**HDC202307 – RFQ - Clarifications received**

What is the soil type of the pond?

There is a layer of silt and beneath this it is likely to be alluvium and sand.

Who will do any clearance of vegetation required?

The contractor getting the job will have responsibility for doing this and must ensure that wildlife is not disturbed e.g. Grass Snakes, amphibians.

What is the usual water level?

This fluctuates depending on rainfall and can rise to cover the boardwalk in winter. Water tends to flow away fairly quickly, but this depends on how high the water table is as the site is on the floodplain of the river Hart.

Wires are present in the existing structure. Are wires required in the replacement one?

We would prefer a structure without wires.

Does the structure have to conform to use of the integral grip material detailed in the procurement document?

Alternatives are welcomed if they do the same job, but please provide a price for what we have asked for as well as your alternative.

If posts cannot practically be extracted from the pond substrate, can they be cut off instead?

Yes, but they must be cut off as low as is practically possible.

In the procurement document it states that the contractor must ensure that any permissions have been obtained. Do any permissions require obtaining?

The contractor is required to contact Hampshire County Council to find this out. Information may be found at: www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/flooding/changewatercourse