



DITCHLING PARISH COUNCIL

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INVITATION TO TENDER
FOOTPATH DIT47/2 (ROMAN ROAD)
SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS

Tender Ref: DIT47/2

Published: 6th August 2026

Submission deadline: 11th September 2026

Submission to: Projects@ditchling-pc.gov.uk

1. Invitation to Tender

Ditchling Parish Council invites tenders from suitably experienced contractors for surface improvement works to Footpath DIT47/2 also known as Roman Road. (Appendix 1 Map)

The works comprise the resurfacing of public footpath as indicated in green on the attached Map (Appendix 2) in accordance with WSCC Option A standard construction detail, as set out in the supporting specification and approved by ESCC. (Appendix 3). **Please note that edging is not required.**

2. Background

Footpath DIT47/2 is a public right of way within the parish of Ditchling. The Parish Council wishes to improve the surface of the path to provide a more robust, usable and weather-resistant route for walkers and other users.

3. Scope of Works

The Contractor is to provide a quotation for the surface improvement of Footpath DIT47/2.

The works shall generally comprise:

- preparation of the existing path formation;
- installation of a surfaced footpath in accordance with WSCC Option A (Appendix 2)
- formation of a suitable crossfall/camber, running North to South, to assist surface water run-off;
- any localised shaping / adjustment at obstructions or other existing footpath features required to achieve a satisfactory finished level and gradient;
- disposal of arisings and waste arising from the works;
- reinstatement of disturbed ground, verges and margins on completion.

4. Drainage Requirement

The Contractor should allow for the agreed camber to provide the principal drainage solution. In addition, at the western end for approximately the last 30m, a shallow scrape filled with porous shingle alongside the walking surface should be included to assist drainage and facilitate flow into the stream, where appropriate and subject to site conditions and any necessary approvals.

5. Specification

The path shall be constructed in accordance with the WSCC Footpath (Rural) standard detail – Option A, including the relevant sub-base and surface dressing materials shown in the supporting document. **Please note that edging is not required.**

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Contractor shall:

- use suitable clean material for the sub-base;

- provide a Type 1 limestone surface / top dressing in accordance with Option A;
- construct the path to a 1 in 40 camber/crossfall, or such alternative profile as agreed on site;
- ensure the finished path is suitable for everyday pedestrian use and consistent with the intended rural footpath standard.

6. Contractor Requirements

Tenderers must demonstrate:

- experience in similar footpath or surfacing works;
- adequate resources and capacity to complete the works;
- appropriate health and safety arrangements;
- public liability insurance of not less than £5 million;
- ability to complete the works within the agreed timescale. (October – November 2026)

7. Environmental Considerations

All necessary steps and precautions must be taken to limit the environmental impact (noise, airborne particles, damage to vegetation etc.) of the works being carried out.

The footpaths network will be in use by the general public through the contract. The contractor will need to ensure continued access as far as practicably possible however in some instances a temporary path closure may be required which will need to be agreed at least two weeks in advance with East Sussex County Council PROW Team who have agreed to waive the fee.

8. Timeline

- Published date: 6th August 2026
- Submission deadline: 12pm, 11th September 2026
- Notification of Award: 15th September 2026
- Sign Contract (after standstill period): 29th September 2026
- Start Date: From 30th September 2026
- Project Completion: By 31 October 2026

9. Submission Requirements

Tenders should include:

- submission by email to **projects@ditchling-pc.gov.uk** with the subject heading “**Tender Document**”
- company profile and relevant experience;
- proposed method statement and programme;
- health and safety policy and RAMS;

- detailed pricing;
- any assumptions or exclusions;
- confirmation that the contractor accepts the specification and conditions.

10. Award Criteria

Tenders will be assessed on:

- Cost and value for money – 60%
- Quality of proposal and suitability of method – 40%

11. Conditions of Contract

The successful contractor will be required to comply with all applicable health and safety legislation, use suitable barriers/signage where required, and ensure the works are carried out with due care for the public and adjoining landowners.

12. Tenderer Declaration

By submitting a tender, the Tenderer confirms that the proposal is accurate to the best of their knowledge and that they are not aware of any conflicts of interest that could give rise to an unfair advantage or disadvantage in relation to this tender.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Company: _____ Date: _____

13. Tender Submission Details

Tenders should be submitted to Ditchling Parish Council by the deadline stated on the cover page. Late submissions may not be considered.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Map

Appendix 2 – Surface area

Appendix 3. - WSCC Surface specification