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Planning

Bridge Maintenance and Operation

Norfolk County Council

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Norfolk County Council is responsible for the maintenance of the Haven Bridge, and the maintenance and operation of the Herring Bridge, which are both twin-leaf lifting bridges located in the port town of Great Yarmouth. The Haven Bridge is operated by Peel Ports on behalf of Great Yarmouth Port Authority, who have a statutory obligation to operate the bridge for navigation.

Haven Bridge was opened in 1930 but underwent a significant mechanical and electrical upgrade between 2021 and 2023. Herring Bridge was opened to traffic in February 2024.

Existing contracts expire in February 2026 [Haven Bridge] and January 2027 [Herring Bridge]. The council is currently scoping requirements for the procurement of a replacement contract or contracts. It is anticipated that a single procurement exercise will be undertaken in respect of both bridges. Scope of the contract(s) is expected to include

the following, but is subject to amendment as the specification is developed further.

In respect of Herring Bridge:

- 1) Maintenance (planned and reactive) and operation - operation is 24/7/365 from a manned control tower on site
- 2) Planned and reactive maintenance of road traffic equipment including movable barriers, flashing beacons, audible warnings and CCTV
- 3) Providing support to the emergency services in case of maritime or road traffic accident, chemical spillage, fire or other incident
- 4) Soft and hard facilities management [planned and reactive] of the control buildings, control tower and welfare facilities including cleaning, HVAC, and domestic electrical, plumbing and heating systems
- 5) LOLER and weekly walkover inspection

In respect of Haven Bridge:

- 1) Planned and reactive maintenance, weekly test lifts, lifts where required for maintenance or refurbishment or otherwise at the direction of the highway authority, but not routine operational lifts.
- 2) Planned and reactive maintenance of road traffic equipment including movable barriers, flashing beacons, audible warnings and CCTV
- 3) Planned and reactive maintenance of the wooden deck and associated waterproofing systems and running course
- 4) Providing support to the emergency services in case of maritime or road traffic accident, fire or other incident
- 5) LOLER and weekly walkover inspection

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2029
- Possible extension to 29 February 2032

- 6 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 34928300 - Safety barriers
- 42961200 - Scada or equivalent system
- 45221111 - Road bridge construction work
- 50230000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to roads and other equipment
- 50240000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to marine and other equipment
- 63712310 - Bridge operating services
- 63721000 - Port and waterway operation services and associated services
- 71631450 - Bridge-inspection services

Contract locations

- UKH15 - Norwich and East Norfolk

Engagement

Engagement deadline

5 September 2025

Engagement process description

Interested contractors are invited to provide a response to the market engagement questionnaire that has been made available via the Council's e-procurement system, In-tend.

To express an interest and participate in the market engagement applicants must first be registered on the system at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc>. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/norfolkcc/asp/BUYERPROFILES>. Once registered you will be able to see the procurement project under the tenders` section and `express an interest` to view the documentation. If you encounter any difficulties whilst using the system you can contact the In-tend support team by phoning +44 8442728810 or e-mailing support@in-tend.co.uk.

On accessing In-tend you will find a link to the questionnaire along with documents providing an overview of each structure.

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