

ARTISTS' BRIEF: ARTWORK FOR FORMER BEECHDOWN SCHOOL

Bellway Homes is seeking expressions of interest from artists to create a functional artwork within an area of housing in Brighton Hill, in the South of Basingstoke, which was previously the site of a Primary school.

Engagement with the community will form a key part of the process and the chosen artist will be expected to undertake some appropriate consultation with local residents to inform the final design.

Key requirements of the project

- Creation of an attractive and functional artwork. This could take the form of seating, gates, railings, panels to be attached to the railings or similar.
- It is expected that the artwork will be located adjacent to the play area or the kick about area – please see site plan for suggested locations. Advice will be taken from appropriate borough council officers and a final location can be identified in due course.
- The artwork will be permanent and it is expected that the work will be robust enough to remain on-site for a number of years and will be taken over as an adopted item of Streetworks furniture by the borough council.
- The completed work must be safe for members of the public, be robust/vandal-proof and not require any exceptional ongoing maintenance.

Consultation

- The chosen artists will be expected to consult with the local community to inform the design of the final artwork. This may include representatives from adjacent facilities such as the local pre-school, extended care/assisted living and community centre as appropriate. Learning opportunities and involvement from a range of ages and interests is desirable.
- The chosen artists will also work closely with Borough council officers and Members as appropriate.

Artist Requirements

- Applicants should be registered as self-employed.
- Applicants should have public liability insurance of up to £5,000,000.
- A CRB check will also be required.
- We would be particularly interested in receiving submissions artists from the south-east region.

Budget

Up to £5,000 is available to include all costs associated with the project. Funding has been provided from Bellway Homes as a Percent for Art contribution.

Timescale

Artists are invited to make a submission to include:

- a brief outline of ideas and methodology to be employed
- a preliminary budget, setting out fees and materials costs and any education programme separately
- a CV
- evidence of previous work

The deadline for submission is 5pm on Friday 18 October.

Short-listed artists will be invited for interview on Monday 4 November.

The project will commence end of November 2013 and work will need to be completed and installed by end of March 2014.

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