

Dunes of Barrow North Walney NNR and West of Airfield area

Scrub clearance Specifications

1. Background to Dunes of Barrow Project

Dunes of Barrow is a five-year project, funded by not-for-profit company WREN and delivered by Cumbria Wildlife Trust to reinvigorate the internationally important shingle and dune systems of Walney and Foulney Island.

The project will restore large areas of currently degraded dunes to their former glory and improve conditions for some specialist species including breeding terns and ringed plovers, to rare plants and specialist invertebrates.

2. Overview

Scrub is to be cleared from multiple locations in the area of land known as “West of Airfield” adjacent to Walney Island Airfield, and the North Walney NNR, to enhance and improve the existing dune heath. The total area of scrub clearance is approximately 5ha, and the approximate locations are shown on the attached map.

Specific details of the locations are to be discussed and marked on the ground during a mandatory site walkover, to be arranged.

All cut material to then be chipped in-situ.

3. Timings

Work must be completed by the 28th March 2017.

4. Requirements

- a. Description of works
 - i. The contractor is to provide all labour, all equipment, and any other items necessary for the work.
 - ii. The Contractor will provide day-to-day supervision of the work and will maintain close contact with the Dunes of Barrow Co-ordinator throughout the works.
 - iii. The Contractor will provide all equipment, all fuel and maintain all equipment required for the completion of the project.
 - iv. Treatment via cutting of all scrub within the area as shown coloured on the attached map and from the site visit.
 - v. Vehicular access will be via the BAE North Walney airfield. Security is tight for access and BAE will require certain information to be discussed to the successful contractor.
 - vi. The work site lies within an area designated as open access land. Contractors must ensure that the work is executed in a manner which takes account of the possible presence of members of the public and their dogs and adopt appropriate control measures; identified in their risk assessment.

- vii. The work will be carried out by trained and certified personnel. Copies of all personnel certification, personal and public liability insurance documents and Risk Assessments for the work must be provided to the Dunes of Barrow Co-ordinator together with and at the same time as submittance of quotation.
 - viii. All work must be carried out in a workman-like fashion, and the site left in a tidy condition. The Contractor shall make good any damage to roads, tracks, fences, walls, gates, gateposts, bridges and culverts, as arising from the execution of this work.
- b. Access

Access routes as identified by the reserve manager must be strictly adhered to.
- c. Contract Management

The execution of the operations identified in the specification will be the responsibility of the Contractor, who will liaise regularly with the Dunes of Barrow Co-ordinator.
- d. Health and Safety
 - i. Risk assessments for the site conditions and for general work areas are attached at Appendix 1 for reference. The Contractor will provide appropriate risk assessments covering all aspects of the contracted work. The Contractor will be required to sign these as read by all contracted staff and pass signed copies to the Dunes of Barrow Co-ordinator for retention. Work will not be commenced until this is completed.
 - ii. The Contractor will be responsible for the safe keeping of their machinery and equipment during the period of the contract.
 - iii. The Contractor will be responsible for all first-aid within the contract work force, and a practising first-aider with current certification will need to be present at all times.
 - iv. The Contractor will provide their workers with serviceable protective clothing, first aid equipment and an appropriate first aid kit.
 - v. All operators will hold appropriate and current training certification.
 - vi. Because of the remote location of the site and the difficult terrain there will be no lone working at any time.

5. Supporting Documentation with your Quotation

- a. Insurance

Cumbria Wildlife Trust and Natural England shall be indemnified against all liabilities ensuing from damage to or from loss of property, or from personal injury, or from death, to any person, caused by the execution of this contract. Copies of these documents must be provided prior to work commencing:
- b. Current Employer's Compulsory Liability insurance
- c. Current Personal and Public Liability insurance
- d. A Health and Safety Policy Statement.

6. Evaluation Criteria

The work will be awarded to the most economically advantageous quotation. This will be assessed by the Senior Reserve Manager and the DoB co-ordinator and evaluation board using these evaluation criteria:

- Knowledge of Site/Site Visit
- Understanding and summary of the task
- Expertise in undertaking similar work
- Timeliness
- Value for Money

7. Contacts

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8. Annex

Appendix 1 Map showing approximate locations of scrub to be cleared