

231115 Item 12 Update from the Transport Steering Group (TSG)

Tenders for consultancy services were submitted from the four invited consultants by the closing date of 5pm Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. The tenders were assessed by the TSG in accordance with the tender invitation and were discussed at a meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> October. Both Ethos – 2020 and Transport Initiatives submitted very strong tenders but on balance it was recommended that the contract should be awarded to Ethos for the reasons given in the following table.

Consultancy	Strengths	Weaknesses	Team	Ranking
Ethos - 2020	Grounded approach; lots of experience of working in similar setting; established working relationship with ESCC and SDNPA leading to high probability of design solutions being implemented	Design solutions possibly a little generic and not specifically tailored to Kingston	Senior team with Director as Project Manager; lots of local experience;	1st
Transport Initiatives	Comprehensive review of issues raised by residents; included several creative design solutions to diverting traffic from A324	Emphasis on active travel not deemed especially relevant to requirements of the brief	Most work and project management will be undertaken by distant team member	2nd
Phil Jones Associates	Demonstrated a good understanding of the requirements of the commission, with specific reference to developing a 'sense of place'	Limited experience of working in a Sussex village setting and with working with ESCC	Strong lead but others on team, including project manager don't demonstrate required local knowledge and experience	3rd
Land Use Consultants	Done similar piece to Kingston project in Jedburgh; helping SDNPA monitor impact of Jevington, Cheriton and Fittleworth – but only really traffic surveys	Only offering online meetings including with ESCC; purely desk-based review; generic response; not available until January	Little parish experience and almost all much further north	4th

The recommendation from the TSG is that KPC should accept the tender submitted by Ethos-2020. Assuming the recommendation is accepted Ethos should be invited to carry out the works subject to agreement by KPC of their proposed terms and conditions.