Tender Addendum No. 1

Clifden Railway Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge – Consultancy Services (Stage A Preliminary Design and Stage B Statutory Consent Preparation)

Galway City Council – Tender reference: 9396140 – Date of issue: 17 Nov 2026

1. General

This Addendum amends the tender documents issued on 27 October 2026. It forms part of the tender documents. Where it conflicts with any earlier document or any previous clarification, this Addendum prevails. **Tender Clarification No. 2**, issued on the same date, should be read with it. All other terms of the tender documents remain unchanged. Tenderers shall acknowledge receipt through eTenders and shall base their tenders on the revised documents listed in Section 8 below, which supersede the earlier versions.

2. Closing date

The dates for return of tenders and deadline for tenderer queries remain as per the extended dates in the Tender notice.

3. SAQ – Architect requirement and schedule of projects

The following is added to the team requirements in the SAQ and to the grade definitions in the ITT:

Architect (Bridge / Infrastructure Design): Architect registered on the Irish Register of Architects (RIAI) or equivalent, with a minimum of 15 years' post-qualification experience, including the architectural design of at least one pedestrian, cycle or road bridge or comparable landmark infrastructure structure of construction value not less than €5 million in a sensitive urban river or heritage setting.

The period for the schedule of relevant projects and for the reference projects in Section 3.4 of the SAQ shall be 7 years in each case.

4. Instructions to Tenderers

- Particulars: Table of Rates for Time Charges now includes the grade of Architect (Bridge / Infrastructure Design)
- Particulars: Table of Notional Hours now includes the grade of Architect (Bridge / Infrastructure Design)

5. Tender Brief amendments

- Section 8 (Required Design Team Composition): the following row is added – Architect (Bridge / Infrastructure Design): architectural design lead for the bridge form, materials, finishes, lighting integration and detailing; design statement and visual inputs to the LVIA; co-ordination with the Conservation Architect and Landscape Architect.
- Section 3.1 Stage A scope – Architectural design input: the Consultant's Architect shall, in co-operation with the structural engineer, Conservation Architect and Landscape Architect, develop the aesthetic and architectural design of the preferred option (Option 2 – Rippled Arch) at Preliminary Design level, including the form and proportions of the structure, the treatment of the piers and abutments in the setting of the Protected Structure, materials, finishes, parapet and handrail design, integration of lighting, and the bridge approaches in consultation with the Landscape Architect. The design shall have regard to TII DN-STR-03021, the Protected Structure and the river corridor setting. The Architect shall contribute to the Planning / Design Statement Report, the agreed-viewpoint photomontages and the Approval Gate 2 submission, and shall attend design review and public consultation meetings as required. In Stage B the Architect shall support the statutory consent application and respond to design-related queries.
- Section 3.1 (ground investigation and surveys): the additional ground investigation (including in-river investigation), the topographic and hydrographic survey and the utility survey shall be procured separately by the Council on the basis of the Consultant's specification. The Consultant shall prepare the specification and tender documentation, supervise the works, interpret the results and report. The cost of carrying out the investigation and surveys is excluded from the tendered lump sum.
- Section 3.1 (Tree survey): the Consultant shall include for a tree survey, arboricultural impact assessment and tree protection proposals for the bridge approaches, carried out by a suitably qualified arborist to BS 5837, to the level required to inform the design, the EIAR and the statutory consent application. The cost is included in the tendered lump sum.

- OPW consent: all references to “OPW Section 50” consent of the Office of Public Works (including in Sections 3.2, 8, 11 and 13 and the deliverables table) are replaced by reference to consent of the Office of Public Works under Section 50 of the Arterial Drainage Act 1945.
- Section 2.5.1 (Approval Gate 2): add the following – “The Scheme Design Drawings and associated technical information shall be developed to Preliminary Design / statutory consent level only. Detailed Design and pre-tender design following statutory consent are excluded from the lump-sum scope.”

6. Pricing Document

- Stage A items A2, A3 and A4 are reworded to price specification, tender documentation, supervision, interpretation and reporting only; the cost of the investigation and surveys is excluded.
- A new Stage A item is added for the tree survey, arboricultural impact assessment and tree protection proposals.
- The grade of Architect (Bridge / Infrastructure Design) is added to the Schedule of Hourly Rates and Notional Hours, with 30 notional hours. The total notional hours are 410.
- Tenderers shall use the revised Pricing Document. Tenders priced on the earlier version shall be treated as non-compliant.

7. Conditions of engagement schedules

- FTS9 Schedule A, Section 19: where professional indemnity cover is provided on an annual aggregate basis, the minimum annual aggregate limit is €2.5m, with a minimum of €1.25m for each and every claim.
- The grade of Architect (Bridge / Infrastructure Design) is added to the Schedule of Hourly Rates and Notional Hours, with 30 notional hours.
- FTS9 Schedule B: the Stage B percentages are corrected and total 100%.

8. Revised and superseded documents

The following revised documents are uploaded to eTenders with this Addendum and supersede the earlier versions:

Document	Document Name and Revision
Tender Brief	Clifden_Railway_Bridge_Tender_Brief Rev.T2
Pricing Document	Clifden_Railway_Bridge_Pricing_Document. Rev T2
SAQ Part 1	QC2-Part-1_v3.2_25-11-2025 (Rev 2)
ITT	ITT_S2b_Services_Open_THR_v2.0-04-11-2024. Rev T2
FTS9 Schedules A and B	FTS9_Consultancy_v1.10_16-09-2024. Rev T2

The earlier versions are withdrawn from use and shall not be relied on.