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Planning

Houghton Depot

Sunderland City Council

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Scope

Reference

OPEN2026249

Description

Construction of a new Council depot at Cygnet Way, Houghton-le-Spring.

Proposed development to comprise of office, welfare and workshop areas, fleet vehicle garages, a gritter vehicle shed and salt barn (8000 tonne capacity) building, external hardstanding areas for additional fleet parking, skip storage and ancillary facilities (including a truck wash bay, refuelling area, EV charging and containerised storage). Staff parking for 50 vehicles.

Total value (estimated)

- £10,000,000 excluding VAT

- £12,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 22 June 2026 to 20 August 2027
- 1 year, 1 month, 29 days

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45213000 - Construction work for commercial buildings, warehouses and industrial buildings, buildings relating to transport

Contract locations

- UKC23 - Sunderland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

27 February 2026

Engagement process description

This market engagement will allow the Council to understand the appetite in the market and prepare the market and to advise them to register with the appropriate sites to ensure that have access to all documentation and can submit compliant tenders.

Suppliers can access brief information of the requirement, the proposed tender dates and works timetable and the proposed form of contract by registering their interest on the Councils online tendering system (www.open-uk.org).

There is a questionnaire where they can advise if they have the capacity and can make any comments on the process.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

8 June 2026

Contracting authority

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