

# Tender Comparison Document

**Project:** Allotment Boundary Hedge and Plot Reinstatement Works

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## 1. Overview of Applicants

Company A, a plant contractor, proposed a machinery-heavy approach using an excavator, tree shear, chainsaws, and root rake. Mindful of wildlife.

Company B, a gardening and tree services company, provided a method statement covering health and safety, biodiversity, and carbon reduction, scheduled works for the winter months. They were asked to separate quotes for Part 1 and Part 2 but only submitted a total quote.

Company C, a tree surgeon, gave the most detailed submission, including additional descriptions of work such as hedge coppicing, crown lifting, plot reinstatement, and green waste handling.

Company D, also a tree surgeon, submitted a basic method statement covering health and safety, use of bio-oils, licensed waste disposal, and a list of machinery including a chipper, mini digger, chainsaws, and timber tractor.

Company E, a tree surgeon, submitted a professional proposal covering coppicing the hedge, removing self-seeded trees, crown lifting, and reinstating the affected plot, with all arisings removed from site but has yet to submit a method statement and Risk Assessment.

## 2. Contract Selection

Company Name	Part 1 (Hedge cutting and Tree removal)	Part 2 (Plot reinstatement and Bank Repair)
Company A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Company E	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## 3. Pricing Comparison

Quotations (exclusive of VAT)

Company	Part 1 (Hedge cutting and Tree removal)	Part 2 (Plot Reinstatement and Bank Repair)	Total
Company A	£4,500	£1,000	£5,500
Company B			£7,980

<b>Company C</b>	£5,900	3,400	£9,300
<b>Company D</b>	£12,870	£1,870	£14,740
<b>Company E</b>	£1,740 (Hedge cutting along the shared boundary by cutting the Holly back to the boundary bank, removal of self-seeded trees, crown lift over the sheds) £3,190 (Coppice all Holly between the gardeners shed to the top corner approximately 12-18" above ground level, removal of self-seeded trees, crown lift over the sheds.)	£620	£2,360 or £3,810

#### 4. Documentation Compliance

<b>Company</b>	<b>Public Liability Insurance</b>	<b>Risk Assessment</b>	<b>References</b>	<b>Method Statement</b>
<b>Company A</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Company B</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contractor known to Council	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Company C</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Company D</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Company E</b>	To follow	To follow	Contractor known to council	To follow

#### 5. Method Statement Evaluation

<b>Company</b>	<b>Health and Safety</b>	<b>Biodiversity Considerations</b>	<b>Carbon reduction and waste management</b>	<b>Machinery and materials to be used</b>
<b>Company A</b>	Licensed and insured operators; appropriate PPE; barriers to restrict public access.	Single truck used around boundary to minimise disturbance; trees and waste materials to be checked for wildlife during works.	All brash to be chipped onsite; timber to be left in manageable lengths; loading of timber to be confirmed.	9-ton excavator, tree shear, various chainsaws, root rake, and assorted buckets for allotment reinstatement.
<b>Company B</b>	Trained team; barriers and signage to	Works scheduled for Nov–Mar to	Materials removed offered first to adjoining landowner; suitable	Mini-digger for root removal, bank

	<p>separate public from works; appropriate PPE; certified operators for mini-digger and chipper; spotters to guide machinery; first-aid kit on site with qualified first-aider; no lone working.</p>	<p>avoid bird nesting; hedge trimming maintains wildlife corridors and retains native growth; roots and soil disturbed only as necessary to protect soil ecology.</p>	<p>timber repurposed for allotment edging/raised beds; branches chipped for mulch or offered to plot holders; single delivery of machinery to minimise transport; unavoidable green waste taken to licensed composting facility.</p>	<p>stabilisation, soil levelling; towable wood chipper for arisings; hand tools (saws, loppers, hedge-cutters) for precision trimming and finishing.</p>
<b>Company C</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All work carried out to BS3998 standards.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Public liability insurance will be provided.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Access via field required daily for the duration of works.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aerial techniques and climbing used for crown lifting over sheds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hedgerow to be coppiced to 6–18 inches to allow regrowth and easier future maintenance.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Care taken to minimise disturbance.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Crown lifting done carefully to prevent damage to trees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Arisings from hedgerow coppicing left on site; timber stacked in manageable pieces.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Brash stripped and processed into firewood.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Woodchip chipped back onto the bank from the field side to compost naturally.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Arisings from plot reinstatement removed from site and taken to a licensed green waste facility; woodchip may be removed for resale unless the Parish Council specifies otherwise.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Truck and wood chipper for initial vegetation clearance.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Digger for tree stump and larger weed removal.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hand tools</li> </ul>
<b>Company D</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All operators are trained and competent.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> PPE to be worn at all times.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Warning signs and barriers will be erected where necessary.</li> </ul>	<p>Use of bio-oils to reduce environmental impact.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Licensed waste carrier for disposal of green waste.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Chipping debris to be recycled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Chipper, mini digger, chainsaws, timber tractor.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Topsoil for plot reinstatement or bank work.</li> </ul>
<b>Company E</b>			<p>All arisings to be removed from site.</p>	