**Grass Verge Maintenance in Seaford**

**Additional Information for Bidders #3 -**

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**Question Q1:** (paraphrased) I can’t see where the number and frequency of cuts is mentioned.

**Answer:** If you go to B.2.6 you should see the information you need.

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**Question Q2:**  …could you advise on the total meterage for the verges you need mown in Seaford?

**Answer:**  We're told by ESCC that the urban verges area in scope is 123,459m2…. It seems high… so I have raised a query, but I'll let everyone know if they correct it later. "

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**Question Q3:** The m2 seems very high. Can you confirm?

**Answer:** The last quoted figure is incorrect. Our apologies - we have been entirely reliant on ESCC for this data. We questioned the m2 and heard from them today that "We have double-checked the verge database and can confirm there are 129,378 m2 of urban verge in Seaford Parish.  Apologies for the different figures, this database has been edited since providing the figures. It may be worth noting that there are several large urban areas which account for 15-20% of the overall total."

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**Question Q4:** We haven’t yet needed Professional Indemnity insurance (and do not cut trees) but notice this is a requirement for your grass verge maintenance [contract]. Our insurance company have advised we don’t need it for this type of work.

**Answer:**  I'm not sure your insurers have quite understood the scale and nature of the tender being advertised. The appointed Contractor will be expected to advise on approaches to current good maintenance practices, frequency and timing of cuts, cut and drop vs cut and carry and so forth. This contract is also setting the scene for an extended, strategic approach to verge maintenance and approaches may need to be varied according to the impacts of climate change and research into the impacts of the work on local flora and fauna. The professional indemnity component of the insurances required is protection for the Town Council against poor or inappropriate guidance and decision-making and is quite common at this scale. I'm sure you appreciate that the other insurance components reflect the nature of the contract as focusing on public highways and spaces, being close to people and property, having to avoid tree damage and fixture damage (eg around benches, bins and so on) and being close to moving and stationary vehicles.

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**Question Q5:** In reference to additional cuts, D.5.1.8, please could you provide a definition of one site?

**Answer:** Please assume a 200m-long verge of ’average’ width.

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**Question Q6:** In reference to additional cuts, D.5.1.8, I’m assuming all sites is a total cut?

**Answer:** Yes, that is correct.

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