

**Planning Related Advice Professional Services (PRAPS)
Framework**

PART 1: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Contract Title: Functionally linked land proximity for ground nesting heathland bird species literature search and review			
Contract Manager Name:	Redacted under FOIA Section 40 Personal Information		
Framework Reference Number:	PRAPS105	Lot Number:	Lot 11
Atamis Number	n/a	Defra Group Commercial Contact	N/A
Date: 10/10/2025			
Contract Start Date	27/10/2025		
Contract Completion Date	05/12/2025		
Procurement Route:	Direct Award	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mini-competition <input type="checkbox"/>
Proposal return date:	22/10/2025		
Clarification Question Date:	17/10/2025		

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		Threshold	Technical Weightings:
1. Approach & Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly set out the proposed approach and methodology for delivering the contract, 	50	30%

	<p>include justification on suitability.</p> <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. 	50	35%
3. Project Management, Ability to Deliver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a project timeline including contingency. • Demonstrate quality assurance measures. 	50	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 %)		N/A	N/A
6. Sustainability (if no travel etc. mark as 'N/A' and re-distribute %)		N/A	N/A

Specification
<p>1. Description of work required – overall purpose & scope (including reporting requirements)</p> <p>The SSSI Impact Risk Zones (IRZs) are a GIS tool developed by Natural England to make a rapid initial assessment of the potential risks to terrestrial SSSIs posed by development proposals. They define zones around each SSSI which reflect the particular sensitivities of the features for which the site is notified and indicate the types of development proposal which could potentially have adverse impacts and need further consideration.</p> <p>The loss of off-site habitat used for feeding, roosting and bathing by the notified species of designated sites is used as a factor to determine how the SSSI IRZs are defined.</p>

Breeding nightjar (*Caprimulgus europaeus*), Dartford warbler (*Sylvia undata*), stone curlew (*Burhinus oedicephalus*) and woodlark (*Lullubala arborea*) are given more precautionary buffer distances in the SSSI IRZs than other breeding bird species which leads to significant engagement for Natural England with consequences for Natural England’s workload and potentially planning application determination speed.

In order to test the assumptions embedded in the tool we need an up-to-date review of scientific literature which address or discuss the following areas of interest:

- The distances breeding nightjar, Dartford warbler, stone curlew and woodlark fly between feeding, roosting and bathing sites particularly in the context of designated sites.
- How vulnerable these species are to the loss of functionally linked land and how faithful are they to off site habitat.
- how the density of habitat use by breeding nightjar, Dartford warbler, stone curlew and woodlark changes with distance, so we can understand more about the distance an impact is likely to be significant?
- The nature/type of preferred habitat for these species?
- Is there any literature on woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*), long-eared owl (*Asio otus*) and hobby (*Falco subbuteo*) that would justify a similar approach with regards to distances flown during breeding season.

We would like the output to be in the form of a literature review report which we can use to assess the approach we currently take to these species in the SSSI IRZs.

As part of the literature review, a summary of the quality of the results must be provided, as well as data gaps and limitations.

We expect the report to be in accordance with Natural England’s guidelines on referencing, format and accessibility and will provide the necessary guidance and templates to aid in this.

We expect the review to be based on a robust range of scientific literature and official sources for such as the Journal of Applied Ecology, International Journal of Avian Science (IBIS), Journal of Applied Ecology, BTO Research Reports, Natural England, NatureScot and Natural Resources Wales publications.

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

Skills/ experience as set out in PRAPS Lot 11 specification. We expect that this work is undertaken or signed off at senior grade or higher.

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		

2	Draft report		50%
3	Draft review meeting		
4	Final report		50%
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<p>4. Risk</p> <p>Note: <i>This section is to be used to detail any risks relevant to the project i.e. Programme deliverable dates, data, consultees etc.</i></p> <p>Without this study there is a risk that other resources from the IRZ review programme will need to be employed to cover the gaps and that we will not have the time or resources to complete the review. The review is necessary to ensure that the IRZs remain robust and fit for purpose going forward.</p>
<p>5. Health and Safety Requirements</p> <p>Note: <i>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.</i></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>6. Sustainability Considerations (Only use if the work requires travel)</p> <p>N/A</p>

<p>Planning Related Advice Professional Services (PRAPS) Framework</p> <p>PART 2: PROPOSAL & QUOTE</p> <p>To be completed by the Supplier</p>
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Overall Costs (excluding VAT)	£9,488.02
Overall Costs (including VAT)	£11,385.62
By signing this form <i>TEP – The Environment Partnership</i> 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:	Redacted under FOIA Section 40 Personal Information
Signature:	
Date:	

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PART 3: AGREEMENT	
To be completed by Framework Manager and Authority Contract Manager	
Approved by Framework Manager:	Redacted under FOIA Section 40 Personal Information
Contract Award Date:	
Agreed by Supplier:	

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<p>Approved by Contract Manager:</p>	<p>[Redacted]</p>
<p>Terms and Conditions</p>	<p>All call off contracts under the PRAPS Framework are subject to the terms and conditions agreed at framework award.</p>
<p>You must have a purchase order number from Natural England before you start any work in connection with this proposal.</p>	

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PART 4

Change Control Schedule

<p>Notes</p>	<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)
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