

19.0 Site & Access

The site or property address is detailed in the particular specification contained within the tender documents for each individual tender pack.

Unless otherwise indicated, the normal hours of working at the site shall be between 0730-1730 hours, Monday to Friday Inclusive. When out-of-hours working is required this will be detailed in the particular specification and the inclusive costs of such work shall be included in the tender submission.

The costs of any other agreed out-of-hours working necessary to complete the works and agreed in advance with The Highland Council Contracts Manager, may be claimed at day works rates, offset against the costs of completing the same work during normal working hours.

Consultants and Contractors should visit the site by prior arrangement with the Contract Manager before completing their tenders, and will be deemed to have satisfied themselves on the full nature of local conditions as regard accessibility, transport and storage of materials, the supply of, and conditions affecting labour and to have obtained all necessary information on all matters affecting the execution and design of the Works.

Claims on the grounds of want of knowledge in such respect, will not be admitted; no increase in price or extension of contract period will be acceptable in respect of any site work difficulties that might reasonably have been foreseen by the contractor during a comprehensive site survey prior to submission of tender.

During site work, the contractor shall take all reasonable precautions and measures to protect any equipment, building fabric, finishes, fixtures and fittings from possible damage. Any such damage will be made good at the contractor's expense.

Finally, The Highland Council requires contractors to ensure that a minimum number of vehicles are used to transport contractor employees to sites; the council does not want to see several vehicles arriving at the site with one employee in each, this does not fit in with the councils "Carbon Smart" principles and its aims to reduce energy use. Furthermore, site parking and access routes generally do not account for too high a number of contractor vehicles being driven to site and therefore these must be kept to a minimum.