

ARTIST MENTEE BRIEF

For the Broadleaf Park – Public Art Commission

Vision

Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) wish to commission an artist interested in developing their skills and experience in public art commissioning to work alongside the lead artists for the new project at Broadleaf Park in Rownhams. The main commission is to create a bespoke public art trail for the area of open space at the new community development. The trail will explore and enhance the natural surroundings of the area of open space that leads from the heart of the new development and runs adjacent to Routs Copse and the M27.

Aims & Objectives

- To support the lead artists in the community engagement work to develop designs for the public art trail.
- To work with the lead artist to understand the processes of developing concepts through to final design ideas and fabricated public artworks.
- To identify, discuss and respond to your own gaps in knowledge and experience through the mentee relationship.
- To come away with a better understanding of your practise in relation to public art and with tools and techniques to support your own enhanced delivery of commissions.

Background

Broadleaf Park is the new development on land formerly known as Parkers Farm in Rownhams.

Broadleaf Park is located on the outskirts of the tranquil village of Rownhams which is surrounded by the spectacular Hampshire countryside, close to Southampton and the nearby market town of Romsey.

The new community of 300 homes, once completed will feature a community orchard and allotments, three separate play areas for young children and large areas of green open space to enjoy as you walk through the meandering footpaths to fields and woodlands beyond.

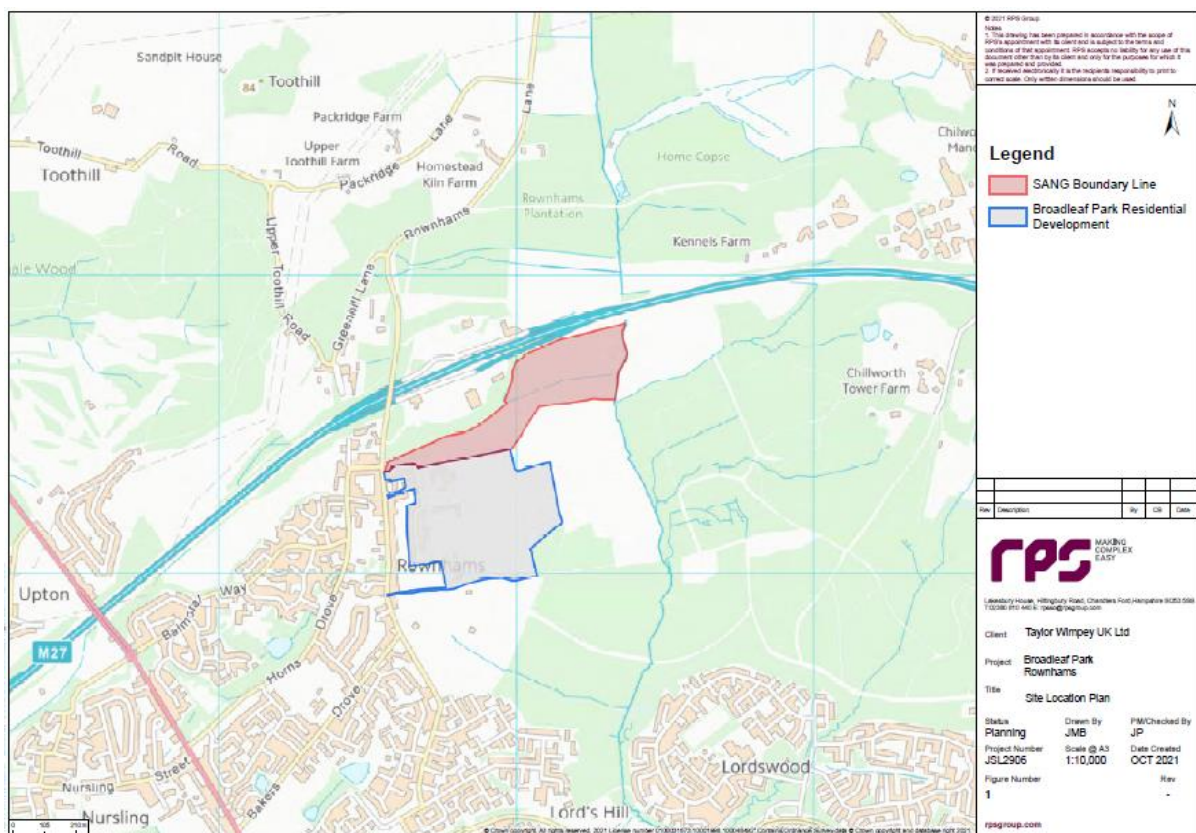
Adjacent to the homes is the area of Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG), which is where the public art trail will be focused. This runs from the entrance to the development northeast, alongside the M27. Surrounding it is the woodland areas of Dymer's Copse to the east and Clams Copse to the south.

As well as the public art, the SANG will entail:

- The change of use of the land from grazed pasture to informal recreational space with infrastructure including: a 2.23km circular walk (surfaced only where wet), pedestrian kissing gates with radar locks as required; interpretation boards and finger posts; timber benches at destination points or viewpoints; combined dog and litter bins; and a community led art structure.
- Enhancement of current biodiversity through the creation of new habitats including wildflower meadow and wet meadow grassland; areas of new woodland planting; additional planting of individual trees; reinforcement of existing hedgerows through additional planting and the creation of a pond.

Location

The main address is Broadleaf Park, Harrison Way, Rownhams, Southampton, Hampshire, SO16 8NG. The SANG is outlined in red on the map below.



Mentee Artist Roles & Responsibilities

The chosen mentee artist will:

- Agree and establish goals of the mentee opportunity with lead artist. This should be a reciprocal opportunity. Whilst you will collaborate with and support the lead artist, they will share their approach, knowledge and skillset to support your development and own ambitions.
- Attend and support the lead artist with creative engagement activities
- Attend appropriate planning and development meetings.

- Share outcomes and reflections with the commissioning officer on completion of project.

Budget

This commission is funded through Section 106 contributions for public art from and project managed by TVBC.

£3,000 is available to cover the mentee role time and expenses.

Schedule

The deadline for applications is **27th October 2023**.

We will be inviting successful applicants to interview in November.

How To Apply

How To Apply Your application should be submitted no later than 27 th October to include:	Criteria You must demonstrate the following in your expression of interest:	Weighting
An application letter that includes the following: (2 sides of A4 max)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A short statement about your practice including your personal links to Test Valley (please note this opportunity is for Test Valley based artists only) • How taking part in this opportunity will support your professional development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are a resident of the Test Valley. • The impact this will have on your future plans and creative practise in relation to public art. 	40%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What you would like to achieve through the programme and any specific areas you would like to focus on and why. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have identified appropriate goals and thought about the working relationships between the mentee and mentor 	40%
A CV including information about recent work (4 sides of A4 max)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are a practising artist • The range and focus of your work and project experience. 	20%

Please let us know if you have any access or additional needs.

Applications should be sent by email to:

Faye Perkins, Arts Officer, fperkins@testvalley.gov.uk
Please call 01264 368844 if you have any questions

Equal Opportunities

Test Valley Borough Council is committed to providing and promoting equal opportunities in employment and service provision, eliminating discrimination, and encouraging diversity amongst the workforce. A full copy of our equal opportunities policy is attached.

Linked documents

1. TVBC Public Art Strategy
<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/communityandleisure/artsandculture/publicart/public-art-strategy/>
2. Equal Opportunities Policy
<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/equality---diversity/equalities/>