**Q&A Record**

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| **Question** | **Response** | **Date** |
| We would be grateful if you could confirm whether there is an indicative or estimated project value/budget that the University is working within for this procurement? | Our budget is £100k (inc. VAT) There is a weighting which puts favour towards the lowest cost proposal. However, we also understand that the market sets the rate, so if our requirement cannot be met within this budget we will review accordingly. | 23/06/25 |
| Can you confirm if we would be able to utilise the scaffolding installed by the roofing company to access the roof, or would we be required to reinstall new scaffolding for this project? | Yes, there is an option to utilise the scaffolding erected by the roofing contractor. The cost of extending the hire period is £2,500(+VAT) Contact name and number for the scaffolding contractor is provided in the tender document at section 0.3 (page4). You also have the option to use your own provider/ access solution. | 23/06/25 |
| Is the site visit mandatory? | No, you do not need to attend the site visit. You will not be penalised for not attending. However, we do recommend attending as you may see something previously overlooked, get a better understanding of the site, or hear questions raised by other contractors during the visit. | 23/06/25 |
| Are you able to confirm that all buildings are supplied by the same MPAN? | Yes, the single MPAN covers all 3 buildings. I’ll also highlight that in addition to the three halls, the MPAN also covers the Music Building, Sports Dome, Tudor Hale Centre for Sport and Laundry to the north of Harting Hall.  A map of our campus if available here <https://maps.chi.ac.uk/> | 24/06/25 |
| There is a possibility of some occasional exporting to the grid. Have you contacted the DNO? | Currently we don’t consider export recharge/ other options as being worthwhile for the levels involved. Consequently, we haven’t contracted the DNO. However, the team are interested to know if a contractor considers we would be generating enough power to sell back. They expect the vast internal power supply within the campus would use the entire solar power before it reaches the origin and back to the network. | 25/06/25 |
| Have you considered PPA? | We have considered PPA previously and discounted it, given we are in the fortunate position of having the capital to invest. | 25/06/25 |
| We note on the tender document; “*Halls are covered by one of six fiscal meters serving the Chichester Campus. This meter additionally serves supplies to the Music Building, Sports Dome, Tudor Hale Centre for Sport and Laundry to the north of Harting Hall”.*  Could you provide further clarity about this data? Assuming this is the total for the meter across all the buildings listed, could you give an approximate indication of how much is consumed at each of the tendered sites? | Yes, the data provided in Appendices is the consumption data for all the buildings listed. They are all fed by the same substation and are on a single meter.  Unfortunately, we do not have meters for each individual building and therefore cannot identify each buildings’ consumption. | 30/06/25 |
| Please can you advise if there is a kWp target? | We have no kWp target, although suppliers are asked to advise anticipated PV wattage output as part of their response to question C1.3 | 09/07/25 |
| Will there be any hoist or plant available to lift materials to the roof? | Our understanding is that none will be provided as part of the roofer’s scaffold. The roofing contractor intends to use a mobile crane which they will hire as and when required. Global scaffolding’s contact details have however been provided as part of the tender so suppliers are welcome to confirm details for themselves or have any alterations they require to the scaffolding priced. | 09/07/25 |
| Have you submitted a grid application for the proposed PV in this project? | Currently we have not made any application. If a G99 application is required, we are asking suppliers to make this application on the University’s behalf as part of the contractor’s duties under the design and build contract. Our preference is also to neither order nor install equipment until G99 approval is received in case this is not successful. This should be factored into the programme. | 09/07/25 |
| Are we able to install before we receive G99 approval if this is when it needs to be fitted (in line with the roofing works) or are we to wait for G99 approval first? | If a G99 application is required, we are asking suppliers to make this application on the University’s behalf as part of the contractor’s duties under the design and build contract. Our preference is also to neither order nor install equipment until G99 approval is received in case this is not successful. This should be factored into the programme. | 09/07/25 |
| If the scaffolding has come down by the time the G99 is through and therefore solar panels can go on, can we provide our own scaffolding as long as the costs are the same or lower? | Our preference is not to have two sets of scaffold erection and dismantling due to the levels of noise and disruption this will cause. If installation is planned to co-ordinate with the completion of each roof, we would also be surprised this will be economically viable in comparison with extending the hire of the roofer’s scaffold.  Currently roofing works on the first block is scheduled to complete circa February 2026 and April 2026 for the second. The third block is subject to ongoing discussion but a break in programme to allow for summer conferences could see this as late as January or February 2027. | 09/07/25 |
| Will those who have attended the site be prioritised or preferred during the tender evaluation process? | No. Evaluations are based solely on the criteria given in the tender documentation. | 09/07/25 |