar works in public highway
* Work with the appointed CDM 2015 Planning Supervisor

A PAS survey of the area has previously been undertaken – See Appendix B