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Planning

02-Procurement Strategy-AT-HC-2025 Cemetery Exten-02

Reading Borough Council

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Site construction and completion

This procurement relates exclusively to Stage 2: the appointment of a Design and Management Team, including a Planning Consultant, to manage the project from RIBA Stage 1 to Stage 6. The appointed consultant will be responsible for:

Developing the design and managing delivery of the extension.

Handling all planning matters, including statutory consultation.

Securing all necessary permits and consents.

Coordinating environmental and ground surveys.

Negotiating with the Local Planning Authority.

The planning process is complex and sensitive, involving change of land use from allotments, statutory engagement, and compliance with environmental requirements. Internal capacity does not exist to deliver this work in-house. Specialist external expertise is essential to:

Reduce planning risk.

Ensure statutory compliance.

Maintain programme momentum and meet the April 2030 deadline.

Planning officers have advised that a consultant with extensive experience in cemetery projects is required to manage these challenges effectively.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2026 to 1 March 2033
- 6 years, 7 months, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71300000 - Engineering services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

28 November 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

The Council carried out market engagement to identify suppliers with the specialist capability required for the Reading Crematorium and Henley Road Cemetery extension project. Engagement focused on firms experienced in cemetery, burial ground and environmentally sensitive infrastructure design, including direct outreach and a second round via a recognised framework.

Contracting authority

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