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Contract

Systematic Conservation Planning (SCP) tool, Phase 2 (2025-26).

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Scope

Reference

C32211

Description

Natural England has implemented a SSSI Future Reforms (SSSIFR) project to investigate whether the statutory framework for Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) will support the natural world's increasing dynamism as it responds to climate change. This includes whether the legal framework will need to evolve to better protect habitats and species during rapid ecological change.

These reforms have also included development of a Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) that has now been embedded within the Whole Feature Assessment (WFA) and Pressures System as part of SSSI condition monitoring reform, from April 2023. Sites identified at high risk (scoring 4/5) to Climate Change trigger the need to develop an Adaptive Delivery Plan (ADP) to carry out a more in-depth evaluation of climate change vulnerability and identify adaptation responses based on the Resist–Accept–Direct (RAD)

Framework developed by the US National Park Service.

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Supplier

- [University of York](#)

Contract value

- £49,966.88 excluding VAT
- £59,960.26 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

14 January 2026

Contract dates

- 15 January 2026 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 May 2026
- 4 months, 17 days

Description of possible extension:

2 month extension option

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The contracting Authority may extend the contract for an additional 2 months

CPV classifications

- 90700000 - Environmental services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

University of York

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRDQ-5539-WTHX

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Region: UKE21 - York

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

NATURAL ENGLAND

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJDG-6588-XDMM

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Summary of their role in this procurement: Defra Group Commercial will be managing the contract on behalf of Natural England

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