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Planning

National Spatial Planning Contract 2026 - UK2

National Highways

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Scope

Reference

NSPC2026

Description

National Highways intends to procure new contracts for the provision of spatial planning consultancy services, commencing in February 2026. These contracts will replace the current NEC4 Professional Services Contracts awarded in 2021, which are due to expire in February 2026.

The replacement contracts will also follow the NEC4 Professional Services Contract form and are expected to run for an initial term of five years, with the option to extend by up to three additional years (5+1+1+1 structure).

The services will support National Highways in its role as a Statutory Consultee in the planning system. The appointed consultants will provide a range of technical services to assist our Spatial Planning Teams in responding to planning applications, local plan consultations, and other statutory planning documents. Scope of work may include, but is

not limited to:

Reviewing transport assessments and technical reports submitted by applicants

Assessing and developing traffic and transport models

Providing expert technical advice on planning matters

Supporting National Highways at examinations in public and, where required, acting as an expert witness

National Highways is considering a three-lot regional structure (North, Midlands, and South) to deliver these services.

Total value (estimated)

- £81,000,000 excluding VAT
- £97,200,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 18 February 2026 to 17 February 2031
- Possible extension to 17 February 2034
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71311200 - Transport systems consultancy services
- 71241000 - Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis
- 71410000 - Urban planning services
- 79415200 - Design consultancy services
- 71311300 - Infrastructure works consultancy services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

28 May 2025

Engagement process description

Suppliers interested in contributing to this market engagement are invited to submit their responses via the following Microsoft Forms link: <https://forms.office.com/e/3AGG9dg0sX>. Responses are requested by 28th May 2025.

Please note that in order to bid for a National Highways contract you will need to be registered on our e-Sourcing portal. A guidance document will be distributed once we receive your contact details through the engagement form.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

30 June 2025

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government