

### Contracting Authority

National Museum of the Royal Navy (as NMRN Operations)

HM Naval Base (PP66)

Portsmouth

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### Overview

The purpose of this Planned Procurement Notice (PPN) is to alert potential suppliers to an opportunity to replace the existing planking on the Waterbus Jetty at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum, Gosport and carry out repairs as necessary.

The Royal Navy Submarine Museum sits on the former site of HMS Dolphin, which was the home of the Royal Navy Submarine Service from 1904 to 1999. The Jetty is believed to have been originally built in the 1940s and was used to unload soldiers for transport to the nearby Royal Haslar Hospital.

The Jetty sits within the Haslar Peninsular conservation area and forms part of the original Haslar Hospital development which is listed in its own right. This will need to be taken into consideration with design and material choices.

The Jetty comprises a section of Timber deck on concrete piles from the shore out to a Concrete head. The timber deck boards are supported by timber beams running out from the shore which in turn are sat on main cross timber members which span across the concrete piles.

Due to the location, use and age of the Jetty there has been significant wear to the planks over the past year. The planks are no longer fit for purpose.

The Jetty is one of the primary entrances to the Submarine Museum and sees a large number of visitors pass across it throughout the year. It is an integral part of the visitor experience, and this will need to be taken into consideration when undertaking works. However, this will be mitigated by works taking place during the quietest time for footfall of visitors and waterbus journeys.

**RNSM Site Location:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/gh2khBQnEX3gMF527>

### Scope of Work

The NMRN is seeking a contractor who will be able to undertake the design and replacement of the wooden planking on the Jetty to ensure a safe route for visitors.

### Requirements to include:

- Design of an appropriate solution to replace the planking on the Jetty
- Proposing and acquiring appropriate timbers to meet the needs of the project
- Proposal for how the work can be carried out within a suitable timeframe to cause minimum disruption to museum
- Full replacement of boards on the top of the Jetty
- Replacing and making good any of the cross beams/bearers supporting the decking (if required).

Subject to reassessment during discovery, the key deliverables for the NMRN operation are as follows:

A safe, useable jetty with an expected lifespan of 10 years.

*These requirements may change in scope, as this is currently indicative at the time of writing.*

#### Site Visits

- The NMRN will host prospective contractors at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum on the following dates:
- Access will be available on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday during the advertised PPN process. Please allow a weeks notice.
- To book a site visit this will need to book by contacting [pam.kester@nmrn.org.uk](mailto:pam.kester@nmrn.org.uk)

#### Tender Process

- Once market engagement is complete, the tender is proposed to be issued around July, all those who register their interest as part of the PPN will be notified.
- We envisage that procurement will be through a competitive flexible procedure under the Procurement Act Regulations 2023.
- The tender opportunity is due to be advertised in July 2025 and Contract Award should be expected in October 2025.
- No supporting documents are available at the time of issuing this PPN however expressions of interests and clarifications should be referred to [tenders@nmrn.org.uk](mailto:tenders@nmrn.org.uk)
- The NMRN reserves the right to amend the timetable of the procedure.

#### How to Apply?

- Suppliers interested in participating should register their interest by Midday of Monday 12th May 2025, during this time we can engage in dialogue with interested suppliers.

**Please send an email expressing your interest to; [tenders@nmrn.org.uk](mailto:tenders@nmrn.org.uk)**

*The NMRN Procurement Team will hold your expression of interest to communicate further updates*