



## **Budle Bay Platform Interpretation Brief**

### **Invitation to Quote**

The Peregrini Lindisfarne Landscape Partnership are seeking proposals from prospective contractors for the design and installation of interpretation for a new viewing platform at Budle Bay

#### **1.0 Background**

Peregrini is a landscape partnership project made up of community, voluntary and public sector organisations. The project has received £1.37m funding through the Heritage Lottery Fund and is part of their national Landscape Partnership Programme. Partners' funds and other grants dictate that over £1.82m will fund a wide variety of conservation and engagement projects on Holy Island and the adjacent mainland.

The Peregrini Lindisfarne Landscape Partnership Scheme is managed by a Partnership of professional and community representatives from Holy Island and surrounding shore side area. The management body for the Scheme is the Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership, hosted by Northumberland County Council.

#### **2.0 The site**

Budle Bay sits at the most southern point of the Peregrini Lindisfarne scheme area and the Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve managed by Natural England. Here land and water meet with views across the saltmarsh and mudflats to Ross Sands. Holy Island sits to the north and shifting sands and tides combine to create a fascinating home to an array of wildlife.

Wading birds, ducks and geese overwinter on the Reserve and arrive in substantial numbers in September; the Reserve is one the largest wintering sites for light-bellied brent geese. Other internationally important wintering waterfowl include pink-footed geese, wigeon, grey plover and bar-tailed godwits.

A long layby adjacent to Budle Bay provides a unique position for visitors and the local community to experience spectacular views and an abundance of wildlife.

### **3.0 The solution**

To improve the experience for visitors who use the lay-by a number of improvements have been identified including the construction of a viewing platform.

The viewing platform will provide a refuge, a space where visitors can appreciate the views and the wildlife away from the busy road. It will be an unsupported 3m by 5m steel platform decked with a non-slip timber surface. Railings have been omitted from the construction phase to provide a 'blank canvas' for interpretation. When considering possible solutions you should bear in mind the following;

- The design must include a physical barrier to prevent people falling from the platform - the main contractor will provide advice on specification but assume something that will be 1.2m high.
- Creative design options which helps orientate visitors and provides information about the habitats, wildlife and the ongoing protection and conservation of the Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve. This should include a removable panel which can be updated by Natural England as and when required
- Materials that blend into the environment and do not deter from the landscape
- How interpretation can be integrated seamlessly into the platform and adjacent barrier

### **4.0 Location**

See attached plan

### **5.0 What your submission should include**

Please include the following information for each element of the project you are submitting for:

- Design costs for interpretation
- Details of proposed materials and fixings to the viewing platform to ensure its long term integrity
- Drawings of your proposals integrated into the viewing platform
- Timescale - how long design, build and installation will take
- Relevant experience and examples of similar work
- A maintenance plan

### **6.0 Budget**

The budget is £20,000 excluding VAT

### **7.0 Selection process**

There is a fixed budget for this project. Submissions will be scored on;

- Value for money
- Design and creativity
- How well they meet the brief
- Examples of previous similar projects
- Long-term maintenance liability

NB: You will be working as a sub-contractor to the principal contractor who is installing the platform. The principal contractor is responsible for health and safety on site and of the completed project. The following elements must be agreed with the principle contractor prior to the contract being issued

- Detailed drawings including a cross-section through any railings or barriers
- All fixings and materials
- Health and safety plan
- Method statement

Your submission should be submitted in writing to:

David Suggett - Community Engagement & Interpretation Officer  
Peregrini Lindisfarne Landscape Partnership Scheme  
c/o Bell View,  
33 West Street,  
Belford,  
Northumberland, NE70 7QB

Closing date for submissions is 12noon Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 with the successful contractor being informed by 5pm Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Queries prior to submission should be directed to;

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Please note – David will be on annual leave until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – should you need information during this time please contact

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