Background to Natural England

We’re the government’s adviser for the natural environment in England. We help to protect and restore our natural world.

Natural England is an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the [Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs).

Background to the specific work area relevant to this purchase

Boardwalk creation at North Solent National Nature Reserve.

Requirement

- To supply a 60m x 1.0m recycled plastic boardwalk consisting of:

 - 1.0m x 100 x 100mm recycled plastic posts, flat ends

 - 1.0m x 100 x 50mm recycled plastic bearers

 - 3.0m x 100 x 50mm recycled plastic joists

 - 3.0m x 50 x 50mm recycled plastic edging rails

 - 1000mm x 150 x 38mm recycled plastic deck boards, grooved surface

 - Fixings to include galvanised coach bolts, nuts, washers and structural timber screws

- Materials should be manufactured from recycled plastic and be recyclable at end of life.

- Boardwalk to carry pedestrians - evidence of load testing to be provided in the quote.

- Information on composition of boardwalk material to be provided in the quote.

- Evidence to be provided on history of supplying these materials.

- Drawings to be provided to facilitate construction of boardwalk.

- Delivery to Natural England, St Leonards Barn, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst, SO42 7XF

Sustainability

Natural England protects and improves the environment and is committed to reducing the sustainability impacts of its activities directly and through its supply chains. We expect the Contractor to share this commitment and adopt a sound, proactive sustainable approach in keeping with the 25 yr environmental plan/our commitments compliant with all applicable legislation. This includes understanding and reducing direct and indirect sustainability impacts and realising opportunities, including but not restricted to; resilience to climate change, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, water use and quality, biosecurity, resource efficiency and waste, reducing the risk of pollution, biodiversity, modern slavery and equality, diversity & inclusion, negative community impacts.

As a delivery partner, the successful contractor is expected to pursue sustainability in their operations, thereby ensuring the Contracting Authority is not contracting with a supplier whose operational outputs run contrary to the Contracting Authority’s objectives. The successful contractor will need to approach the project with a focus on the entire life cycle of the project

Outputs and Contract Management

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| Reference | Deliverable | Responsible Party | Date of completion |
| Delivery date | Delivery of goods to site | The supplier | 31-01-25 |
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