



## **Tur Langton Parish Council (TLPC) Grass Cutting Specification.**

### **1. SCOPE**

This specification deals with the cutting of urban grass within the village of Tur Langton (between the 30 limit signs).

### **2. REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.1 The contractor will be required to send one of their operatives to attend free basic safety training (maximum half day) provided by Leicestershire County Council (when offered required) to enable those involved to work in the highway. It will be the responsibility of the operative who has attended the training to ensure that the relevant information is passed on to all operatives undertaking the works. The contractor's cost for this training will be covered by Leicestershire County Council. In the event that the contractor undertakes grass cutting for more than one parish in the Leicestershire County Council area they will only need to attend the training once. The contractor will be required to work to Leicestershire County Council Safety Standards
- 2.2 The Contractor will be required to demonstrate that it meets Leicestershire County Council's Public Liability Insurance requirements prior to any works taking place, which is a minimum of £10 million cover, for the duration of the works.

### **3. DEFINITION**

In this specification the cutting of urban grass shall be as shown in red on the associated map, comprising approximately 3900m<sup>2</sup>. The steep bank to be strimmed only is shown in green.

### **4. STANDARDS AND FREQUENCY**

The service provided must be carried out to the entire satisfaction of Tur Langton Parish Council (TLPC). who will inspect to ensure that the standards of cutting and strimming achieved comply with the Contract and inform the Contractor when the standard falls below an acceptable level so that joint inspections can be made. The Contractor shall provide the Parish Council with the name, address and telephone number of his representative and allow this representative to provide adequate supervision to make this possible.

Failure to achieve a satisfactory standard over any section of the work shall constitute a breach of the Contractor's obligations under the Contract.

Prior to grass cutting and strimming the Contractor must ensure that all litter is picked up and disposed of.



The Contractor must remove the grass cuttings from the mowed areas and have the appropriate licence to carry waste. The contractor should ensure that the trimmed grass cuttings are deposited onto the area cut and not onto the carriageway, footway or other paved areas.

When undertaking cutting over an area an overlap shall be allowed between swathes, and at the end of each run/cut the turn shall be undertaken in such a manner as not to endanger any pedestrian or vehicular traffic using the highway.

The entire area of grass specified by the Schedules of Work shall be cut and the Contractor shall cut up to obstructions, boundaries, edges, safety fences etc. Grass margins and narrow grass strips around street furniture, trees etc. which cannot be cut by machine shall be trimmed by other means at the same time and to the same standard as the main area. Due care must be taken not to damage shrubs, trees etc. Immediately after cutting, the grass and other vegetation shall not be longer than 50mm or less than 20mm.

### **The Frequency of the Cutting shall be:**

#### **For Grass Cutting (shown in red on map)**

First cut in mid-March and then two cuts per month in April to September and a final cut in mid October. Alterations to this schedule due to weather conditions can be agreed mutually where necessary.

#### **Strimming of Steep Bank (shown as green on map)**

The steep bank to be strimmed on the first grass cut in mid-March and then on alternate cuts throughout the season, and to be strimmed on the last grass cut of the season, even if this results in two consecutive cuts. Alterations to this schedule due to weather conditions or necessity can be agreed mutually where necessary.

**Those areas of grass containing bulbs shall be left uncut until the end of April, unless otherwise instructed by Tur Langton Parish Council, but the Contractor will be required to cut around these areas.** No deduction in payment will be made for areas not cut as a result of the presence of bulbs.

TLPC will only pay for work that is actually carried out. If cuts are missed due to the weather or for any other reason, the Contractor will be expected to invoice only for the work actually carried out.

## **5. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

The contractor should ensure compliance with the latest Code of Practice "Safety at Street Works and Road Works 2013"

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to fully manage the risks for the following hazards:



## **5.1. Highways and Footpaths.**

- 5.1.1. Elderly residents and young children.
- 5.1.2. Through traffic.
- 5.1.3. Oil and fuel spillages.
- 5.1.4. Blind corners and bends
- 5.1.5. Hard debris such as bottles, cans contaminated needles etc.

## **5.2. Obstructions.**

- 5.2.1. Low branches and trees.
- 5.2.2. Fences, traffic posts, walls and hard landscaping adjacent to cut areas.
- 5.2.3. Utility covers.
- 5.2.4. Village signs.
- 5.2.5. Overhead power and telephone lines.

## **5.3 Signs.**

- 5.3.1. Highway maintenance signs are to be displayed on all vehicles transporting grass cutting machinery.
- 5.3.2. A Grass Cutting warning sign is to be displayed at each end of the village.

## **5.4 Clothing**

- 5.4.1 All contractors, whilst engaged on the provision of the service, shall be provided with by their employer, and wear high visibility clothing and take any other measures to be compliant with the latest Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) requirements.

## **6. WORKING TIMES**

Grass cutting operations will not be permitted between 19.00 and 07.00 hours Monday to Saturday inclusive and between 19.00 hours on Saturday to 07.00 on Monday without prior authorisation from TLPC.

In general whilst overtime working on routine mowing is acceptable no additional payment will be made for it.

## **7. GENERAL DATA PROTECTIONS REGULATIONS**

The contractor will ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations which came into force in May 2018