

Soft Market Test

For

24049 Provision of Traffic Regulation Order Management System

Cambridgeshire County Council

Ref: 24049

Section 1: Introduction

1. General Requirements

- 1.1. Cambridgeshire County Council (Authority) is publishing this document for the purpose to briefly explain to suppliers the business and technical requirements and the expected scope of a Traffic Regulation Order Management system in order that suppliers can explain the relevance of products, services and their experience to the requirements.
- 1.2. Suppliers can find out more about the Authority's tender process, role and strategies via the [Supplying to the Council](#) webpage.
- 1.3. **Please note:** this market testing exercise is **not** an invitation to tender or a request for formal expressions of interest. This document does not form any part of an invitation to tender. The Authority is issuing this request for **information only**. Any supplier invited to present to Authority is doing so to support market research only and to help make any potential procurement process more focused and efficient. No supplier selection or supplier preference is implied.

2. Confidentiality and Freedom of Information (FOI)

- 2.1. **Please note:** all information included in this Soft Market Testing is confidential and only for the recipients' knowledge. No information included in this document or in discussions connected to it may be disclosed to any other party without prior written authorisation.
- 2.2. All responses will be treated confidentially. However, please be aware that we are subject to the disclosure requirements of the FOI Act and that potentially any information we hold is liable to disclosure under that Act. For this reason, we strongly advise that any information you consider to be confidential is labelled as such. In the event that a request is subsequently made for disclosure under FOI the request will be dealt with in accordance with the legislation.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Authority provides county-wide services to all its citizens, has numerous statutory responsibilities, including in respect of the provision of education, and supports blue light services, the health sector, charities, and other local Authorities.

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4. Soft Market Test Timetable

- 4.1. Please read this document and if you feel that your organisation is able to contribute to this exercise, please click on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/YrVp8kgZRz> and complete by 6th December 2024.
- 4.2. Potential responders will not be prejudiced in any future procurement processes by either responding or not responding to this soft market test exercise.

Section 2: Identification of Requirement

5. Current Situation

- 5.1. The Authority currently operates a Traffic Regulation Order Management system and has done successfully for a number of years. It is now looking to reprocur this service again. The Authority issue over 100 permanent TROs and manage hundreds or permanent TROs on an annual basis. And though The Authority is not fully paperless in our processes, the majority of the TROs are electronic.
- 5.2. The Authority is keen to carry on producing TROs in a digital format and, to consolidate all paper text-based Orders in future.
- 5.2.1. Currently, Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire are fully digitised, with Huntingdonshire District to be coming online in the next few months and, Fenland & East Cambridgeshire to come online in subsequent years as resources allow.
- 5.3. The Authority is keen to move to a fully digital solution as expected by the Department of Transport (DfT) and as laid out in the *Automated Vehicles Act 2024* s.93 but would also like to understand what interoperability between various systems an Authority managing its road network will have with the TRO system.

6. Our Requirements

- 6.1. The Authority requires a digital platform that is cloud-based and will manage its permanent TRO process from concept to completion.
- 6.2. We are looking for a solution that will:
1. Allow officers to manage the complete statutory process for proposing and, making permanent TROs including experimental and both static and moving Order types.
 2. Provide tooling to allow officers to draft map based TROs.
 3. Provide tooling to allow officers to edit existing TROs in order to effect corrections.
 4. Provide a consultation portal for the public to respond to proposed TROs.
 5. Provide an online map and inventory of all made TROs that the public have access to.
 6. Be APDS/DTRO compliant (APDS is a British Parking Association data standard/ DTRO is a DfT data standard).
 7. Provide an API that can be utilised for further interoperability with other platforms on a needs basis (example One.Network [and parking enforcement back office systems]).
 8. Provide statistics on TROs held in the system, be able to provide data on types and lengths of TROs recorded and graphically visualise them.

9. Provide a live link to CCC corporate GIS (Geographic Information System), MapInfo or QGIS is preferred, for data/geographic analytics of TROs.
10. Be cloud based and capable of being utilised on any web browser
11. Be *Cyber Essentials* compliant or working towards.
12. Be at least WCAG AA rated.
13. Be compliant with the *Automated Vehicles Act 2024 s.93*

7. Background – Social Value

- 1.1. The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 requires public authorities to have regard to economic, social and environmental wellbeing in connection with public service contracts; and for connected purposes.
- 1.2. The Authority is keen to see how it could be possible to include Social value as part of all its procurement opportunities which may form part of the overall Award criteria where appropriate.
- 1.3. Please note that any social value commitments should be appropriate to the local area. For the Authority 'local' is defined as being within the Cambridgeshire boundary area.
- 1.4. The Authority shall be actively encouraging bidders who share their commitment to proactively deliver additional social value within Cambridgeshire outside of any core requirements within the specification.