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Planning

Wath Upon Dearne Library Redevelopment Market Engagement

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=YORTENDER>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=YORTENDER>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Wath Upon Dearne Library Redevelopment Market Engagement

Reference number

24-026

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45212000 - Construction work for buildings relating to leisure, sports, culture, lodging and restaurants

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this exercise is to engage with the construction industry to establish the level of interest in the redevelopment of Wath upon Dearne's Library (Rotherham). The engagement explores local market conditions and aims to gauge the opinions on procurement routes and deliverables required to deliver within tight timescales in line with the funding availability.

The market engagement questionnaire can be found on the YORtender website (<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=YORTENDER>), project ID 87762

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKE3 - South Yorkshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council has been successful in bidding and being

awarded funding through the Department of Levelling Up.

The fund aims to renew and reshape town centres and high streets in a way that drives growth, improves experience, and ensures future sustainability. It will do this by providing funding to support transformative and structural changes to overcome challenges in their area. The scheme will focus on high quality place making to restore the cultural heart of the town centre, increase footfall, boost the local economy, and restore a sense of pride amongst the community.

Although well used and well loved by the community, the current library building is underperforming and difficult to operate. The current library has few windows and provides very little overlooking of external spaces. Some areas around the building, such as the external staircase, are therefore vulnerable to anti-social behaviour.

In a wider context, the large structure acts as barrier between Biscay Way and the Town Centre, with the library effectively turning its back on the key road into the locality, the site is therefore considered to be a key opportunity to open up and connect different parts of the town and boost levels of footfall through the use of active frontages.

The redevelopment will deliver facilities of a modern standard, with sustainable and inclusive design. It will also tackle persistent anti-social behaviour issues through enclosure of the external stair core and passageway running between the library and the adjacent residential and commercial block.

The proposed scheme, which is currently at stage 3 RIBA design, includes the demolition of the existing library and the creation of a brand-new library in its place to create a modern, inviting, and inclusive community facility. The redevelopment is being designed to enhance user experience between Biscay Way and the High Street to encourage visitors into the town centre. The new building has been designed to respond more positively to the surrounding area, with key frontages on three sides of the building to draw in visitors and create a greater sense of destination.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 August 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

