Clarifications to Bidder’s Questions:

**Littoral Sediment Surveys of Adur Estuary SSSI**

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| 1 | On the “find a tender” website it states the estimated available budget is around £20,000.00 including VAT. Is this correct or do you think the budget could be higher? If more budget is available, please can you give us an estimate of what the budget will be? | The budget for the contract is £20,000 including VAT. |
| 2 | If the available budget restricts the program of work, would you be prepared to commission just the Phase I component of the project without completing the Phase II component? | Yes, if you could provide a breakdown for each of the components of the contract, and once we have received submissions we will then evaluate these against the evaluation criteria. Depending on the outcome of the evaluation there is the option to separate the Phase I and Phase II components. |
| 3 | Would you like the survey to cover all units, or is the survey just restricted to units 3 and 8? | Littoral sediment is confirmed as a feature of unit 3 and 8 for the SSSI, therefore will be the focus units of the project. However, once the contract is awarded when discussing the survey design if it is beneficial to extend into other areas we are happy to explore this.  |
| 4 | Would it be possible to give some indication of the survey methods used by University of Brighton in 2009?   | The survey methods over units 3 and 8, consisted of: * + Preliminary walkover, comparing mapped extent of littoral sediment and field observations
	+ Biotope distribution, Phase I walkover (Procedural guideline No. 3-1 In-situ intertidal biotope recording. In: Davies, J. *et al*. *Marine monitoring handbook*)
	+ Sediment character, GPS-referenced photographs and five transects, cores of 0.01m2 to 15cm deep (based upon Procedural guideline No. 3-6 Quantitative sampling of intertidal sediment species using cores. In: Davies, J. *et al*. *Marine monitoring handbook*)
	+ Biotope composition, five transects, cores of 0.01m2 to 15cm deep (Procedural guideline No. 3-6 Quantitative sampling of intertidal sediment species using cores.  In: Davies, J. *et al*. *Marine monitoring handbook*), sieved in laboratory conditions within 24hrs at 0.5mm.
	+ Particle size distribution

*Please note that the raw data outputs are not available but are available as part of a report.*  |