Specification

Hog Cliff NNR Glebe Farm fencing contract

Background to Natural England

Natural England works for people, places and nature, to enhance biodiversity, landscapes and wildlife in rural, urban, coastal and marine areas; promoting access, recreation and public well-being, and contributing to the way natural resources are managed so that they can be enjoyed now and in the future.

Natural England is working towards the delivery of four strategic outcomes, which together deliver on our purpose to conserve, enhance and manage the natural environment for the benefit of current and future generations.

• A healthy natural environment: England’s natural environment will be conserved and enhanced.

• Enjoyment of the natural environment: more people enjoying, understanding and acting to improve, the natural environment, more often.

• Sustainable use of the natural environment: the use and management of the natural environment is more sustainable.

• A secure environmental future: decisions which collectively secure the future of the natural environment

Background to the specific work area relevant to this purchase

In order to facilitate livestock grazing and prevent deer damage at Hog Cliff NNR, Glebe Farm, Natural England requires new fencing and associated works including removal of old fencing and scrub clearance. Please see Maps for detail.

Requirement

The specification is also set out in the attached Maps.

1. Drift Field

2789 metres stock fencing

2 x kissing gates

5 x field gates (12 foot)

Scrub clearance and removal of old fencing.

All fencing and works must be completed no later than the end of November 2024.

All fencing to be carried out to BS 1772-2 standard. All materials to be agreed with Natural England prior to installation. All gates can be tanalised softwood or hardwood. All hanging and shutting posts must be good quality hardwood, minimum 10 inch square or round and no shorter than 8 foot length. Fencing stakes to all be 5' 6 foot cleft Chestnut posts. Straining posts to be round chestnut posts minimum 8-10 inch diameter and 8 foot long. 2 strands barb with stock net, all high tensile wire.

Timber to be treated as appropriate.

Any old fencing to be removed from site by the contractor. Scrub clearance along fencelines as required. Scrub may be flailed and cut using any machinery available to the contractor but should be discussed with Natural England prior to any works being carried out. Removal of old fencing and any required scrub clearance costs to be included in the tender. Scrub must not be cut or flailed during the bird breeding season, between end February - end August.

Health and Safety

Some of the terrain is on a steep slope. Contractors are advised to familiarise themselves with the site before tendering. A site hazard map is attached.

A Construction Design and Management (CDM) compliant Risk Assessment will need to be drawn up and agreed with Natural England before work starts. The risk assessment and safe system of work must ensure that all safety measures are taken to safeguard their employees and the general public in terms of equipment, clothing, site supervision and safe working practices. This must take into account the work, location, terrain, public access and use of the site.

Under CDM Regulations Natural England undertakes both the client and designer role. The successful contractor undertakes the work.

All operational measures must conform to the Health & Safety at work Act 1974 and current Codes of Practice. Any machinery operators must carry current and relevant certificates and training. Spill kits for fuel must be available. A qualified first aider must be on site at all times. Copies of all relevant certification and first aid certificates should be supplied to Natural England. The whole site is open access with additional public rights of way. Appropriate signage must be put out on site to warn any walkers when work is taking place.

Contractors are required to submit copies of relevant employer liability insurance, public liability insurance, and any appropriate relevant certification demonstrating professional competency. A contractor competence form will need to be completed by the contractor prior to any work starting.

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 |
| 1. Drift Field | 2789 metres stock fencing2 x kissing gates5 x field gates (12 foot) Scrub clearance and removal of old fencing | Contractor | Before end November 2024 |
| 2. Health and Safety | CDM Risk Assessment  | Contractor and Natural England | Before any work starts |

Natural England staff will oversee the contract and work with the contractor to ensure a safe workplace and successful delivery of the work.

You are strongly advised to visit the site prior to tendering for work. You may visit the site unaccompanied at any time, or if available Natural England staff may be able to accompany you. Please use the contact details below if you wish to arrange a site visit, or have any questions about the contract.

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