

Grip blocking communications with Nick Sellwood

From: Sellwood, Nick [mailto:Nick.Sellwood@nationaltrust.org.uk]
Sent: 02 May 2013 16:52
To: Campbell, Jenny (NE)
Subject: RE: Quote for helicopter costs for lifting g blocking materials at Burbage HLS

Hi Jenny

Yes, I agree £[REDACTED] is fine for the gully-blocking plus irrecoverable VAT – NT can only cover 78% of the VAT, so there will be another £[REDACTED] on top of this that NT will have to pay. Is this okay to include in the HLS grant?

Agree, yes put this work into Years 2 and 3

Re: cattle handling – yes, do as you say for now thanks (but again plus the irrecoverable VAT – which would be £[REDACTED] in this case). I'm getting quotes for the access works needed for the cattle-handling facilities (met one contractor today), and Charles Bradfield is getting quotes for the cattle handling facilities themselves. However, he may struggle to get the quotes back by 9th May (he's meeting contractors next week I understand). What is the very latest date he can get them to you?

Happy to discuss MMP tomorrow briefly if that helps?

See you tomorrow, cheers, Nick

From: Campbell, Jenny (NE) [mailto:Jenny.Campbell@naturalengland.org.uk]
Sent: 02 May 2013 15:46
To: Sellwood, Nick
Subject: RE: Quote for helicopter costs for lifting g blocking materials at Burbage HLS

Hi Nick, can I assume that the costs for the overall grip/gully blocking for proposal 1 would be £[REDACTED] rather than £[REDACTED]

Steve's initial costings included £ [REDACTED] for Pennine Helicopters to do the main section (the 8 side drains) plus an additional £ [REDACTED] for the extra 500m at the top of the 2 main drains and this quote is considerably lower.

I'm putting together your capital works plan at the moment. I think it's probably best to make it a 3 year plan and agree which elements you'll more than likely claim for in each of the 3 years. Given that there'll be quite an expenditure in year 1 with the handling facilities it might be best if for sake of planning you claimed for this gully blocking work out over years 2 and 3.

I'm going to put a figure of £ [REDACTED] in for the cattle handling facilities for the moment – just to let me move to the next phase of processing (60% of [REDACTED]). This should mean I can print off a copy of the draft agreement and give you tomorrow....I will still need quotes from you/Charles soon though so hopefully there's something in the pipeline.

I think we may just need to agree the broad principles of the Moorland Management Plan as I could have difficulty putting together the maps etc before the 15th but there's no reason why we can't just agree burning/cutting locations/rotations, bracken control areas, grazing numbers in principle to allow the HLS to go live and then tidy it up over the next month when things in theory calm down.

Cheers

Jenny

From: Sellwood, Nick [mailto:Nick.Sellwood@nationaltrust.org.uk]
Sent: 30 April 2013 12:36
To: Campbell, Jenny (NE)
Subject: Quote for helicopter costs for lifting g blocking materials at Burbage HLS

Hi Jenny

See below one of 3 quotes for lifting the stone onto Burbage Moors for the gullyblocking. This is to deliver 'Proposal 1' – blocking each of the 8 side drains, and the top 500m of the 2 main drains (250 tonnes of stone in all)

Other quotes to follow

Cheers, Nick

From: Armstrong, Helen
Sent: 03 April 2013 14:03
To: Sellwood, Nick
Subject: FW: Another HLS quote please

Quote 3 of 3

From: JULIA [mailto:julia@penninehelis.co.uk]
Sent: 01 April 2013 12:28
To: Armstrong, Helen
Subject: RE: Another HLS quote please



Hi Helen

Many thanks for your invitation to quote for the airlift of stone for gully blocking.

Our fixed price would be £ [REDACTED] plus Vat and as always is inclusive of the loan of any heli-bags required, ground crew for hooking-on purposes, ground support vehicle with fire and rescue facilities, together with a specialist aviation fuel bowser, all necessary certified strops etc., ground to air radios for your staff, insurance, and preparation of Safety Policy and Risk Assessment.

If the job was interrupted by deteriorating weather conditions, there would be no additional charge due to poor weather, the helicopter would merely return to base and the job would resume as soon as it was convenient / suitable to do so.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either Chris or myself.

Bye for now.

Kind regards

Julia

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From: Armstrong, Helen [mailto:helen.armstrong@nationaltrust.org.uk]

Sent: 28 March 2013 14:09

To: 'JULIA'

Subject: Another HLS quote please

Hi Julia,

We've not yet heard back about our HLS applications for which you kindly supplied several quotes. However we're putting another HLS application in for Burbage and Houndkirk Moor, and it would be useful if you could provide us with a quote for lifting some stone for gully blocking.

The attached map shows the location of lift and drop sites for 250T stone which will be bagged and prepared on a large layby at the side of the road (opposite the site). In reality, we'll be building dams along the length of the grip you can see on the map, but for the purposes of the quotation, I've just picked a point in the middle.

I would be grateful if you could return this quotation to me by Wednesday 10th April.

Hope you have a happy Easter break.

Helen Armstrong

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From: Sellwood, Nick [mailto:Nick.Sellwood@nationaltrust.org.uk]

Sent: 27 March 2013 15:37

To: Campbell, Jenny (NE)

Subject: Burbage HLS. Can you call me please

Hi Jenny

Just left a message for you via the Sheffield Office on your voice mail – I'm at Edale End on 01433 670903 or 07876 591932 if your able to call me.

Re: the programming

I suggest for Year 1 (2013/14):

- Fencing definitely (including Unit 71 SE boundary, Ringinglow Road boundary of Unit 64 – Lady Cannings to Upper Burbage, and then from Upper Burbage down past Higger Tor as we discussed on our site visit in Feb)
- Cattle handling facilities (now looking for permanent ones rather than mobile – this would be really useful to talk about – so I'm clear what level of detail you'll need etc)
- Continuation of bracken control (and annually)

Year 2

- Gully-blocking work (this could be spread over 2 years, yes, but Years 2 and 3 rather than 1 and 2 would be preferable). In terms of the respective merit of each proposal, my gut feeling would simply be that Proposal 1 would give much more benefit than proposal 1
- Walling repairs to the enclosure in Unit 65, some in Year 2, some in Year 3

What I can't recall is which year the archaeological work is best done. I've just left Rachael Hall a voice mail to get back to me on this

Cheers, Nick

From: Campbell, Jenny (NE) [mailto:Jenny.Campbell@naturalengland.org.uk]
Sent: 26 March 2013 18:05
To: Sellwood, Nick
Subject: RE: Cost estimate from NT estates team for proposed gully-blocking on Burbage Moors. Clarification

Hi Nick,

My mobile phone is out of action at the moment and I'm trying to work from home.. sorry – I hope to be back in an office tomorrow so can call you then.

It's good to have some clarity on the Flight stewarding quote and preparatory work – thanks.

And thank you (and Steve) for updating the costings

The recent quotes for High Peak flights/stone etc should be fine. Pass them onto me when you've got something from Helen. They'd need to be relatively detailed, on headed paper etc – I'm pleased to have a second quote for handling facilities from David (thanks) but this email wouldn't really be sufficient for our records. I'll need something more detailed.

Re the capital works budget - I'd previously allocated £[REDACTED] to 1st year capital plan for Burbage HLS. Ginny thinks I need to try to stick to this as closely as possible (though I can probably stretch it by £[REDACTED]. Are there other capital items which could perhaps wait until year 2? I presume you'll want to include at least the mobile cattle handling system by end of year 1... I've a feeling quite a lot of the fencing was relatively urgent and it would be good to get the Arch survey work done in year 1 as it'll inform other management.

Would it be feasible to split the grip blocking work over 2 years? Alternatively maybe you could consider a slightly paired down proposal 1?

Have you a sense of how less effective proposal 2 would be?

Hopefully get a chance to discuss tomorrow.

Best wishes,

Jenny

From: Sellwood, Nick [mailto:Nick.Sellwood@nationaltrust.org.uk]

Sent: 26 March 2013 16:52

To: Campbell, Jenny (NE)

Subject: Re: Cost estimate from NT estates team for proposed gully-blocking on Burbage Moors.
Clarification

Hi Jenny

Thanks for getting back to me on this one

I have just chatted this thru with Steve and can provide some more detail in red in answer to the questions in your email below plus an amended costings doc (see attached). Let me know if you have further questions on this

I could also do with a chat with you on the potential permanent cattle handling facilities – I've chatted to Danny and been on site with Charles B, but a chat with you first before I do more on this would be helpful. Your best trying me on my mobile 07876 591932

Cheers, Nick

Burbage moor costing

Proposal one

[REDACTED]

Total cost =£ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Total =£ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Total combined cost =£ [REDACTED]

Proposal two

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Total cost = £ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Total =£ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Total cost =£ [REDACTED]

All costs exclude VAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Campbell, Jenny (NE) [mailto:Jenny.Campbell@naturalengland.org.uk]

Sent: 20 March 2013 15:28

To: Sellwood, Nick

Subject: RE: Cost estimate from NT estates team for proposed gully-blocking on Burbage Moors

Hi Nick, thanks for this.

I'm just wondering about the labour costs. The estate team of 5 have been applied to each of the 3 main tasks: Prep work (Bagging and weighing loads), Flight stewarding and traffic control and Gully blocking.

8 days (40 equivalent days) of gully blocking sounds fair enough on the tributary blocking part of Proposal 1 but I could do with some reassurances of the need for 8x5 days flight stewarding and 8x15 days prep work. It could just be that I don't appreciate the amount of work involved

In terms of the flight stewarding, it is planned to use the informal parking area opposite the footpath entrance to the moor, on Ringinglow Road (where we parked up to visit the site). This would be used for delivery materials and for helicopters to lift materials onto site. As its on a rise, and next to the road, we will need stop/ go traffic control (2 people) on the highway and both approaches to the parking area, plus 2 people stewarding in relation to people using paths/accessing the moorland in

the vicinity of the works (so they don't wander under the flight path of the helicopter etc), and 1 person directing loads to the ground in the correct positions.

The preparatory work involved bagging the stone, and weighing the bags so that the helicopter doesn't exceed its weight/safety limits. The estates team tend to work to an approach involving getting 50 tons of stone delivered at a time (to site), then bag it, weigh and move on site by helicopter asap. The team of 5 can fill and weigh around 35-45 bags per day. Each bag is about 450kg if Pennine Helicopters are employed, and only one bag is carried at a time, or if a larger helicopter is used, 2 bags (again each 450kg) can be carried per flight. NT tends to favour Pennine Helicopters because we do not have to pay for any 'downtime' (when the machine cannot be used because of weather conditions etc) unlike some of the other bigger companies

. Am happy to discuss with Steve if that would help.

- Flight stewarding What does this involve? I'd assumed that this might take 2 people full time. Perhaps an additional 2 when/if the road needed to be closed at anytime. Are 5 absolutely necessary?
- Prep work - I assume the team would be putting stone into bags ready for the helicopter. I've no idea what work is involved with this. 15x8 days seems like a lot but if this is what it takes then fair enough.
- I'm a bit unclear about the second (additional) section in Proposal 1
This work encompasses the top 500m of the 2 main drains – which is presumably a total length of 1000m (1/4 the length of the tributary blocking part of the project).
I hope I've got my figures right but assuming this work was carried out at approximately the same rate as on the tributaries (dams being installed approximately every 10m) then I'd have expected costings of approximately a quarter those involved on the tributary blocking but the figure provided is nearly 36%.

I have chatted thru the costings with Steve and yes, he had been inconsistent – your right it should be around ¼ of costs of the tributaries. I have now revised them (see attached updated version)

I know you're already aware but it's always worth reiterating – we will need additional quotes (3 in total) over the next few months before the work can begin – The estimate you submit at this stage will give me an idea of what to put on the system to budget for the capital works plan but there does need to be good justification for the costs provided (it clearly helps if they're comparable with other contractors doing the same thing).

I need to check finances with Ginny. I didn't expect such a large gully blocking project on Burbage when I included it on our pipeline. If we've enough money then I'd be inclined to go with the first proposal (pending agreement that the costings above are reasonable – or can be amended if necessary). This is a good opportunity to fund any essential restoration work so we might as well include all the blocking in case dealing with the tributaries on their own is not sufficient to stop water loss from the Moor.

If Ginny thinks we really don't have enough budget for Proposal 1 then we'll go with Proposal 2 (including both the tributaries and the main drains). There shouldn't be any difficulty covering this under HLS. **Let me know what Ginny agrees to**

We have recent quotes for stone, flying and bags for the stone from our recent HLS apps for the High Peak so I'm hoping I can use some of these in providing the quotes you requested, but I need to catch up with one of my team, Helen Armstrong first to check on this

Provided the NT estates team quote doesn't vary radically from the others you submit then I don't see a problem with them carrying out the work. They're certainly well placed to do it and as you say, they've got a lot of valuable experience and a vested interest in doing the work well.

I'll get back to you shortly regarding which proposal we can include..as this will help you to start gathering additional quotes.

Thanks again

Best wishes,

Jenny

From: Sellwood, Nick [mailto:Nick.Sellwood@nationaltrust.org.uk]

Sent: 19 March 2013 16:52

To: Campbell, Jenny (NE)

Subject: Cost estimate from NT estates team for proposed gully-blocking on Burbage Moors

Hi Jenny

Please see the attached, which has been prepared by Steve Lindop, who is supervisor of our in-house Estates Team.

The team deliver the great majority of the our gully-blocking on the High Peak HLS and Conservation Plans. NE have been happy for us to use the Estates Team partly because of their long experience of this type of work, and partly because as their in-house, they have a more vested interest in doing it well

Myself and Steve had a good look at the site last week, walked all the main drains (on the ground there appear to be 2) and looked at the drains that feed into them as well

You'll see that Steve has costed out two options:

- 1) To block the full length of the 'tributaries'/side drains only = £ [REDACTED] If we also blocked the main drains (first 500m), cost would be an additional £ [REDACTED] On the ground we identified 8 side drains
- 2) To block just the first 100m of each side drain only, cost would be £ [REDACTED]

All costs exclude VAT

Can you let me know which option you prefer, and whether this quote is acceptable

Cheers, Nick

Burbage moor costing

Proposal one

[REDACTED]

Total cost =£ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Total cost =£ [REDACTED]

Proposal two

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Total cost = £ [REDACTED]

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Total =£ [REDACTED]

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Total cost =£ [REDACTED]

All costs exclude VAT (can only recover 78% VAT, so this does need to be borne in mind)