

**East Thames Housing / Epping Forest District Council  
Housing Delivery Programme**

**Feasibility Report**

**Site: Woollard Street Waltham Abbey EN9 1HD**

Ref: IJC/srs/612.023  
Date: January 2015

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## 1.0 Introduction and Confirmation of Brief

- 1.1. Pellings LLP are appointed as part of East Thames Group Technical Team in respect of delivery of Development Agent services to Epping Forest District Council for a 6-10 year housing delivery programme.
- 1.2. Following initial appraisal by EFDC, 59 sites have been identified as having possible development potential, with a further number of sites in reserve.
- 1.3. Pellings LLP has been instructed to progress feasibility studies to all 59 sites, which will assist in establishing the extent and timing of the overall programme.
- 1.4. Our instructions are in accordance with our fee tender of 13 August 2012, against the previously prepared tender documentation, and email confirmation of 9 April 2013.

## 2.0 Existing Site and Surroundings

- 2.1. The site is located to the centre of Waltham Abbey adjacent to the south side of Woollard Street and consists of 4 rows of garages running east to west with hard standing between. The site access is from the North West corner and an access to rear parking has been made in the south east corner to serve properties fronting the pedestrianized area of Woollard Street.
- 2.2. Both a foul and surface water sewer run through the site.
- 2.3. The general surrounding area consists of apartments, semi-detached and terraced dwellings dating from the 1970's onwards and older terraced properties interspersed.

## 3.0 Proposals

- 3.1. The proposals are as shown on drawings 612.023/P4-16 Revision A and comprise :
  - 5 x 2 bed 2-storey terraced houses @ 77m<sup>2</sup>
  - 11 parking spaces
- 3.2. The site can be serviced from Woollard Street as the existing adjacent houses.
- 3.3. Design proposals have retained the rear access serving properties on Woollard street
- 3.4. Design proposals have allowed for the 3m no build zone typically required by adjacent underground services. Detailed locations of these will be required should the site progress to planning.
- 3.5. Off street parking is provided to the side and rear in response to the existing adjacent building line.

## 4.0 Planning Issues and Risks

- 4.1. The adopted Development Plan for Epping Forest Council is the Combined Local Plan 1998 and Local Plan Alterations 2006.

- 4.2. The site is identified as being within an area that floods on the Local Plan proposals map but not on the Environment Agency planning flood map. It can therefore be considered that the site is not at risk of flooding.
- 4.3. The site has no site specific policies however consideration will need to be given to the following policies where they comply with the NPPF:
- ST4 (Road Safety) – States the planning permission will only be granted where there will be no adverse effects on the highway, traffic congestion or harm to the character or appearance of the area.
  - CP7 (Urban Form and Quality) – Encourages the efficient use of existing built-up areas by the recycling of vacant, derelict, degraded and under-used land to accommodate the redevelopment of and re-use of urban sites, which are no longer appropriate to their existing or proposed use in the foreseeable future, for alternative land uses.
  - H4A (Dwelling Mix) – States the needs for a range of dwellings, including an appropriate proportion of smaller dwellings, to meet identified housing need on a site-by-site basis.
- 4.4. It will be necessary to undertake a parking survey and prepare a transport statement to demonstrate that the loss of parking would not be detrimental to highway conditions or the amenities in the area because of a lack of parking.
- 4.5. The site is located within the urban area of Waltham Abbey and would comply with policy CP7.
- 4.6. The site would comply with policy H4A providing additional family housing.

## 5.0 **Impact/Implications of Statutory Services**

5.1. We have undertaken statutory services enquiries to the following:

- Vodaphone
- BT Openreach
- National Grid
- UK Power Networks
- Virgin Media
- National Grid
- Scottish and Southern Energy (SSE)
- Environment Agency
- Thames Water

Responses have been received as follows :

- 5.2. Vodaphone: No issues.
- 5.3. BT Openreach: No issues.
- 5.4. National Grid: No issues.
- 5.5. UK Power Networks: No issues.
- 5.6. Virgin Media: No response
- 5.7. SSE: No issue



- 5.8. Environment Agency: No response
- 5.9. Thames Water: Foul and surface water drain to west boundary – details shown on drawing 612.023/P4-16 Revision A.
- 5.10. It should be noted there are a number of responses to enquiries that, at time of preparation of this report, have not yet been received.

## 6.0 **Site Access and Buildability Issues**

- 6.1. The site is accessed from existing site roads and there would not appear to be any particular difficulties for the normal level and size of construction traffic associated with a development of this nature.
- 6.2. Areas should be available for contractor's site set up and accommodation.
- 6.3. The site is within a primarily residential area, and accordingly, any appointed contractor should use all best endeavours to act in a considerate manner and within normal working hours.
- 6.4. Further to initial enquiries made to EFDC, some potential contamination issues have been highlighted with use of the domestic garages. Possible contaminants indicated within the note produced by EFDC Planning and Economic Development Directorate at Appendix D.
- 6.5. Possible contaminants in respect of the previous use of the garage site may include asbestos, ash and clinker, hydro-carbons from vehicle maintenance and the like.
- 6.6. Accordingly, suitable site investigation will need to be undertaken ahead of any proposals to take this site forward and specific recommendations made to deal with any contamination found, whether by capping or removal from site.

## 7.0 **Neighbourly Matters and Party Walls**

- 7.1. As above, the proposed development site is within a primarily residential area and the appointed contractor should act in a considerate manner. It is proposed that restrictions on working hours, noise levels, requirement for resident liaison and similar matters will be included within contract documentation.
- 7.2. From proposals on Drawing 612.023/P4-16 Revision A Party Wall matters will be relevant to development, particularly adjacent to No. 15 Woollard Street
- 7.3. Confirmation of ownership will be required in due course.
- 7.4. Such Party Wall matters may be undertaken ahead of the build contract by direct appointment by EFDC, or included as a requirement for the contractor to deal with within the build contract. This later approach, however, would carry increased risk to programme and cost.

## 8.0 **Proposed Procurement Route**

- 8.1. It is understood that development works will be procured by way of the East Thames Housing Group existing contractor framework arrangements.
- 8.2. It is proposed that works shall be procured on a Design and Build basis with the contractors taking forward RIBA Stage 3 planning consent drawings into detailed design and construction delivery on site.
- 8.3. Schemes shall be designed to a set of Employer's Requirements to be subsequently confirmed but which substantially shall be formed from existing East Thames Housing Group Design Standards and Employer's Requirement documentation.
- 8.4. It is proposed that all site preparation works will be included within individual contract packages including any required demolitions, adjustment of statutory services, highways works and boundary maintenance/reinstatement/provision.
- 8.5. On completion of the feasibility studies for the whole programme, further recommendations will be made in terms of how works are packaged to ensure size of work packages are optimised for ensuring maximum economies for East Thames Housing Group and EFDC.
- 8.6. It is considered, at this stage, that this may be by way of a mix of different sized contractors dependent upon the numbers and geographical location of individual works packages.
- 8.7. Works will be administered by Pellings LLP as Employer's Agent acting in accordance with East Thames Housing Group terms of appointment and the overarching requirements of the Development Agency agreement.

## 9.0 **Impact on Parking**

- 9.1. The Council's currently adopted parking standards are contained within Essex County Council's Parking Standards Design and Good Practice Guide – September 2009. These revised standards were adopted by the Council as statutory planning guidance in February 2012.
- 9.2. Flats and houses have the same parking standard as follows:
  - 1 bedroom accommodation – 1 space per dwelling
  - 2 bedroom accommodation and above – 2 spaces per dwelling
  - Visitor parking – 0.25 spaces per dwelling (rounded up to the nearest whole number)
- 9.3. The proposals would appear to meet the Council's parking standards for new development.
- 9.4. However, should the site move forward to planning application stages, it is recommended that a Transport Statement be undertaken, including parking surveys, to demonstrate that the loss of the garages will not give rise to any planning or highway problems.

9.5. Cycle parking will need to be provided at 1 secure covered space per dwelling if a garage or secure area is not provided within the curtilage of the dwelling.

1 covered visitor cycle space will need to be provided per 8 dwellings if no secure space is provided for each dwelling.

10.0 **Legals**

10.1. We have not been provided with a Housing Management Report and Legals Checklist for this site.

10.2. Legal matters would therefore need to be checked to ensure there are no encumbrances that affect redevelopment of the site.


11.0 **Costs**

11.1. It is considered that a budget of £1,274,000 should be allowed for this scheme, inclusive of contractor design fees, but exclusive of professional fees and VAT. Please refer to Appendix E.

12.0 **Recommendations and Conclusions**

12.1. Subject to an overall lifetime cost appraisal, we conclude that the site appears to have economic development opportunities and we recommend is considered for taking forward to planning application stage, with a view to incorporating into the overall programme.

Signed :

  
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For Pellings LLP

Date :

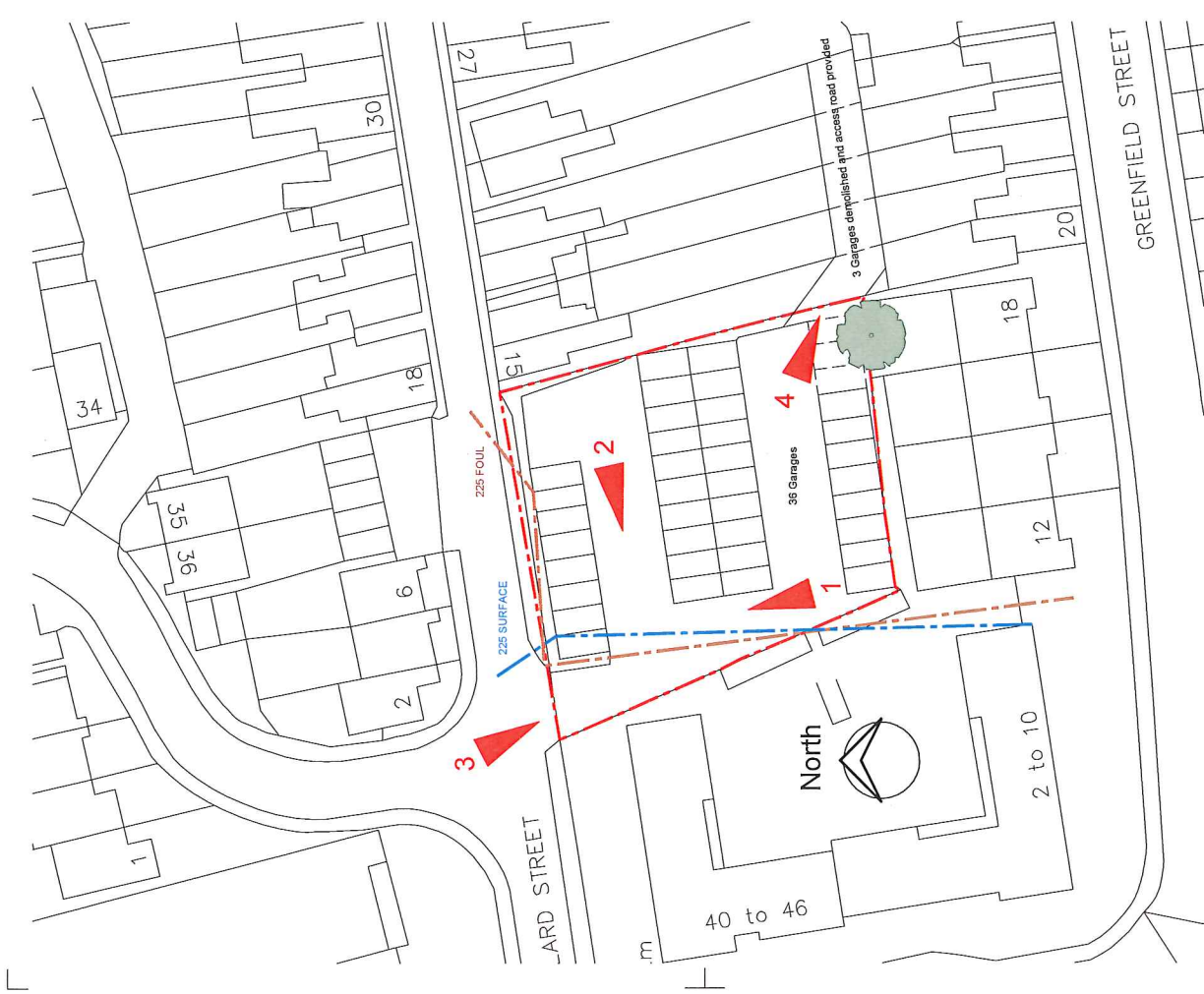
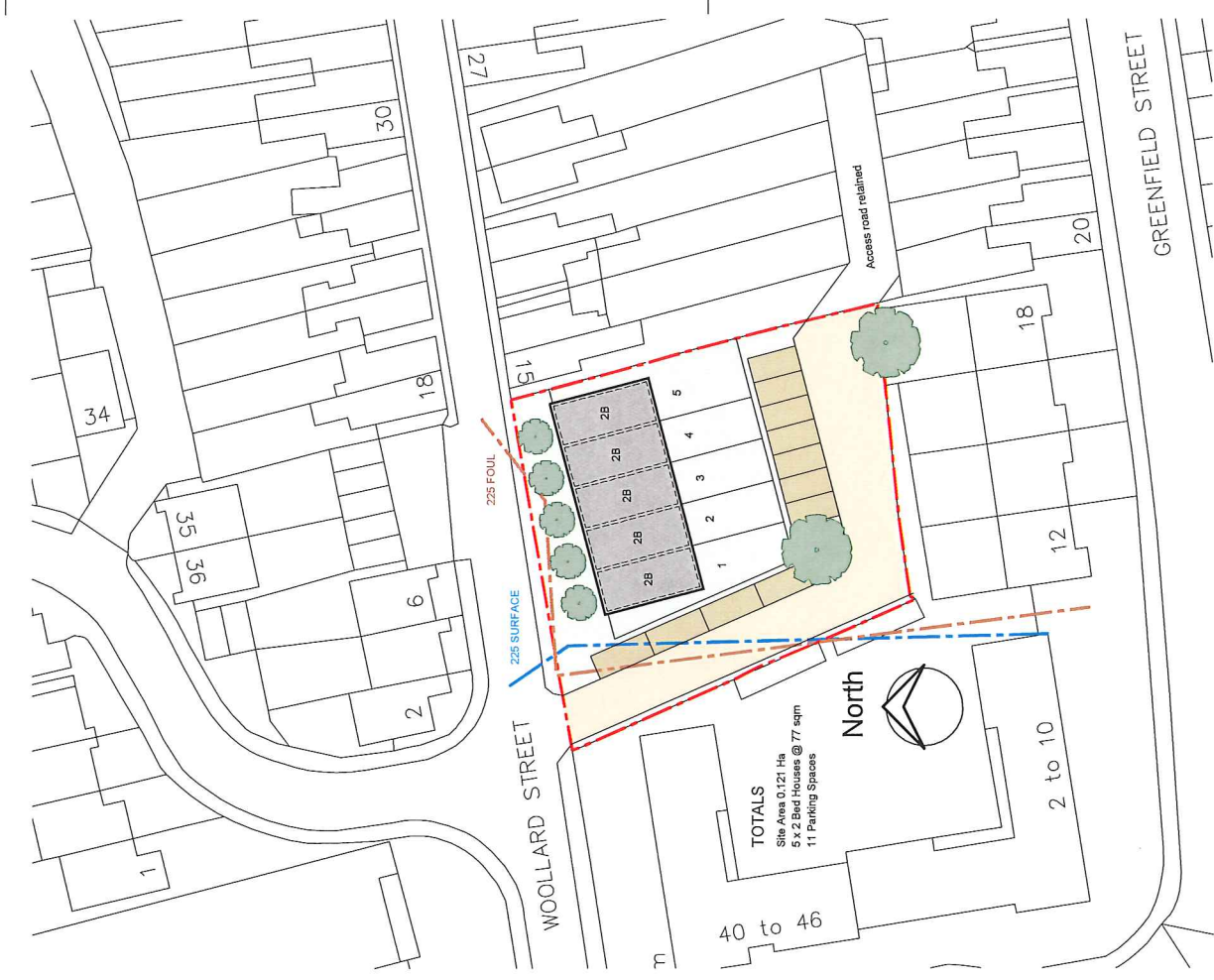
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## **Appendix A**

Development Proposals

Drawing 612.023/P4-16 Revision A





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**PRELIMINARY**

5m 0 25m 50m

NOTES:  
 Report all discrepancies, errors and omissions.  
 Report scale from this drawing.  
 Verify all dimensions on site before commencing any work or preparing shop drawings.  
 All materials, components and workmanship are to comply with current building regulations and standards.  
 Appropriate manufacturer's recommendations shall apply from time to time.  
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## **Appendix B**

### Site Photographs

## Appendix B - Site Photographs

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## **Appendix C**

### Existing Site Plan





Directorate of Environment & Street Scene  
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Project  
**Potential Site for Council House  
Building Program**

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Waltham Abbey**

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## **Appendix D**

### **Information on Possible Contamination**

Information on possible contamination has been forwarded by Epping Forest District Council by way of email of 22nd May 2013, giving information on potential contamination across all the primary sites.

This clarifies possible ground contamination derived from asbestos, made ground, hydrocarbons, petroleum hydrocarbons and the like.

It is likely that any Planning Consent will carry a Condition that all contamination issues are to be remediated.

Accordingly, we recommend that initial site investigation is undertaken for all sites that move forward to Planning Applications.

## **Appendix E**

### Cost Build-up

Woolard Street Waltham Abbey

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Accommodation Summary	Nr	m2	ft2
Affordable Apartments			] see accommodation
Affordable Houses	10	770	8,288 ] schedule below
<b>TOTAL GIFA</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>8,288</b>

**BUDGET COST ALLOWANCES**

Item	Description	Qty	Unit	Rate	Totals
<b>1.00 Enabling Works</b>					
1.01	Demolition of existing garages	39	Nr	£650	£25,350
1.02	Allowance for removal of asbestos	39	Nr	£350	£13,650
1.03	Site clearance	1,207	m2	£15	£18,105
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£57,105</b>
<b>2.00 Construction</b>					
2.01	Apartments				
	Private areas		m2	£1,150	
	Communal areas (20% allowed)		m2	£750	
2.02	Houses	770	m2	£1,050	£808,500
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£808,500</b>
<b>3.00 Abnormals</b>					
3.01	Allowance for contaminated ground		Item		Excluded
3.02	Extra Over for wall:floor ratio (> 85%)		m2	£250	no allowance
3.03	Allowance for enhanced external fabric finish		m2	£30	no allowance
3.04	Extra for wheelchair unit adaptations		Nr	£6,000	no allowance
3.05	Passenger lift serving apartments		Nr	£75,000	not required
3.06	Measures to achieve CfSH Level 4	10	Nr	£2,500	£25,000
3.07	Balconies (average 4m2 each)		Nr	£2,200	no allowance
3.08	PV panels to roof		m2	£750	no allowance
3.09	Extra Over for thin joint construction		Nr	£400	no allowance
3.10	Electrical power cable diversion		Item		no allowance
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£25,000</b>
<b>4.00 External Works</b>	(see build up overleaf)				£180,125
<b>5.00 Contractor's Preliminaries</b>					
5.01	Site set up, running costs, management, etc.	44	weeks	£1,892	£83,232
5.02	Scaffolding	345	m2	£30	£10,350
5.03	Hoardings	142	m	£60	£8,520
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£102,102</b>
				£/m2	£/ft2
<b>INDICATIVE CONSTRUCTION COST</b>				<b>1,523</b>	<b>142</b>
(Excluding FF&E, Fees, etc.)					<b>1,172,832</b>
<b>6.00 Other Costs</b>					
6.01	Client FF&E (white goods, etc.)		Item		Excluded
6.02	Telecoms / ICT / Security		Item		Excluded
6.03	Contingency Allowance			5.0%	£58,642
6.04	Contractor's Design Fees			4.0%	£42,829
<b>Totals</b>					<b>£1,274,303</b>
				£/unit	£/m2
<b>TOTAL INDICATIVE BUDGET COST</b>				<b>127,400</b>	<b>1,655</b>
(say)					<b>£1,274,000</b>

Refer to below for Clarifications, Assumptions and Exclusions



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## EXTERNAL WORKS

Item	Description	Qty	Unit	Rate	Totals
4.01	Private gardens (incl. fencing)	259	m2	£45	£11,655
4.02	Communal soft landscaping	105	m2	£25	£2,625
4.03	Allowance for planting		Item	£1,500	no allowance
4.04	Allowance for communal drying area		Nr	£3,500	no allowance
4.05	Access road, parking and turning - adaptations	496	m2	£65	£32,240
4.06	Pedestrian paving - adaptations	119	m2	£45	£5,355
4.07	Cross over / highways adaptations		Item	£1,500	
4.08	Boundary treatment (fencing/walls)	142	m	£120	£17,040
4.09	External bins store		Nr	£2,500	no allowance
4.10	Cycle store		Nr	£1,500	no allowance
4.11	Foul water drainage	770	m2	£65	£50,050
4.12	External surface water drainage	718	m2	£40	£28,720
4.13	Attenuation tanks, etc		Item		excluded
4.14	External lighting	496	m2	£15	£7,440
4.15	Utilities mains supplies	10	Nr	£2,500	£25,000
4.16	New Substation		Nr		Excluded
<b>Sub-total</b>					<b>£180,125</b>

## ACCOMMODATION SCHEDULE

Description	Nr	GIA	Sub-Totals	Totals
Flats/Maisonettes				
1B 2P Flat		53 m <sup>2</sup>		
2B 4P Flat		73 m <sup>2</sup>		
Allowance for communal space		20%		
Houses				
2B 4P House	10 Nr	77 m <sup>2</sup>	770	
3B 5P House		93 m <sup>2</sup>		770
	10 Nr			
	10 Nr			770

## CLARIFICATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

Estimate based on:

Pellings Drawing No. 612023.P4-16A

We have not had an opportunity to visit the site but photographs have been made available. We have also utilised Google Earth to inform allowances.

GIFA is approximate due to early stage of design

Costs are based on a 1Q 2015 prices with no allowance for future cost fluctuations

Costs are based on a Single Stage Competitive D&B procurement route

Costs are based on a Contractor 'best programme' contract period

All units assumed to achieve Code for sustainable Homes Level 4

Cost include for OH&P @ 7%

It is assumed that a traditional construction (concrete strip foundations, brick/block walls, timber or beam / block floor

Contractors design fees are based upon appointment with planning consent under JCT D&B contract

Assumed no Party Wall or Rights of Lights issues

Assumed no Asbestos removal required, except to garage roofs

No allowance has been made for designated child play space



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**Exclusions**

Clients professional fees (including statutory fees)

VAT

Excludes any off-site works

Provision of loose fittings and furnishings

Costs of compliance of any conditions imposed by statutory bodies

Costs of Section 106, 278 and other Agreement(s) or Community Infrastructure Levy charges

**Commercial Commentary**

PLLP is mindful that the construction industry is becoming increasingly volatile. We are seeing increasingly lengthy lead in times for materials (in particular due to reduced brick and block stocks) which is having an effect on tender prices.

That said this project is likely to be attractive to the Contractors' various supply chains and should therefore stimulate an element of healthy competition.

However, we would suggest that the Client retains a reasonable, undeclared Contingency to offset the potential risk that market forces will increase tender prices.