

Planning Related Advice Professional Services (PRAPS) Framework			
PART 1: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL			
Contract Title: National Grid Grimsby to Walpole Project – Protected Landscape Review			
Contract Manager Name:	<small>Redacted under FOIA Section 40 Personal Information</small> [REDACTED]	Contract Managers email:	<small>Redacted under FOIA Section 40 Personal Information</small> [REDACTED]
Framework Reference Number:	PRAPS080	Lot Number:	Lot 2
Atamis Number	N/A	Defra Group Commercial Contact	N/A
Date: 15/04/2025			
Contract Start Date	27/05/2025		
Contract Completion Date	31/03/2026		
Procurement Route:	Direct Award	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mini-competition
Proposal return date:	22/05/2025		
Clarification Question Date:	20/05/2025		

Evaluation Criteria			
Suppliers: Failure to meet any minimum score threshold stated will result in the bid being removed from the process with no further evaluation regardless of other technical or price scores.			
Technical Weighting			60%
Price Weighting			40%
Quality sub-criteria weightings		Thresholds	Technical Weightings
1. Approach & Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly set out the proposed approach and methodology for delivering the contract, include justification on suitability. 	70	25%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate understanding of what Natural England is trying to achieve through the contract. 		
2. Proposed Staff (including CVs) and Supplier’s experience/accreditations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate previous experience of carrying out the work specified. • Demonstrate that staff selected for the work have the appropriate skills and experience. • Confirm the availability of staff put forward. • CVs of key staff can be included as attachments, maximum of 2 A4 pages, font size 11. 	70	30%
3. Project Management, Ability to Deliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a project timeline including contingency. • Demonstrate quality assurance measures. 	70	25%
4. Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include specific risks involved 	50	10%
5. Health & Safety (if no working at height or near water, mark as ‘N/A’ and re-distribute %)		50	5%
6. Sustainability (if no travel etc. mark as ‘N/A’ and re-distribute %)		50	5%

Specification Summary (please see accompanying full specification for further details)
1. Description of work required – overall purpose & scope (including reporting requirements)
<p>Summary Natural England is the statutory consultee on development proposals impacting statutory protected landscapes, and the Government’s statutory adviser on protected landscapes. Natural England is engaged by National Grid to provide advice on the assessment of potential impacts to the Lincolnshire Wolds National Landscape (LWNL) relating to their Grimsby to Walpole proposals¹.</p> <p>Natural England’s internal Grimsby to Walpole project team require a landscape consultant to support them with the provision of expert advice to National Grid on their landscape assessment. The initial work required is within the Section 42 consultation, which includes a review of the relevant sections of the Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (expected mid-June), including site visits as necessary, in order to provide expert analysis to Natural England’s project team on potential impacts to the LWNL.</p> <p>On close of this statutory consultation, Natural England’s project team may require ongoing support with</p>

¹ [Grimsby to Walpole | National Grid ET](#)

attendance at National Grid's Landscape Technical Working Group meetings in the run up to project submission.

Further details of the work required

Each Task to be quoted individually.

Task 1 – Scoping.

Attend a briefing meeting with Natural England's Grimsby to Walpole project team to:

- (i) ensure the scope of the contract and Natural England's advisory role is understood.
- (ii) bring the consultants up to speed with Natural England's advice on the project to-date.
- (iii) scope out and agree the focus of the technical review required (desk-based and site visit).

Task 2 – PEIR Review.

Conduct a technical review of the protected landscape elements of the PEIR and produce a Technical Note for Natural England's Grimsby to Walpole project team on the potential impact on or harm to the statutory purposes of the protected landscape. The focus of the review is on potential impacts to the special qualities and setting of the protected landscape from the proposed development. The review should be completed within 4 weeks of receipt of the PEIR.

The review must include:

- A site visit to the Lincolnshire Wolds National Landscape with Natural England to inform the technical review. Key viewpoints and focus of site visit will be agreed with Natural England's project team following confirmation of contract setup.
- A review of the relevant sections of the PEIR. Relevant sections will be agreed with Natural England's project team following receipt of the PEIR.
- Three catch up calls:
 - ~10 days in receipt of the PEIR to discuss with headline advice and key areas of concern
 - ~21 days in receipt of the PEIR following the site visit
 - A handover meeting at the end of the 4-week period to discuss the final Technical Note, key issues & next steps

The Technical Note itself should be no longer than 10 pages and should be accompanied by a 1-page Executive Summary. Natural England will provide a brief structure for the Technical Note, to include RAG status to highlight key issues. It must include:

- Whether you agree with the judgements made on the potential harm to the statutory purposes of the LWNL, in relation to the project alone and cumulative impacts. If your judgement differs, explain why with clear references to relevant national and local policy. Advice to be provided with clear references to specific and relevant special qualities.
- Advice on whether the methodology used to make this judgement is appropriate.
- Advice on the suitability of proposed embedded mitigation measures. To include how any mitigation measures might be amended and strengthened and further opportunities identified to potentially reduce any identified impacts to an acceptable level.
- With reference to the LWNL Management Plan, an opinion on whether the proposals include measures which seek to further the purposes of the designation (LURA, 2023²), and whether these measures are sufficient, appropriate and proportionate to the type and scale of the development.

Task 3 – further engagement with Applicant prior to submission.

Following Natural England's Section 42 consultation response, further support will be required in the time leading up to project submission in the form of attending external Expert Topic Group meetings and/or direct discussions with the Lincolnshire Wolds National Landscape Partnership, to remain informed on the project proposals.

We would like quotes to account for the potential need to attend a maximum of 6 meetings, each with a 1-hour pre-meet and follow-up session with NE. To be quoted individually for optional invoicing pending the number of meetings undertaken.

Links to documents

² [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023](#)

All publicly available documentation is available on the Grimsby to Walpole project website: [Grimsby to Walpole | National Grid ET](#). Publicly available information on the project timeframes can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate’s website: [Grimsby to Walpole - Project information](#).

Time frames
 Task 1 - Inception meeting upon project setup estimated date of 23/05/25.
 Task 2 – commence on receipt of PEIR and be complete within 4 weeks of receipt of PEIR. Expected mid-June.
 Task 3 – commence following close of s42 consultation up until project submission. Expected project submission in 2027.

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

A Principal Consultant or above supported by a Senior consultant. To be a chartered member of the Landscape Institute.
 Experience in communicating with a range of stakeholders is required.
 Experience of working on projects in relation to the LWNL is preferable.

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 (%)
1	Inception Meeting	23/05/25	100% Task 1 Cost
2	PEIR Review	15/07/25	100% Task 2 Cost
3	Attend Expert Topic Group meetings	2025/2026	To be invoiced individually

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.

Statutory deadlines within the NSIP programme are not flexible and must be adhered to. Time frames are non-negotiable to allow NE to collate, review and QA a formal response before the relevant deadline. Currently, timings of PEIR submission are not confirmed by National Grid and subject to change. The length of the PEIR is as yet unknown.

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.

These will need to be reviewed and addressed for any site visits with an accompanying risk assessment.

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

Where travel is planned for site visits and in-person meetings, sustainable transport options such as car sharing should be considered in the first instance.

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PART 2: PROPOSAL & QUOTE

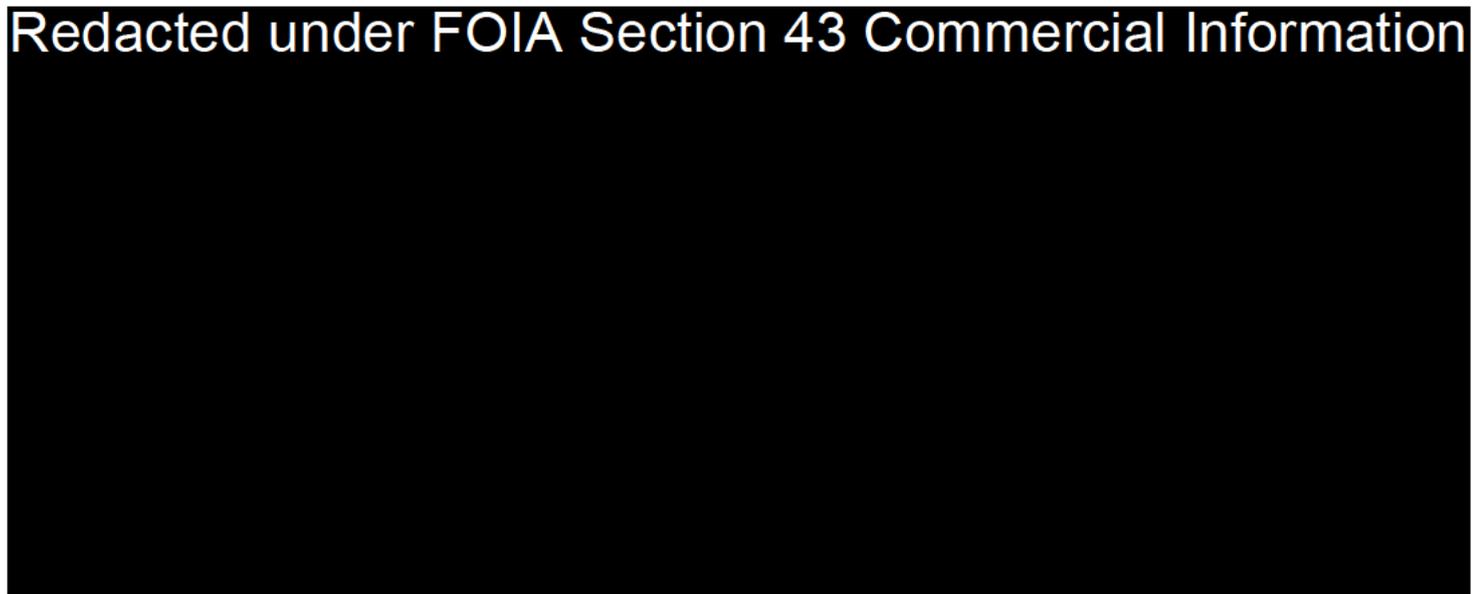
To be completed by the Supplier

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.

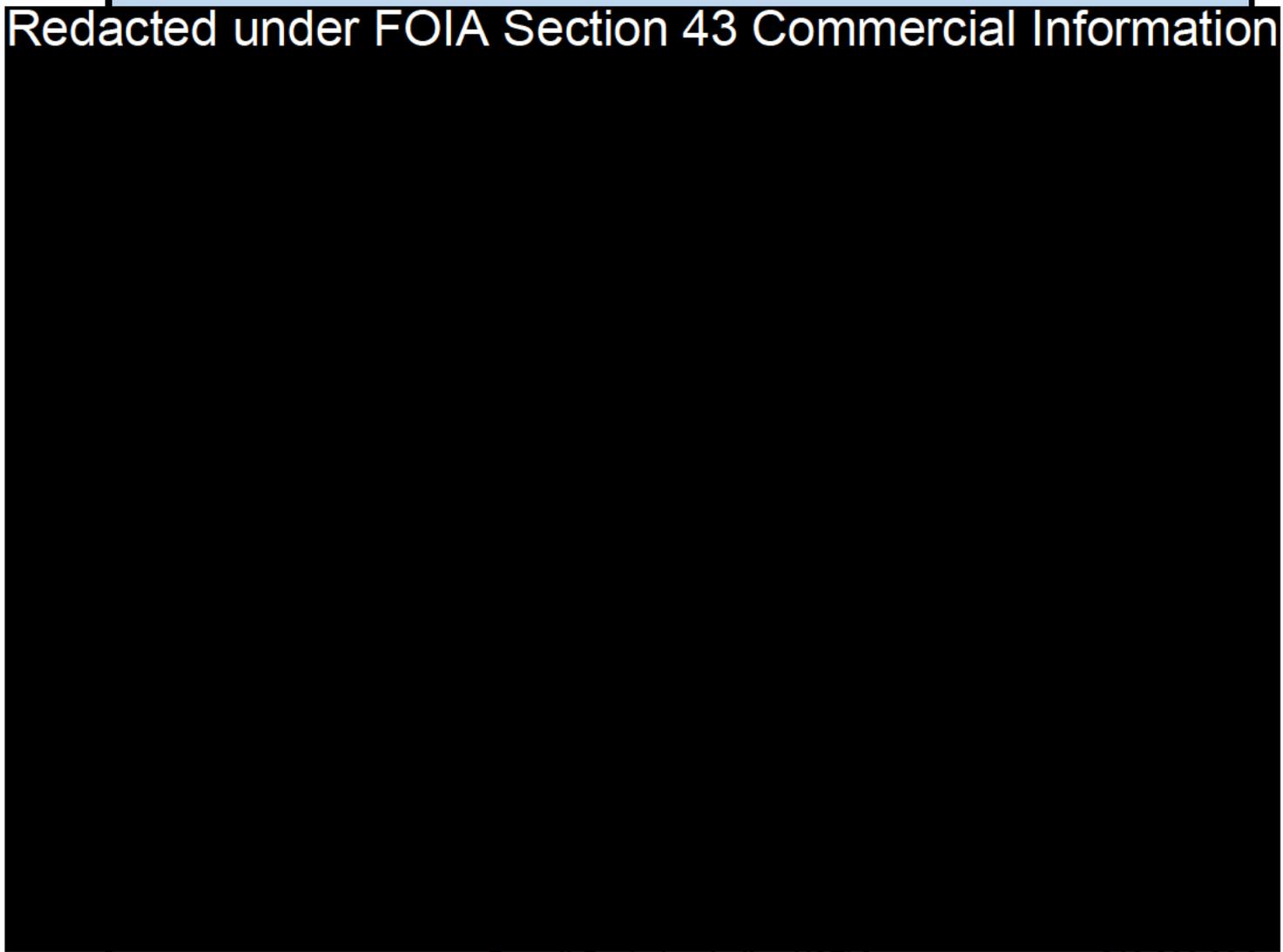
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Please use day rates, including any applicable discounts, as agreed under the framework contract. A full

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Overall Costs (excluding VAT)	£10,200.00
Overall Costs (including VAT)	£12, 240.00

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By signing this form Land Use Consultants Ltd agree to provide the services stated above for the cost set out in your Cost Proposal and in accordance with the Planning Related Advice Professional Services (PRAPS) Framework – Call-Off Contract.

Supplier Project Manager:

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Signature:

Date:

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PART 3: AGREEMENT

To be completed by Framework Manager and Authority Contract Manager

Approved by Framework Manager:

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Date: 22/05/2025

Contract Award Date:

22/05/2025

Agreed by Supplier:

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Date:

23/05/2025

Approved by Contract Manager:

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Date: 23/05/2025

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	<p>To be completed by Contracting Authority Project Manager</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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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)