**HDC202506 – RFQ - Clarifications received up until 16th July 2025**

* Is there any opportunity to increase the budget to reflect the additional tasks to be carried out?

Unfortunately, we are unable to increase the budget at this time, but we would be happy for you to put in a bid based on what you could provide for the 40k. You could then add any extras and let us know what the increased cost would be as part of the tender. Timescales are also fairly flexible.

* Would it be possible to see a copy of the current Hard Capital Programme, specifically what spending/initiatives are planned for the five sites in question

No, we do not have an approved capital work programme. This work will help to support the development of a new programme.

* Are there any previous visitor surveys that have been undertaken - could we see copies?

We have a Visitor Survey from Fleet Pond and Bramshot Farm from 2018 and one from Edenbrook Country Park from 2019. These can both be shared on request.

* Are there any people counters or car park counters in place to show the numbers of people/cars currently using the sites?

There is some historical data from people counters for some of the sites. Whitewater Meadows has current people counters, and Fleet Pond has people and bike counters at 2 locations. We have no data for car counters.

* Which sites have site management plans in place and would it be possible to see them?

Sites with current management plans include Fleet Pond, Edenbrook Country Park and Elvetham Heath. Bramshot Farm and Whitewater Meadows are currently being developed. They can be sent on request.

* One of the council's main objectives is to identify all cost and resource implications for developing the Development Plan - can we just clarify that the outcomes of the research will help inform the Development Plan and it will be the council's responsibility to then estimate the likely cost/resource requirements for these proposals?

Ideally, we would like the winning bidder to estimate the cost/resource requirements as part of this project, and bids will score higher if they have a costed development plan. However, if this cannot be done within the budget, please detail this as an extra cost.

* Would the report provided by the consultant be expected to include an analysis of funding opportunities and overlay these onto the potential improvements?

Yes, if possible. If this is not possible within the budget, could it please be listed as an added extra with an associated cost, as above.

* Does the council have any concepts that they want tested as part of the research – any ideas for improving the parks or does the research need to create improvements?

There are no current concepts; we would like this project to identify improvements through engagement with the public and other stakeholders.

* Would you, at this point, have any idea on the number of parish councils and community groups that you would like to have covered by this research? Do you anticipate these groups being included in quantitative analysis or would their views be better covered using qualitative techniques

There are 21 parish councils and 1 large community group; however, we already have an established way of communicating with them through a digital newsletter. It would be ideal if, as part of this research, other community groups could be identified. We anticipate that qualitative data would be used.

* Are there any specific audiences/stakeholders that would benefit from receiving focused outputs from the research over and above a fully written report that makes recommendations by site?

We would be happy with a fully written report that makes recommendations by site. We do not require focused outputs to specific audiences.

* It would also be good to know if you are sharing responses to questions to all potential bidders – and if so how these responses will be released

Yes, responses will be shared to all. All clarifications with responses will be published on 'find a tender' after the closing date on Wednesday the 16th of July.