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Planning

## **SC22244 White Horse Wood Country Park Natural Burial Site**

Kent County Council

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ4 - Kent

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=7830f263-b923-ed11-8117-005056b64545>

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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

SC22244 White Horse Wood Country Park Natural Burial Site

Reference number

DN629987

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 98370000 - Funeral and related services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

White Horse Wood Country Park, located at the top of Detling Hill, is a 65 acre site incorporating maturing woodland, planted in 2000/2001, open spaces and the ruins of Thurnham Castle. The site is located in the Kent Downs AONB and contains Thurnham Castle which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and remnants of an iron age fort.

The site has the potential to operate as a natural burial site as well as a country park. The Council would like to engage with interested parties to understand the potential development of the site, with a particular focus on the following elements;

- Dual operation of White Horse Woods as a public country park for recreation and leisure as well as a natural burial site for both body burial and ash interment.
- Delivery of facilities including but not limited to a multifunctional building and toilets.
- Opportunities for educational learning on site, community engagement and volunteering.
- Opportunity for alternative income generating activities that are in keeping with the development of the country park as described above.
- Sustainable management of the country park post commercial burial activity

Additional information can be found here: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/kent-country-parks/find-a-kent-country-park/white-horse-wood-country-park>

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Market engagement:

As part of this process, the Council wishes to engage with the market to gain their insights and experience in this field. We intend to conduct some market engagement meetings during October and November 2022. We will send invites to these meetings based on responses to the attached questionnaire. Please express an interest in this opportunity, and then provide your response to the Market Engagement Questionnaire via the Messages facility on the Kent Business Portal.

The Council will use this engagement to inform interested suppliers of our progress and may also ask for feedback on potential proposals as they develop.

Organisations who do not express an interest in response to this PIN will not be precluded from applying to take part in the Council's chosen procurement strategy and conclusion of our engagement findings will be shared with the published call or calls for competition.

Forms for completion:

Please find attached a Market Engagement Questionnaire designed to gather information relating to this tender, which will be used to inform KCC's strategy for commissioning these services.

Please complete and return via the Messages function on the Kent Business Portal no later than 12:00 noon on 30 September 2022.

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

3 April 2023

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## **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