Tender Clarifications No. 2

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

Clarification Notice No. 2 – Galway City Council – 17 November 2026

The following clarifications are issued to all tenderers. Queries are reproduced as received, anonymised. Where a clarification conflicts with the tender documents, the clarification prevails. Where an addendum is referred to, it will be issued separately through eTenders.

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1	Within the SAQ Section 3.4c there is conflicting information (2/3 examples and 7/8 years), could you please confirm the number of examples required and the number of years since the project has been completed.	Revised Wording provided in revised SAQ Part 1 QC2-Part-1_v3.2_25-11-2025 (Rev 2*). *(*Initially revised to Rev1 under Tender Clarification No. 1 but now revised to rev 2 to incorporate the additional amendments outlined in this document)*
2	Can you please confirm if 3.4f Technical Equipment and 3.4h Environmental Management Measures is required. On the summary table (page 9) states 'Not Required' and on page 23 states 'Evidence Required'.	We confirm that documentary evidence is required for both 3.4f and 3.4h of SAQ Part 1 and the table on page 9 has been amended to reflect this in revised QC2-Part-1_v3.2_25-11-2025 (Rev 2*). *(*Initially revised to Rev1 under Tender Clarification No. 1 but now revised to Rev 2 to incorporate the additional amendments outlined in this document)*
3	Could the contracting authority confirm that a RIBA Specialist Conservation Architect (as per the RIBA Conservation Register list) is deemed equivalent to the “RIAI Grade I Conservation Accreditation” for the Conservation Architect grade.	A RIBA Specialist Conservation Architect will be accepted as equivalent to RIAI Grade I Conservation Accreditation, provided the individual is currently on the RIBA Conservation Register, meets the minimum experience stated for the grade, and is entitled to practise as an architect in Ireland. Evidence should be included in the tender submission.
4	Could the contracting authority advise whether the schedule of projects to be provided can be separated into two groups, i.e. (1) projects that have completed the EIAR process during the past seven years and (2) projects that have been constructed within the past seven years.	Yes. Tenderers may present the schedule in two groups: (1) Engineering projects that reached substantial completion within the past seven years, as described in the SAQ; and (2) EIAR projects for which the EIAR was prepared and submitted for statutory consent within the past seven years. A minimum of three projects is required in each group.
5	TII DN-STR-03021, Aesthetics of Road Structures, identifies aesthetic considerations for landmark structures and pedestrian/cycle bridges in prominent locations. Please confirm whether a bridge architect / architectural design advisor is required as part of the multidisciplinary team during Stage A Preliminary Design.	Yes. An Architect (Bridge / Infrastructure Design) is a required member of the multidisciplinary team, with the experience stated in the SAQ and the role and scope described in the Tender Brief, as amended by addendum. The cost of the Architect shall be included in the tendered price, and the Architect’s experience will be assessed as part of the suitability of the proposed team under Criterion C.
6	The ITT identifies total marks for Criteria A, B and C but does not appear to identify the individual marks for their respective sub criteria. Please confirm the marks/weighting applicable to each sub criterion.	Sub-criteria within are now included in updated ITT.
7	Please clarify the pricing basis for third-party survey and investigation services, including geotechnical investigation and topographical/hydrographic surveys. Will the Contracting Authority cover third-party survey costs with the Consultant allowing for specification, procurement and	The cost of carrying out the additional ground investigation (including in-river investigation), the topographic and hydrographic surveys and the utility survey is excluded from the tendered lump sum. The Council will procure these works separately, on the basis of the Consultant’s specification. The Consultant shall price the preparation of the specification and tender documentation, supervision of the works, interpretation

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	management with the survey costs borne separately by the Council?	of the results and reporting, as described in items A2 to A4 of the Pricing Document, which will be amended by addendum.
8	The bridge approaches appear to be heavily wooded. Is the consultant expected to allow for the procurement of an Arborist to complete a tree survey and Arboricultural impact assessment? Or has this already taken place?	Tenderers shall now allow for the services of a qualified arborist to carry out a tree survey, arboricultural impact assessment and tree protection proposals for the bridge approaches, to the level required to support the design, the EIAR and the statutory consent application. The arborist's services shall be included in the tendered lump sum. Section 3.2 of the Teender Brief has been updated accordingly.
9	The Stage B / Statutory Consent percentages identified in Schedule B of FTS9 appear to total 90 percent. Please confirm the intended percentages and issue a corrected Schedule B if required.	GCC acknowledges the discrepancy. A corrected Schedule B will be issued by addendum, with the Stage B percentages totalling 100%.
10	Schedule A, Section 19 of FTS9 specifies PI cover of €1.25m on an each-and-every-claim basis but does not specify the corresponding minimum cover where Annual Aggregate Insurance applies. Please confirm the required Annual Aggregate PI limit.	Where professional indemnity cover is provided on an annual aggregate basis, the minimum required annual aggregate limit is €2.5m with a minimum of €1.25m for each and every claim. A corrected Schedule A will be issued by addendum.
11	Several tender documents refer to an "OPW Section 50 Roads Act" consent for works in the watercourse. Please confirm that these references are intended to refer to the separate OPW Section 50 consent under the Arterial Drainage Act 1945, distinct from the Section 50 Roads Act 1993 application to An Bord Pleanála.	Confirmed. References to "OPW Section 50" or "Section 50 (OPW)" consent are to the consent of the Office of Public Works under Section 50 of the Arterial Drainage Act 1945 for works to a bridge or in the watercourse. This is separate from the application to An Coimisiún Pleanála under the Roads Act 1993 (as amended). The affected references will be corrected by addendum.
12	Please confirm if Criteria C2 of the quality assessment outline in the ITT will be assessed based on relevant experience of the named roles for which 5 No. CV's are supplied, or including the wider project team names as part of the SAQ and notional hours assessment.	Criterion C2 will be assessed on the relevant experience of the **six** (architect now included) named individuals for whom CVs are supplied. The wider team will not be assessed under C2. The SAQ is a pass/fail stage, and the notional hours relate to price evaluation only; neither forms part of the C2 quality assessment. Team structure and availability are assessed under C1 and C3.
13	It is unclear to what extent the consultant shall allow for the input of a landscape architect for design of the bridge approaches at Stage A Preliminary Design. Please clarify what level of design of public realm is expected.	Concept level only, sufficient to support the Approval Gate 2 submission, the LVIA and the statutory consent application. This comprises an indicative layout of the bridge approaches within the application boundary, levels and gradients, a surfacing and materials palette, lighting principles and a planting and tree retention strategy. Detailed public realm design, planting schedules and construction details are excluded.
14	Please confirm which meetings will need to be attended in person and which can be assumed to be remote.	In person: the inception meeting; public information events and statutory consultee and stakeholder meetings; the clarification meetings on the Design Report, NIS and EIAR; the An Coimisiún Pleanála pre-application meeting; any oral hearing; and site visits. Remote (video conference) is acceptable for routine monthly design team and progress meetings, Steering Group meetings and meetings with Senior Counsel, unless the Council requests otherwise. In-person meetings will generally be held at City Hall, College Road, Galway.
15	Section 2.5.1 of the Tender Brief requires the substantive content of an Approval Gate	Confirmed. The Scheme Design Drawings and associated technical information are required at Preliminary Design /

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	2 submission to be developed as a core Stage A service, notwithstanding that the commission otherwise extends only to Preliminary Design and Statutory Consent. Please confirm that the “Scheme Design Drawings” and associated technical information required under this item are to be developed only to the Preliminary Design / statutory consent level appropriate to this commission, and that any subsequent development to Detailed Design / pre-tender level following statutory consent is excluded from the initial lump-sum scope.	statutory consent level only. Detailed Design, pre-tender design and tender documentation following statutory consent are excluded from the lump-sum scope and, if required, will be the subject of a separate instruction or appointment by the GCC.