**Clarifications to Bidder’s Questions**

**Develop an Open Mosaic Habitats on Previously Developed Land (OMH) GIS layer**

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| **Question** | | **Answer** |
| 1 | OS MasterMap.  We are OS Partners and so can supply the data but am I right in assuming that Natural England have OS MasterMap themselves and would be supplying the data? | Yes, we do have OS MasterMap and we would be able to share it with you. It may be difficult to send due to file sizes and various internal processes on our side, but if we need to, we’ll make it work. It would be quicker and easier to use your version of the MasterMap if possible, at least at the start of this project. |
| 2 | Aerial Imagery.  Is this the same assumptions as above?  Or do we have to look to source the imagery? | The previous work used Google / Bing Satellite Imagery etc., and we will get back to the successful supplier with other options that we are exploring internally. I have attached the 2024 report which outlines what has previously been used. |
| 3 | Part of the reason for asking these questions is this statement:  *The intention is for NE to publish the revised data on the open data portal. No data sources should be used where licensing requirements would prevent this from happening.*  Our understanding is that OS MasterMap cannot be published in the Public Domain unless there is a watermark.  Is this the case or do you have an arrangement with OS? | The PHI has been granted an exemption from Ordinance Survey because it is so heavily derived it would not be possible to reverse engineer their map; therefore, there’s no need to watermark your data. |
| 4 | The data capture rule base document (p.9 rfq) doesn't appear to be listed under the documents section of the find a tender page. I have found 'Open Mosaic Habitats on Previously Developed Land Inventory Data Capture Rule Base v1.2.pdf' is that the correct document? | The capture rule base is outlined in the attached document – I am sorry for the confusion over this and not having including it before. |
| 5 | Are Natural England (NE) supplying the aerial photography imagery to review the polygons against or does the contractor need to source this? | The previous work used Google / Bing Satellite Imagery etc., and we will get back to the successful supplier with other options that we are exploring internally. More detail on this is also in the attached the 2024 report which outlines what has previously been used. |
| 6 | Are NE able to provide access to Ordnance Survey data under NE's license for use on the project by the contractor. Specifically Ordnance Survey Master Map and Ordnance Survey Master Map Imagery. | Yes, we do have OS MasterMap and we would be able to share it with you. It may be difficult to send due to file sizes and various internal processes on our side, so if possible it would be quicker if you had access to the MasterMap data, at least at the start of this project. |
| 7 | In the RFQ its says that the ‘capture rule base’ is attached, I can’t seem to find it. I can see the PHI data submission guidance, but I wondered if there was something else we should have access to? | The capture rule base is outlined in the attached document – I am sorry for the confusion over this and not having including it before. |
| 8 | There is reference to ‘Digitising Standards for Open Mosaic Habitats (OMH) Mapping – July 2025 (Annex 1)’, I cannot find this in the document or any of the links included. Could we have access to this before submitting our response? | I’m sorry for the confusion with this – it can be found at the end of the document ‘*RFQ - Develop an Open Mosaic Habitats on Previously Developed Land (OMH) GIS layer.pdf*’ under the section titled ‘*Appendix 1 Priority Habitat Inventory: Data Submission Guidance*’. |
| 9 | Is there a report for the work undertaken in 2024 which we could have access to. | Yes, I have attached the report written in 2024 titled ‘*Review Rules Report FINAL.pdf*’. |