**Clarifications to Bidder’s Questions**

WADER Project – Mechanical Removal of Invasive Species on the Northumberland Coast

**Q1) You mention ‘manage arisings and remove roots – does this mean that all arisings must be removed from site?**

A1) No not necessarily. We will consider other means of disposal whether that be mulch, buried or other means. As long as the method gives us good results in terms of regrowth. I know that there will be some level of regrowth but we will have a team of volunteers that can manage this. I am aware that a lot of the cost is in the removal of arisings from site so if there is an effective way to manage waste material on site we will consider this.

**Q2) The indicative budget for this work is £25,000, does this mean if the tenderers quote sits outside this budget then they will not be considered?**

A2) We will have a look at all proposed quotes. Anything above this will not score as well in the commercial weighting of the tender and anything massively over may not be possible due to budget constraints.

**Q3) Please would it be possible to describe the work involved.**

A3) The job essentially involves mechanically removing Ivy and Snowberry from Bamburgh Dunes SSSI trying to minimise damage to the site while also trying to reduce regrowth to a manageable level. No chemicals should be used during the process.

The area to be removed amounts to roughly 1ha and we invite creation of different methodologies around removal and disposal to achieve the best possible outcome.

You can find much of the detail along with a map of the site and areas of removal in the RFQ. We would strongly advise a site visit before quotation that Andy Denton will attend to answer any questions and so you can visualise the site in terms of access, undulations of the dunes and scale of removal works.