

## ARTIST BRIEF

### Picket Piece Public Art

#### **Vision**

Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) wish to commission an artist to work alongside the community to determine and create a bespoke artwork for the new development of Picket Piece in Andover. The artwork will represent the results of community workshops lead by the artist and be sited in a place on the development where everyone can enjoy.

#### **Aims and Objectives**

- To produce an artwork of high quality that is suitable size and scale for the chosen site and budget
- To produce an artwork that represents the desire of the community
- To enable Picket Piece residents and the local community to engage with the process of creating public art
- To deliver a project that demonstrates good practice in terms of community engagement and the commissioning process that is in line with the TVBC Public Art Strategy

#### **Background**

Picket Piece is found to the east of Andover and falls within the TVBC Andover Downlands ward that contains the new communities of Picket Piece and Picket Twenty, as well as the Walworth Business Park and Picket Piece Commercial Centre.

The new development at Picket Piece has been under construction by David Wilson Homes since 2014. It is now in the final stages and once complete will consist of 900 homes with associated facilities and infrastructure. At least 40% of the houses will be affordable units delivered by Vivid Housing and these add to the 90 dwellings that existed previously. In addition to this there are a number of other smaller developments taking place across Picket Piece including 53 properties by Bellway Homes.

Facilities at Picket Piece include three children's play areas, a new sports pavilion, football pitch and tennis court. There are five retail units nearing completion at the local centre, new allotments alongside an area of nature conservation at Ox Drove and open spaces that back onto the existing village hall.

#### **Artist's Roles and Responsibilities**

The chosen artist will be responsible for:

- Community engagement activities
- The design, fabrication and installation of the artwork

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- Providing detailed working drawings and designs for the commissioner
- Supplying the relevant information and drawings required for any appropriate planning permissions in partnership with TVBC
- Effectively managing the available budget with the steering group
- Attending regular meetings with the Arts Officer and steering group, to provide updates for TVBC officers and Councillors on progress, timescale and budget
- Providing a full maintenance schedule and instructions
- Supplying information required for press releases and promotion.

The artist will hold and provide evidence of relevant public liability insurance and professional indemnity insurance and take responsibility for these matters with any third party contractors.

### **Community Engagement**

In line with our Public Art Strategy we aim that all our public art projects involve community consultation and participation to contribute towards the collection and development of ideas and artworks. Our aim through this process is that residents and local stakeholders are fully involved in the creation of their environments and have a sense of ownership over the places in which they live.

We anticipate that the chosen artist will devise a programme of consultation events and activities to engage with the community here at Picket Piece.

Key people and partners to involve include:

- Picket Piece Residents Association and Community Centre
- Picket Piece Sports and Social Club
- Picket Piece Toddler Group
- Walking Group
- Leisure Officers
- Test Valley Borough Council – Elected Members for Andover Downlands Ward include Cllr Christopher Donnelly and Councillor Nick Lodge
- Hampshire County Councillors: Cllr Andrew Gibson and Cllr Kirsty North

### **The Site**

Part of the engagement process will be to work with communities to decide on an appropriate site for the artwork. Some initial ideas include:

- Area surrounding the Sports Pavilion
- Areas surrounding play equipment at Chaplin Way/Errington Road
- Possibly the area of nature conservation if deemed appropriate by countryside team and community.

### **Budget**

This commission is funded through Section 106 contributions for public art and managed by TVBC.

£27,000 is available to cover the full commission and it should be noted that this includes:

- Artist time for design and drawings
- Community events and engagement
- Meetings with steering groups and relevant agencies
- Fabrications, transport and installation
- Planning application fees and other fees that may be required

### **Maintenance**

There is a separate sum from the developer towards maintenance of artwork for this site. The chosen artist will be expected to provide a full maintenance schedule on completion. The artist should also include the anticipated life span of the work and any decommissioning procedures that should be applied.

### **Timetable**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
Deadline for applications	Monday 7 September 2020
Shortlisting	End of September
Artist Interviews	October
Notify preferred artist	October
Reports to Council management boards and Cabinet to draw down funds	October/November
Contract artists and start commission	January 2021
Project completion	September 2021

### **How To Apply**

Your application should be submitted by Monday 7 September to include:

- A proposal outlining your experience and approach to leading public art projects. Max 1 A4 page
- A current CV of artist or company profile
- 2 examples of previous relevant projects, including images. Max 2 A4 pages
- 2 references

Artists must demonstrate the following in their expression of interest:

- A track record in arts project delivery
- Experience of delivering community workshops
- Evidence of the ability to produce high quality outcomes

Applications and enquiries should be sent by email to: Faye Perkins, Arts Officer at The Lights, [fperkins@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:fperkins@testvalley.gov.uk)

### **Equal Opportunities**

Test Valley Borough Council is committed to providing and promoting equal opportunities in employment and service provision, eliminating discrimination, and encouraging diversity amongst the workforce. A full copy of our equal opportunities policy is attached.

### **Linked documents**

1. TVBC Public Art Strategy  
<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/communityandleisure/artsandculture/publicart/public-art-strategy/>
2. Equal Opportunities Policy  
<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/equality---diversity/equalities/>
3. Information about Picket Piece  
<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/communityandleisure/my-local-area-new/andover-downlands/picket-piece>