

ITT Loch Fleet Bird Hide

Questions and Answers Update as at 18th Feb 2010

Can the tendering party be a consortium including architect & contractor?

Yes. Where this is the case a lead partner should be identified who will act as the Project Manager and main contact

Is there any information/ guidance available for the ground conditions / boardwalk design?

The hide will be at the edge of the standing woodland and sit above the high tide line. Highland Birchwoods has commissioned a ground survey, the results of which will be made available to the Contractor. Recent photographs of the site are now available at www.highlandbirchwoods.co.uk

The boardwalk will be required to conform with DDA regulations but its design and build is outwith the scope of this contract

Is there any specific viewing angle / azimuth required or are we to assume typical observation limit if 180deg slot arrangement as a preference?

For the purposes of tender preparation, please assume a typical observation limit

Does the build have to be post and beam or can it be solely massive timber construction?

The build could be either post and beam or massive timber construction. The site itself may however lend itself to a combination of the two methods, so the decision may not be made solely on design terms

Timber Sourcing

This project does have a noted preference for Scottish timber and will assist with timber procurement. Were an exception to be made for imported material, these would have to come from within the Northern Periphery area as defined at <http://www.northernperiphery.eu/en/home/>.

Does the hide have to be an enclosed space? Would a three-sided structure leading out to an open viewing platform be suitable?

The hide must be an enclosed space which in order to minimise disturbance to the wildlife on view. An open structure and viewing platform will not be considered.

Note: In the interests of clarity, the PDF version of the ITT should be taken as the HB-approved text. Highland Birchwoods apologises for any confusion that may have arisen when this document was updated