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# Tender Response Form

**Play Area at Elms Park**

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**Notes for completion**

1. Please ensure that all questions are completed in full, and in the format requested. If the question does not apply to you, please state ‘N/A’. Should you need to provide additional information in response to the questions, please submit a clearly identified appendix.
2. The Council confirms that it will keep confidential and will not disclose to any third parties any information obtained from a named customer contact, other than to the contracting authorities defined by the regulations, or pursuant to an order of the court or demand made by any competent authority or body where the authority is under a legal or regulatory obligation to make such a disclosure.

**SECTION 1: PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR INFORMATION**

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| **Part 1** | **Question** | **Response** |
| 1.1(a) | Full trading name of the potential principal contractor |  |
| Registered office address |  |
| Registered website address |  |
| Trading status (PLC, Ltd, LLP, other partnership, sole trader, third sector, other) |  |
| Date of registration |  |
| Company registration number (if applicable) |  |
| Charity registration number (if applicable) |  |
| Head office DUNS number (if applicable) |  |
| Registered VAT number |  |
| Details of membership or registration with any professional bodies |  |
| Are you one of the following: Voluntary Community Social Enterprise (VCSE); Sheltered Workshop; or public service mutual? |  |
| Are you a Small, Medium or Micro Enterprise (SME)? |  |
| 1.1(b) | **Details of Persons of Significant Control (PSC), where appropriate** | |
| Name |  |
| Date of birth |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Service address |  |
| Date became PSC in relation to the company |  |
| 1.1(c) | **Details of parent company (if applicable)** | |
| Full trading name |  |
| Registered office address |  |
| Registration number |  |
| Head office DUNS number |  |
| Parent company VAT number |  |

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| **Section 1** | **Bidding model** | |
| **Part 2** | **Question** | **Response** |
| 1.2(a) | Are you bidding as the lead contact for a group of economic operators? | Yes / No |
| If yes, name of group of economic operators |  |
| If yes, please explain the proposed legal structure |  |
| 1.2(b) | Are you proposing to use sub-contractors? | Yes / No |
| If yes, please provide additional details for each sub-contractor, including details of their competences and insurances |  |

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| **Section 1** | **Contact details** | |
| **Part 3** | **Question** | **Response** |
| 1.3 | Contact name |  |
| Name of organisation |  |
| Role in organisation |  |
| Phone number |  |
| E-mail address |  |
| Postal address |  |
| Signature (electronic is acceptable) |  |
| Date |  |

**SECTION 2: EXCLUSION GROUNDS**

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| **Section 2** | **Grounds for mandatory exclusion** | |
| **Part 1** | **Question** | **Response** |
| 2.1(a) | **Please indicate if, within the past five years you, your organisation or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control in the organisation has been convicted anywhere in the world of any of the offences below:** | |
| Participation in a criminal organisation | Yes / No |
| Corruption | Yes / No |
| Fraud | Yes / No |
| Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities | Yes / No |
| Money laundering or terrorist financing | Yes / No |
| Child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings | Yes / No |
| If you have answered yes to a question in 2.1(a), please provide further details |  |
| If you have answered yes to a question in 2.1(a), please provide details of measures taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the relevant ground for exclusion? |  |
| 2.1(b) | Has it been established, for your organisation by a judicial or administrative decision having final and binding effect in accordance with the legal provisions of any part of the United Kingdom or the legal provisions of the country in which the organisation is established (if outside the UK), that the organisation is in breach of obligations related to the payment of tax or social security contributions? | Yes / No |
| If you have answered yes to question 2.1(b), please provide further details. Please also confirm you have paid, or have entered into a binding arrangement with a view to paying, the outstanding sum including where applicable any accrued interest and/or fines. |  |

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| **Section 2** | **Grounds for discretionary exclusion** | |
| **Part 2** | **Question** | **Response** |
| 2.2(a) | **Please indicate if, within the past three years, anywhere in the world any of the following situations have applied to you, your organisation or any other person who has powers of representation, decision or control in the organisation.** | |
| Breach of environmental obligations? | Yes / No |
| Breach of social obligations? | Yes / No |
| Breach of labour law obligations? | Yes / No |
| Bankrupt or is the subject of insolvency or winding-up proceedings, where the organisation’s assets are being administered by a liquidator or by the court, where it is in an arrangement with creditors, where its business activities are suspended or it is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under the laws and regulations of any State? | Yes / No |
| Guilty of grave professional misconduct? | Yes / No |
| Entered into agreements with other economic operators aimed at distorting competition? | Yes / No |
| Aware of any conflict of interest within the meaning of regulation 24 due to the participation in the procurement procedure? | Yes / No |
| Been involved in the preparation of the procurement procedure? | Yes / No |
| Shown significant or persistent deficiencies in the performance of a substantive requirement under a prior public contract, a prior contract with a contracting entity, or a prior concession contract, which led to early termination of that prior contract, damages or other comparable sanctions? | Yes / No |
| 2.2(b) | **Please answer the following statements****:** | |
| The organisation is guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required for the verification of the absence of grounds for exclusion or the fulfilment of the selection criteria. | Yes / No |
| The organisation has withheld such information. | Yes / No |
| The organisation is not able to submit supporting documents required under regulation 59 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. | Yes / No |
| The organisation has influenced the decision-making process of the contracting authority to obtain confidential information that may confer upon the organisation undue advantages in the procurement procedure, or to negligently provided misleading information that may have a material influence on decisions concerning exclusion, selection or award. | Yes / No |
| If you have answered yes to any of the above, explain what measures been taken to demonstrate the reliability of the organisation despite the existence of a relevant ground for exclusion? |  |

**SECTION 3: SELECTION QUESTIONS**

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| **Part 1** | **Technical and Professional Ability** |
| 3.1(a) | **Relevant experience and contract examples**  Please provide details of up to three contracts, in any combination from either the public or private sector; voluntary, charity or social enterprise (VCSE) that are relevant to our requirement. VCSEs may include samples of grant-funded work. Works contracts may be from the past five years.  The named contact provided should be able to provide written evidence to confirm the accuracy of the information provided below. They will also be asked to comment on the quality of the supplies or services provided during the course of the contract.  Consortia bids should provide relevant examples of where the consortium has delivered similar requirements. If this is not possible (e.g. the consortium is newly formed or a Special Purpose Vehicle is to be created for this contract) then three separate examples should be provided between the principal member(s) of the proposed consortium or Special Purpose Vehicle (three examples are not required from each member).  Where the Contractor is a Special Purpose Vehicle, or a managing agent not intending to be the main provider of the supplies or services, the information requested should be provided in respect of the main intended provider(s) or sub-contractor(s) who will deliver the contract. |

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|  | | **Contract 1** | **Contract 2** | | **Contract 3** |
| Name of customer organisation | |  |  | |  |
| Point of contact in the organisation | |  |  | |  |
| Position in the organisation | |  |  | |  |
| Email address | |  |  | |  |
| Contract Start date | |  |  | |  |
| Contract completion date | |  |  | |  |
| Estimated contract value | |  |  | |  |
| Description of contract | |  |  | |  |
| 3.1(b) | Where you intend to sub-contract a proportion of the contract, please demonstrate how you have previously maintained healthy supply chains with your sub-contractor(s) | | |  | |
| 3.1(c) | If you cannot provide at least one example for questions 3.1(a), please provide an explanation for this e.g. your organisation is a new start-up or you have provided services in the past but not under a contract. | | |  | |

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| **Part 2** | **Quality Assurance / Data Security** | |
| 3.2 | Does your organisation hold a recognised quality management certification or have a documented quality management system? | Yes / No |

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| **Part 3** | **Insurance** | |
| 3.3 | Please self-certify whether you have and will have at the commencement of the contract the levels of insurance cover indicated below: | |
| Employer’s (Compulsory) Liability Insurance – £5m minimum | Yes / No |
| Public Liability Insurance – £5m minimum | Yes / No |
| Professional Indemnity Insurance – £2m minimum | Yes / No |
| Product Liability Insurance – £5m minimum | Yes / No |

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| **Part 4** | **Compliance with Equality Legislation** | |
| 3.4(a) | In the last three years, has any finding of unlawful discrimination been made against your organisation by an Employment Tribunal, an Employment Appeal Tribunal or any other court? | Yes / No |
| 3.4(b) | If yes, please provide, as a separate appendix, a summary of the nature of the investigation and an explanation of the outcome.  If the investigation upheld the complaint, please use the Appendix to explain what action (if any) you have taken to prevent unlawful discrimination from reoccurring. | |
| 3.4(c) | If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of the above circumstances apply to these other organisations? | Yes / No |

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| **Part 5** | **Environmental Management** | |
| 3.5(a) | Has your organisation been convicted of breaching environmental legislation, or had any notice served upon it, in the last three years by any environmental regulator or authority (including local authority)? | Yes / No |
| 3.5(b) | If yes, provide details in a separate Appendix of the conviction or notice and details of any remedial action or changes you have made as a result of conviction or notices served. | |
| 3.5(c) | If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of these organisations have been convicted or had a notice served upon them for infringement of environmental legislation? | Yes / No |

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| **Part 6** | **Health and Safety** | |
| 3.6(a) | Please self-certify that your organisation has a Health and Safety Policy that complies with current legislative requirements. | Yes / No |
| 3.6(b) | Has your organisation or any of its Directors or Executive Officers been in receipt of enforcement/remedial orders in relation to the Health and Safety Executive (or equivalent body) in the last 3 years? | Yes / No |
| 3.6(c) | If your answer to this question was “Yes”, please provide details in a separate Appendix of any enforcement/remedial orders served and give details of any remedial action or changes to procedures you have made as a result. | |
| 3.6(d) | If you use sub-contractors, do you have processes in place to check whether any of the above circumstances apply to these other organisations? | Yes / No |

# SECTION 4: PROPOSED WORKING METHOD

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| **Proposed Design/Quality Statements** | | |
| Bidders are required to respond to each statement question below with **a page limit of 2 sides of A4 for each question**. The response must be self-contained, i.e. it should not refer or cross-reference to the answer to any other question, even though in some cases this may lead to duplication of information. Please do not submit general marketing or promotional materials by way of answers to any of the questions. You may expand the sections provided or provide your responses on clearly-referenced sheets and appendices. Please make sure that where you choose this way, the responses are all submitted in a single PDF. | | |
| Q1 | **Design of the play site in line with the specification and objectives of the tender (20%)**  The Applicant shall provide a Method Statement response in accordance with the information provided in the **Section 3** Specification specifically related to the design of the play equipment and associated features. | |
| **WHAT DOES GOOD LOOK LIKE?**  A good response would clearly indicate an understanding of the requirements, an acknowledgement of what they would be required to undertake if appointed to the Contract as set out and what is necessary to deliver high quality outcomes. It will clearly set out how each of the identified specifications will be approached and met by the bidder.  It would also set out the approach around undertaking the required activity any previous experience in similar situations (e.g. design of play area equipment) and how that knowledge and experience and expertise would be applied in the contract delivery in relation to these requirements.  A good response would also inspire confidence that any design to be provided for would meet the Town Council’s expectations being able to be successfully translated into actual built structure.  Initial design layout for the playground to include proposed play equipment, surfacing, fencing, entrance, and furniture, and explain how the proposed design and chosen product range, e.g.   * Makes best use of available space, natural features and topography * Provides as wide a range of play experiences as possible where children of ages 5-12 can play in different ways * Builds in opportunities to experience risk and challenge where children can stretch and challenge themselves in every way * Takes safety into account   To support any response a good response would include concept drawings that set out what the Council could expect as a delivered product. | |
| **Response:** | |
| Q2 | **Delivery against the specification and objectives of the tender (20%)**  The Applicant shall provide a Method Statement response in accordance with the information provided in the **Section 3** Specification specifically related to the supply, delivery and installation of the play equipment and associated features. | |
| **WHAT DOES GOOD LOOK LIKE?**  A good response would clearly indicate an understanding of the requirements, an acknowledgement of what they would be required to undertake if appointed to the Contract as set out and what is necessary to deliver high quality outcomes. It will clearly set out how each of the identified specifications will be approached and met by the bidder.  It would also set out the approach around undertaking the required activity any previous experience in similar situations (e.g. delivery and installation of play area equipment) and how that knowledge and experience and expertise would be applied in the Contract delivery in relation to these requirements.  A good response would also inspire confidence that the design is able to be put into reality through installation onsite.  A good response would detail proposed materials to be used and robustness of proposed maintenance along with associated warranties and guarantees to meet expected design life. This would include why it offers the best choice to meet the requirements of robustness / being able to withstand anti-social behaviour; why it will need limited ongoing maintenance; and why the warranty period is considered suitable. | |
| **Response:** | |
| Q3 | **Fulfilling the commitments of the Preambles (20%)** | |
| The Applicant shall provide a Method Statement response in accordance with the information provided in the Sections 4 and 5 specifically related to the approach on how the works would be undertaken and the contract management aspects. | |
| **WHAT DOES GOOD LOOK LIKE?**  A good response would clearly indicate an understanding of the requirements, an acknowledgement of how they would be required to undertake if appointed to the Contract as set out and what is necessary to deliver high quality outcomes. It will clearly set out how each of the identified sections will be approached and met by the bidder.  A good response would outline clearly details on key staff to be deployed with relevant details on their experience with similar projects will be utilised to deliver this project.  How quality is to be maintained in relation to the delivery of the required Contract as set out in the specification, and how staff are engaged to plan an active part in the delivery of this.  This would include details on how the Supplier monitors quality, what arrangements they would have in place to maintain the required quality, plus arrangements for how any service failings are corrected. It would also provide relevant details on how it is intended to undertake public consultation to ensure that the local community is given adequate opportunity to input into the final design layout.  It would outline what arrangements would be put in place to enable customers receiving the service to raise comments, comment and concerns, and how these would be captured and acted upon, including in monitoring and reporting arrangements.  Details on how the supplier would look to engage with the required contract monitoring and management arrangements would also form part of a good response.  A good response would also inspire confidence that the Contractor would be able to manage the Contract in line with the expectations as set out.  A good response could include indication of a strong track record around, working collaboratively with key stakeholders and an understanding on how this track record could successfully be applied in relation to this actual Contract and the expertise which the Contractor would bring to delivery of this in any awarded Contract.  A good response would also indicate the approach to be applied in relation to logistics, resourcing plan to undertake the work, along with resourcing / project plan that maps out to the required work and ensures resilience around service delivery and business continuity.  It would also clearly outline through the delivery of the contract how the objectives of the Council would be achieved, in line with expectations, safely and on time. The Plan should include but not be limited to:   1. Planning Permission application (if required) 2. Lead-in times; 3. Installation period; 4. Date for final inspection   The response would also indicate clear commitment to sign up to the specific contract terms. | |
| Q4 | **Social Value (10%)** |  |
| The Applicant shall provide a Method Statement in accordance with the information provided. For the purposes of the consideration and application of this Tender, Social Value is defined as the additional added value or extra benefits able to be attributed to Social Value outcomes beyond the core requirements related to the spend. More details on the Social Value Act itself can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-value-act-information-and-resources/social-value-act-information-and-resources> | |
| **Council requirements for the Applicant’s response to this Method Statement:** is for the Applicant to provide a detailed method statement that focuses on how they would approach supporting Social Value considerations as part of the delivery of the Contract. In relation to this contract the Council sees the following as being areas where through the delivery of the services positive outcomes to Social, Economic and / Environmental outcomes could be achieved, in particular:   * Within the workforce this could be supporting apprenticeships, plus arrangements to ensure that staff are fairly recompensed for work undertaken, including the payment of the National Living Wage as a minimum * Supporting environmental outcomes, acknowledging the Council’s commitment to sustainability and the Thame Green Living Plan, (including reduction of use of products / material that are harmful to the environment or working practices that minimise environmental damage), as well as making a positive contribution to removing use of “single use plastics”. * Social outcomes may also include details on how the Supplier would look to support community initiatives and / or work to make a positive outcome within the wider community, this could include how the community is engaged both in considerations of final designs but also opening ceremony.   The above list is not exclusive or exhaustive but an indication on what are deemed to be relevant and proportional areas for social value consideration to this contract.  **WHAT GOOD LOOKS LIKE?**  A good response would outline clearly what would be done to contribute towards added social value if awarded the Contract, actually how the Supplier would go about doing this, and what tangible outcomes the Council could expect as a result.  A good response would include details of the supplier’s commitment to sustainability including evidence of sustainably sauced equipment.  Good response would demonstrate commitment to deliver on the stated outcomes not simply be aspirational.  The response would also be clear around the contribution which the Contractor would make within the local economy for example through both the construction and delivery phase the use of (and percentage total) of local suppliers for sourcing of materials and / or through the design and overall delivery of the project. | |
| **Response:** | |
| Q5 | **Assumptions** | **(For Information Only)** |
| Please detail the assumptions that have been made in relation to your responses above | |
| **Response:** | |

# SECTION 5: PRICING SCHEDULE

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| **Pricing Schedule** |
| * Please complete the pricing **schedule appendix** * Prices are to be submitted as totals for each item (not unit cost) * Price are to be submitted in GBP and exclusive of VAT * Any additional proposed items should be included separately within the schedule. No additional costs will be considered by the Council unless these are clearly stated in the pricing schedule response. |

**SECTION 6: DECLARATION**

1. I declare that to the best of my knowledge the answers submitted and information contained in this document are correct and accurate.
2. I declare that, upon request and without delay I will provide the certificates or documentary evidence referred to in this document.
3. I understand that the information will be used in the selection process to assess my organisation’s suitability to be invited to participate further in this procurement.
4. I understand that the authority may reject this submission in its entirety if there is a failure to answer all the relevant questions fully, or if false/misleading information or content is provided in any section.
5. I am aware of the consequences of serious misrepresentation.

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