

Artistic brief for Artworks at Lime Road, Botley

Vale of White Horse District Council has an active public art policy that encourages developers to utilise this opportunity to benefit the overall design of the buildings and public spaces created. The policy states that public art is always publicly visible, bespoke for the given location and made by a professional artist and it is this celebration of unique identity new developments give us to promote new artistic creations.

In the case of the development at Lime Road, Botley, the developers, Bovis Homes, have contributed £29,000 to the district council public art fund and would like to work with local residents to create a series of bespoke benches and a 3D sculptural artwork that provide artistic landmarks across the development that both residents and visitors can enjoy.

The art project

We are looking to commission a series of two or three bespoke benches to be located at two of the open spaces across the development with the potential of commission a 3D sculpture to accompany one of the benches at the larger open space.

We are seeking either;

- an artist with skills in benches and/or 3D sculpture designing and making
- or
- proposals from artists wishing to collaborate on this project

Scope of works

- Create a robust and dramatic design for two or three benches and/or 3D sculptural artwork at the public open spaces across the development
- The work should be a contemporary work of art. There are no preferred materials, although we feel this commission would lend itself to metal or stone and could incorporate lighting.
- Draw inspiration from local history
- Benches must be functional

Selection process and role of the artists

We are advertising this opportunity both locally and nationally. Artists will be selected on the quality of their work, their enthusiasm about this project and ability to meet the brief within budget.

Our chosen artist/s will be selected on the quality of their previous work and their approach to this project.

Artists will be shortlisted and interviewed by the Vale of White Horse Arts Development Officer, the Public Art Project Coordinator, a representative of the developer and a representative of the property management company.

Once commissioned the artist/s will be asked to undertake a design phase, researching the history and context of the site, but also getting to know the immediate neighbours and residents. Community engagement work is optional at this stage. The works of art have to be bespoke, one of a kind and uniquely relate to this location.

Artists will be invited to share designs with the commissioning panel and residents of the Lime Road development, after which further planning and approval might need to be sought.

Installation of the artworks will need further discussion and liaison with the developer and lease holders.

We would like to unveil and celebrate the artworks in by February 2017.

Timescale

1. Brief advertised	Feb 2016
2. Deadline for submissions from artists	23 rd March 2016
3. Shortlisting/ application Assessment	Early April 2016
4. Artists Interviewed	April 2016
5. Contact selected artist	April 2016
6. Final designs submitted	June 2016
7. Planning application submitted (if required)	June 2016
8. Fabrication/ fabrication	September 2016
9. Installation	January 2017
10. Celebration / unveiling	Jan/Feb 2017 (tbc)

Budget

The total budget for this project is £29,000. This fee should cover all costs associated with the design process, local research and workshops, materials, fabrication, transport and installation.

Commissioner

Vale of White Horse District Council will manage the contract, but the work will be owned by Bovis Homes.

Applications

Expression of Interest should be submitted electronically via the **South East Business Portal** by noon on **Wednesday 23rd March** and entitled "**Expression of Interest in Lime Road Botley Art project**". In the instance that this method of application may not work we will also accept

applications sent via email to megan.dawkins@southoxon.gov.uk by noon on Wednesday 23rd March.

Applications should include;

- Examples of at least 4 previous projects you have work on
- An artistic statement in response to the brief and your interest in the project
- An indication of your approach and ideas to this opportunity
- Ability to deliver this project within the indicated budget and timescale.

And

- The name and contact details of a previous commissioner should also be supplied.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS noon on Wednesday 23rd March 2016
Proposals and general enquires should be sent to;

<https://www.businessportal.southeastiep.gov.uk/>

Further enquiries about the project;

Megan.dawkins@southoxon.gov.uk

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