

NMRN Hartlepool – Exhibition Designers PIN

By the spring of 2030 NMRN are to introduce exciting New Naval Galleries and facilities at NMRN Hartlepool. The overarching primary objectives of the “Whole Site - New Naval Galleries” project are as follows:

- To enable the Hartlepool site to minimise its reliance on grants so that it becomes a sustainable and profitable visitor attraction.
- To offer additional new gallery space to help promote the NMRN and the Hartlepool Historic Quay. This will allow NMRN to display objects that are currently not available to the public and if feasible, house the RML 497, a WWII motor launch, where it can be conserved and displayed to the public.
- To support an engaging activity plan to help support and energise the above objectives and help drive regeneration and business to the surrounding areas.
- The Capital Budget for the project is circa £10m.

The NMRN have invited via Framework tenders, for the Project Manager, Quantity Surveyor and an Architect led multi-discipline team for RIBA Stages 2 to 7. These services are not open to new entrants.

This PIN refers to exclusively to Exhibition Designers

The National Museum of the Royal Navy, Hartlepool is based within the Hartlepool Marina area, which is around 1km north east Hartlepool Town Centre and very close to the main train station. The museum is based in the collection of buildings which are known as the Historic Quayside (or Historic Quay), which was purpose built as a museum in the mid-1990s

NMRN have purchased the adjacent Vision Retail Park. The VRP comprises of seven units and 250 car parking spaces. The units include a large portal steel frame building with a glass frontage of 58,000ft² (Units 1 to 4/5) and three other standalone retail/restaurant/café units.

There is an urgency to procure a professional team and for them to develop a priced RIBA Stage 2 concept design for the whole site by January 2025 to allow NMRN to consider the proposals and submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) soon after. Subject to NLHF approval or otherwise NMRN will then move prepare a NLHF Round 1 Application or if not successful reconsider its options. The contract with the successful consultant will have break clauses at the end of each RIBA Stage or other contractual rights for terminating services should it be necessary.

This future tender opportunity replaces a previous withdrawn tender from August 2024.

How Can I Get Involved?

Expressions of Interests are to be sent to tenders@nmrn.org.uk before **Midday (1200) Tuesday 15th October 2024**.

The NMRN are hosting a Market Engagement Day at NMRN Hartlepool on **Tuesday 15th October** which will provide an opportunity for the Project Team to discuss the project in detail, and visit the NMRN Historic Quay and Vision Retail Park where the New Naval Galleries will be situated. Please email tenders@nmrn.org.uk to inform us your intention to attend this session.

At this time no further documents will be issued as part of the PIN until the ITT is issued.

