

<b>Planning Related Advice Professional Services (PRAPS) Framework</b>				
<b>PART 1: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL</b>				
<b>Contract Title: ESTIMATING THE COSTS OF UK GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INTERVENTIONS</b>				
<b>Contract Manager Name:</b>		<b>Contract Managers email:</b>		
<b>Framework Reference Number:</b>	PRAPS092	<b>Lot Number:</b>	Lot 7	
<b>Atamis Number</b>		<b>Defra Group Commercial Contact</b>		
<b>Date: 24/06/2025</b>				
<b>Contract Start Date</b>		11/08/2025		
<b>Contract Completion Date</b>		31/03/2026		
<b>Procurement Route:</b>		<b>Direct Award</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mini-competition</b>
<b>Proposal return date:</b> <i>(For mini competitions, no less than 10 working days from issue date)</i>		11/07/2025		
<b>Clarification Question Date:</b> <i>(For mini competitions, also insert the clarification question deadline date which is five working days from the issue date)</i>		04/07/2025		

60%

40%

Quality sub-criteria weightings

Technical Weightings:

<b>1. Approach &amp; Methodology (E01)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How you will fully meet the specification, setting out a clear, practical approach and methodology for the tasks and outputs. You may include suggestions for improvements and/or alternative approaches. Your response must include a clear rationale for using those alternatives and detail how the proposed approach will fully deliver the required outputs.</li> <li>• How you will ensure that all contract tasks are carried out in a thorough and timely manner.</li> <li>• How you will ensure that costed figures can be kept up to date.</li> <li>• How you will comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and any ethical issues that may arise during contract delivery.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please demonstrate a clear understanding of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The contract objectives/aims.</li> <li>• Green (and Blue) Infrastructure, the Green Infrastructure Framework and its audience.</li> <li>• The process of applying GI costings to real world business cases in, housing/infrastructure development, community and strategic work – and key considerations.</li> <li>• The sources of GI costing evidence that could be used to compile the figures requested, the different variables that can impact figures, potential challenges associated with obtaining and publishing costing figures (and case studies) and how these may be overcome.</li> <li>• How GI costing figures may be used in practice by different audiences, including the consenting process and associated costs.</li> <li>• Effective communication of technical information to different audiences e.g. use of visuals and graphic design including infographics.</li> <li>• Compliance with Accessibility requirements and Equality Act 2010.</li> <li>• Your response must not exceed a maximum of 8 sides of A4, font size 12. Links to other documents will not be considered as part of your</li> </ul>	<b>35%</b>
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	response e.g., links to published documents online.	
<b>2. Proposed Staff (including CVs) and Supplier's experience/accreditatio ns (E02)</b>	<p>Please provide examples of recent previous projects (the last 5 years) relevant to this tender, which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work on commercial and/or community GI projects including an element of costing GI features.</li> <li>• Work with GI suppliers and planning departments relevant to costings.</li> <li>• Economic/academic studies of estimating GI costs and benefits.</li> <li>• Work with SANGS/SAMMs/ AGST/SUDS/ UGF or GI-led projects more widely.</li> <li>• Data extraction and analysis.</li> <li>• Visual communication of complex evidence to a variety of audiences</li> <li>• Consulting stakeholders and analysing and reporting on their feedback.</li> <li>• Dealing with commercially sensitive information.</li> <li>• Quality assurance (how do you know your work was of the highest quality).</li> </ul> <p>Name the members of the project team, outlining their respective roles and experience. Show how the project team has sufficient expertise/ experience to complete the work and provide value for money as well as high quality outputs.</p> <p>As a separate document please include CV's of staff who will be working on this project.</p> <p>Please indicate the amount of resource that each member of the team will contribute to achieving each task. This should be supplemented with a more detailed breakdown stating the number of days allocated to each proposed task and who will be responsible for carrying out the work.</p> <p>Your response must not exceed a maximum of 5 sides of A4 (excluding Annexed CVs which can be separate (of no more than 4 A4 pages each), font size 12. Links to other documents will not be considered as part of your response e.g., links to published documents online. Use of team structure trees etc. is encouraged for</p>	<b>35%</b>

	clarity and brevity. It is very important to demonstrate leads and roles of all staff involved.	
<b>3. Project Management, Ability to Deliver (E03)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Contractor should set out and explain their proposed project management arrangements including day-to-day working for the project, the proposed timetable for the project; and a Gantt chart, presenting milestones, deliverables, timelines and inter-dependencies.</li> <li>Detail how you intend to manage the contract, including any consortium or sub-contracting arrangements, to ensure the project tasks and timescales are achieved within the specified timeframe. Please comment on the contract management elements of the specification and suggest and detail alternative approaches where these suggestions would lead to more effective delivery.</li> <li>What systems and procedures do you have in place that would apply to the management of this contract – please provide details including a clear quality control and quality assurance plan including how it will be managed, timescales and resource allocated.</li> <li>Provide a work plan for the work, including the deliverables and critical pathways.</li> </ul> <p>Your response must not exceed a maximum of 4 sides of A4, font size 12. Links to other documents will not be considered as part of your response e.g., links to published documents online</p>	<b>20%</b>
<b>4. Risk (E04)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a risk register and identify any potential problems/risks and detail how these will be managed if you are successful in being awarded the contract.</li> </ul>	<b>10%</b>
<b>5. Health &amp; Safety (E05)</b>	Please set out health and safety management and plans relating to this contract	<b>N/A</b>
<b>6. Sustainability (E06)</b>	The Authority has set itself challenging commitments and targets to improve the environmental economic and social impacts of its estate management, operation, and procurement. These support the	<b>N/A</b>

	<p>Government's green commitments. The policies are included in the Authority's sustainable procurement policy statement published at:  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defra-s-sustainable-procurement-policy-statement">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defra-s-sustainable-procurement-policy-statement</a></p> <p>Within this context, please briefly explain your approach to delivering the services and how you intend to reduce negative sustainability impacts. Please discuss the methods that you will employ to demonstrate and monitor the effectiveness of your organisation's approach for this requirement.</p> <p>Regarding social value, please briefly explain how your approach to delivering the services will address the levelling up agenda.</p> <p>Your response must not exceed a maximum of 4 sides of A4, font size 12. Links to other documents will not be considered as part of your response e.g., links to published documents online.</p>	
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<p><b>Specification Summary (please see accompanying full specification for further details)</b></p> <p><b>1. Description of work required – overall purpose &amp; scope (including reporting requirements)</b></p> <p>The following specification is designed to support Natural England's work to better understand costs of delivering Green Infrastructure (GI) interventions to support Government policy for growth and health. The project has a particular interest in the delivery and long-term management costs associated with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual project-level GI interventions that can be incorporated into the planning and design of new developments and / or existing settlements to provide multiple benefits for nature, health, climate, water management and the local economy<sup>1</sup>- for example green walls, green roofs, Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) etc.</li> <li>• Strategic GI interventions intended to provide:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ improved access to greenspace (to meet the Accessible Greenspace Standards <sup>2</sup>),</li> <li>○ new and improved linear walking and cycling routes and/or,</li> <li>○ mitigate the potential impacts of development on protected designated sites (such as SSSI, SPA, SAC) through Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) and Strategic Access Management and Mitigation Strategy (SAMMS)<sup>3</sup>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Natural England seeks bids from experienced practitioners working in the UK with:</p> <p>a) a track record of GI designing, delivering and maintaining cost-effective GI provision,</p>
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<sup>1</sup> including the cost of creation (e.g., in a new development), retrofitting and restoration, and of maintenance in each case.

<sup>2</sup> [Accessible Greenspace Standard](#)

<sup>3</sup> This could include formal SANGS, SAMMS or similar measures employed to manage recreation pressures.



- b) strong working relationships with developers, suppliers and planning departments,
- c) a full knowledge of consenting process and associated construction and management costs.

### Timescale

The work is expected to be delivered from July 2025 to the end of March 2026.

## 2. Required skills / experience from the Supplier and staff. Include any essential qualifications or accreditations required to undertake the work.

- Expert understanding of Green (and Blue) Infrastructure planning and delivery and associated costs.
- A track record of GI designing, delivering and maintaining cost-effective GI provision.
- Strong working relationships with developers, suppliers and planning departments.
- Full knowledge of consenting process and associated construction and management costs.
- Experience of creating and managing Green infrastructure interventions (ranging from small scale SuDS/ to creation of SANGS), with full knowledge of associated end-to-end costs and the variables that will impact costs in different locations.
- Understanding of the role that Green Infrastructure can play in meeting the Government's objectives for the environment, place-making and economic recovery. The Green Infrastructure Framework.
- Understanding of data extraction & analysis.
- A track record of effective communication of technical information with different audiences e.g. use of visuals and graphic design such as infographics and producing clear, concise and influential reports to the Government/Public sector.
- Compliance with Accessibility requirements.
- Experience of consulting stakeholders on environmental proposals and analysing and reporting on their feedback at a high level.
- Natural England's remit, and the Green Infrastructure Framework audience.
- Quality assurance (how do you know your work was of the highest quality).

## 3. Proposed program of work and payment table (Detailing specific tasks, key milestones, deliverables & completion date where appropriate)

Please provide details of the project timeline and how you will deliver the work to the required standard, including management and quality control.

Task no.	Task and deliverable	Completion date	Payment Schedule (%)
	PART 1		
1	Task 1.1 Costings Research	01 December 2025	15%
2	Task 1.2 SCT costings	01 February 2026	15%
3	Task 1.3 SCT costings report, including methodology, evidence base and limitations	31 March 2026	20%
	PART 2		
4	Task 2.1 Accessible Greenspace costing	01 February 2026	15%

5	Task 2.2 SANGS costing & Case-studies	01 February 2026	15%
6	Task2.3 Accessible Greenspace & SANGS costing methodology, evidence base and limitations	31 March 2026	20%

#### 4. Risk

**Note:** This section is to be used to detail any risks relevant to the project i.e. Programme deliverable dates, data, consultees etc.

The timescale for this work will require close project management, proportionate solutions and strong contingencies to ensure delivery within the target timeframe. Information required to complete templates provided may be seen as commercially sensitive, and therefore some potential suppliers may not be able / willing to share output if made publicly available.

Information requested needs to reflect current costs and be kept up to date – methodology should account for the impact of inflation on any historic figures compiled and include a method for keeping costings up to date.

Suppliers should not depend on Natural England, or Natural England's network of contacts to complete this work.

#### 5. Health and Safety Requirements

**Note:** Only include if the work involves site visits. Do not request RAMS or similar risk assessments are returned with submissions. These should only be requested at contract award.

n/a

#### 6. Sustainability Considerations (Only use if the work requires travel)

n/a

## Planning Related Advice Professional Services (PRAPS) Framework

### PART 2: PROPOSAL & QUOTE

**To be completed by the Supplier**

**Note:** Your proposal must not exceed 6 sides of A4 plus the Costs Proposal in Section 4 (unless indicated above). Attachments must not be included unless requested except for a programme diagram and full cost schedule if you consider these would support your proposal.

Do not make or append Caveats and Assumptions in your proposal – any points of uncertainty must be raised as a clarification point prior to submitting the proposal. Where assumptions are to be made, these will be stated by the Authority's Project Manager.

**1. Approach & Methodology**

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**2. Proposed Staff who will do the work and briefly state previous relevant qualification/experience. Supplier's experience of undertaking similar projects and accreditations.**

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**4.Risk**

*This section is to be used to detail any risks relevant to the project, i.e. Programme deliverable dates, data, consultees etc.*

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## 7. Cost Proposal

Please use day rates, including any applicable discounts, as agreed under the framework contract. A full cost schedule may be attached to support the costs summarised below.

Task No.	Name	Framework Grade	Day Rate	No. of Days or part thereof	Cost
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## PART 3: AGREEMENT

**To be completed by Framework Manager and Authority Contract Manager**

Signed for and on behalf of the Authority

Signed for and on behalf of the Supplier

Approved by Framework Manager:

Contract Award Date:

11/08/2025

Terms and Conditions

All call off contracts under the PRAPS Framework are subject to the terms and conditions agreed at framework award.

You must have a purchase order number from Natural England before you start any work in connection with this proposal.

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### PART 4

### Change Control Schedule

#### Notes

#### To be completed by Contracting Authority Project Manager

Any extensions, price changes or amendments to existing orders need to be discussed with the Framework Manager before being agreed with the Contractor. Please remember to amend your Purchase Order in SOP if necessary.

The table below should be used to record and authorise the agreed changes throughout the project. A Change Control Notice (CCN) should be completed for substantial changes to the project and a summary provided in the table below.

Send a copy of the revised Project Form and CCN (if used) to the Contractor once the change has been agreed and approved. A copy should also be sent to your Commercial Lead if a Atamis reference has been provided.

#### 10. Change Control

All amendments to project scope, timetable or costs must be submitted to and approved by the Contracting Authority PM prior to implementing the change.

Change Details	CCN Ref. (if applicable)	Revised completion date (if applicable)	Revised Project Cost (if applicable)	Approved by (Framework Manager / Date)