

ARTIST'S BRIEF
ORDNANCE SURVEY PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
EXPLORER HOUSE, ADANAC PARK,

Background

Under Section 106 (planning obligations) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and following the relocation of Ordnance Survey to its current location at Explorer House in Adanac Park, Ordnance Survey is commissioning a work of public art to be sited at the front of the building.

The Brief

A single three dimensional iconic artwork located within the focal point identified in front of Explorer House.

The artwork is intended to:

- Represent the past and continuing association of Ordnance Survey with the Southampton area
- Reflect both the historical mapping and the current emphasis on digital imagery
- Reflect Ordnance Survey's identity as an organisation
- Be of contemporary design
- Reflect the innovative ethos of Ordnance Survey

As part of the commission the artist is encouraged to involve Ordnance Survey staff and communities from the area surrounding Explorer House in the design and production process.

The artist is responsible for the construction process and the suitability of materials for public display.

The artwork and any associated support mechanisms should have an expected lifespan of at least 25 years and should not require independently provided utilities (water, electricity or gas). No significant maintenance costs should be expected.

Budget

The budget for the artwork is £50,000.

Timetable

Deadline for applications: Monday 19th May 2014, 5pm

Formal presentation by shortlisted candidates: End of June

Artwork installed Spring 2015

Submission details:

Please send an outline of your approach to the brief, what inspires you and the form the artwork would take. (no more than 2 sides of A4)

An artist's statement and current CV (no more than 2 sides of A4)

4 examples of projects of a similar scale that you have completed, with images.

Criteria:

- Track record in completing commission of a similar scale for the public realm
- Experience of community engagement
- Skill in producing high quality art work
- Imaginative and relevant understanding of themes of the project

Send to:

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