THE MEMORIAL TO THE LOST TRAWLERMEN OF HULL

Memorial Pivotal Piece Competition Design Brief 2015

STAND with the support of Hull City Council
1 INTRODUCTION

6000 trawlers from Hull have lost their lives\(^1\) during the last 100 years in the pursuit of their livelihood. Deep sea fishing was once this country’s most dangerous industry. Hull, and its close knit communities, was shaped by the fishing industry, yet during the last three decades traces of the port’s fishing heritage have all but disappeared. Since 1989 STAND, a voluntary organisation with charitable status, has worked to ensure that the heritage of Hull’s fishing industry is kept alive and that the high cost of people’s contribution to it is remembered. STAND\(^2\), helped to ensure that a Conservation Area was created to preserve the remaining lockhead buildings at St Andrews Dock, established the annual Lost Trawlermens Day and saved the Arctic Corsair which, in partnership with Hull Museums, is open to the public.

2 COMPETITION PROMOTER

Over the years STAND, a registered charity, has raised funds towards the cost of creating a permanent memorial to the 6000 lost trawlermen of Hull. A site has now been secured and a proposed scheme for a memorial garden has been approved. With the support of Hull City Council STAND is now promoting an open competition to secure a pivotal piece for the Memorial Garden.

3 THE MEMORIAL

A permanent memorial, to the 6000 lives lost over the last century, is to be a special place rather than simply a commemorative sculpture and therefore the pivotal piece needs to work with and complement the approved Memorial Garden proposal. It will preserve and respect the memories of the lives lost, their industry and what that means to their families and the city’s communities. This ‘place’ will be somewhere where groups can gather on formal occasions such as the Lost Trawlermens Day when floral tributes are cast into the river, and where families or individuals can visit at times of personal significance to them.

\(^1\) The names of these trawlers are recorded in the Books of Remembrance which were commissioned by STAND and record their names, the date on which their life was lost and the name of the trawler on which they were serving. These books are on public display in Hull’s Maritime Museum and each day are open at the page which corresponds to that day’s date.

\(^2\) The St Andrews Dock Heritage Park Action Group
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The memorial will be a place to experience memories of the lost trawlermen, representing both singular and collective loss. It will provide somewhere to reflect on identity and community as well as loss. It will celebrate the lives of the trawlermen, taking their values forward as a symbol of hope, bravery and aspiration for the future.

4 PURPOSE OF THE BRIEF

STAND, supported by Hull City Council, are organising a design competition for a pivotal piece within a proposed memorial garden. The location of the piece and the agreed design proposals for the memorial garden are included in the appendices. The Design Competition for the commission will consist of:
- Steering Group review of entries/design team presentations and shortlisting
- Public exhibition/presentation of competition schemes
- Public voting of preferred options
- Announcement of winning entry

To develop an excellent and deliverable scheme of the very highest quality STAND is seeking concept ideas as a sketch proposal from artists, fabricators, individuals, designers, artists and other professionals for consideration.

5 THE SITE

The site for the memorial (see Appendix 2) is on the water’s edge at St Andrews Quay, formerly St Andrews Dock before its development as a retail park. It is currently landscaped as public space to the west of the Sail Makers Arms. The area is approximately 1260m² and is bounded by a public right of way along its southern edge and is separated from the retail park by an access road. It provides panoramic views over the Humber, east towards the sea and inland west to the Humber Bridge.

This site selected best met STAND’s criteria for the location of the memorial which is:
- Adjacent to water (the Humber)
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- Within the boundary of the City
- Accessible 365 days a year, 24 hours a day
- Accessible to people of all abilities
- Available for development within a reasonable time frame
- Marks the site of the quay from where the trawlers departed for the fishing grounds

The history of Hull’s fishing industry is closely associated with this area and it is fitting that this site is near to where so many trawlermen cast off from dry land to sail to northern fishing grounds.

St Andrews Dock opened in 1883 and extended in 1897. By the 1930s road transport was challenging rail and the last fish train ran in 1965. The last boom period in the fishing industry was in the early 1970s, however the buildings on the north side of the dock were in need of investment and with the expansion of the freezer trawler fleet the fish docks moved to Albert Dock in 1975 and St Andrew’s Dock was closed and the filling in of the dock itself began in the late 1980s. As most of the dock disappeared, and was redeveloped as a site for retail and leisure uses, the area in the vicinity of the lock pit was designated a Conservation Area.

6 DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

STAND’s vision is to create a memorial site with a pivotal piece of lasting high quality which will:

- Mark and preserve the memory of the thousands of Hull’s trawlermen’s lives lost and their contribution to the life of the city and the nation
- Express pride in the legacy of the families who served the fishing industry
- Reflect on identity and the city’s close knit fishing community as well as on loss
- Create a narrative source to inform visitors about, and encourage the community to reflect on, the fishing heritage of the city
- Be a celebration which values the past and offers hope in the future
Design proposals will take account of

- STAND’s vision
- The agreed Memorial garden proposal within which the pivotal piece is to be placed
- Height restrictions – the piece must be no higher than the eaves of adjacent buildings (max 5m high)
- The outline budget for the pivotal piece which is £35,000 to £45,000. However, the budget may be increased subject to additional fund raising.
- The site’s open public access throughout the day and year
- Its appearance through a 24 hour cycle and throughout the seasons of the year
- the need to create a piece which can be safely and easily maintained, under normal circumstances requiring only low level maintenance
- anticipated design life, subject to appropriate maintenance, of not less than 50 years
- The exposed nature of the site to the elements – materials and fixing details need to be robust and capable of withstanding possible localised flooding consistent with 1 in 50 year event.
- the need to consider the use of the site for public events, including the Lost Trawlermens Day, and access to power facilities
- security and personal safety of visitors to the memorial
- security of the memorial
- demonstrable sustainability
- lighting the pivotal piece but any proposed solution needs to have low maintenance and running costs
- demonstrable ability to produce the pivotal piece to the required quality, including technical and structural design and any fixing on site

Whilst the position of the site in relation to the River Humber and the water’s edge is an important consideration it should be noted that any proposed works either in or over the water would extend beyond the site and would require a Marine Licence. Such works would be beyond the scope of the budget and anticipated programme.
7 THE SUBMISSION

The competition is open to individuals, designers, artists and other professionals.

**Stage 1** – A short list of up to 6 competitors selected by the Steering Group to submit presentation displays from the competition submissions.

**Stage 2** - competitors invited to submit presentation displays for the Design Competition / Public Voting Exercise to consist of 2 x A1 boards; 1 side of A4 word document to explain the concept.

No member of STAND, or any close associate of them shall be eligible to submit an Expression of Interest or assist any party in preparing their submission.

STAGE 1

8 SHORTLIST SELECTION

A maximum of 6 candidates will be shortlisted by the Steering Group and key stakeholders in the project.

Assessment of the proposals will be on the basis of

- Understanding of and responses to the brief 80%
- Communication skills (presentation material) 20%

At Stage 1 competitors will be invited to submit:

- Sketch ideas/ Concept design for the pivotal piece which could include but is not limited to the following:
  - Rendered views showing the proposal in context
  - Scaled drawings
  - Materials samples
  - Written description of the proposal (no greater than one side of A4)

- an outline project delivery proposal to include costs, programme and implementation

- An outline of their experience and skills and demonstration of their track record
STAND will publish the names of the shortlisted competitors after communicating it individually to each of them.

**STAGE 2**

**9 DESIGN COMPETITION / PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The shortlisted competitors will be invited to prepare a presentation display based on their sketch design and their project delivery proposal for Public Consultation and voting.

For the purposes of the competition, entrants should work to a maximum project budget inclusive of fees of £45,000 (ex VAT).

Proposals submitted for the Design Competition / Public Consultation will include 2 x A1 boards, a description of the proposal (one side of A4) and the indicative implementation strategy including programme construction costs and professional fees.

**10 COMPETITION REVIEW**

**10.1 PUBLIC PRESENTATION** The competition entries (Detailed Designs) will be shown in a public exhibition. The public will be invited to vote on the respective merits of each of the submitted proposals and the winning proposal will be that which has received the most votes.

**10.2 TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT** The competition organisers will commission an independent technical assessment of the submitted schemes and this will be made available to the Steering Group.

**10.3 FINAL DESIGN SELECTION** The winning design will be publicly announced by STAND after communicating it individually to each of the competitors.
13 PROGRAMME

Monday 9th November  Competition launch – STAND website

Friday 4th December  Deadline for receipt of proposals

Friday 11th December  Shortlisted Competitors announced/ invitation to submit display material for public exhibition

Wednesday 16th December to Wednesday 23rd December  Public exhibition of competition entries

Monday 11th January  Competition winner announced

14 SUBMISSIONS

Please submit 2 copies of the printed submission document and one digital PDF file on an accompanying, clearly marked, CD-ROM.

Submissions in response to this document must be contained in a single package, postage paid and marked ‘Hull Trawlermens Memorial ’ and addressed to STAND c/o Helen Golightly, NPS Humber, Earle House, Colonial Street, Hull, HU2 8JY

Overseas competitors should note that for Customs purposes no commercial value should be assigned to the submission. If a commercial value is given this may result in your submission being delayed and/or returned to you unopened as STAND will not be liable for any customs charges incurred.

Your submission should arrive no later than 6pm on Friday 4th December 2015

15 QUESTIONS

Questions in respect of this brief and related information must be emailed to helen.golightly@nps.co.ukhelengolightly@nps.co.uk by 16th November 2015. Answers will be published on STAND’s web site on a weekly basis, with final publication on 24th November 2015
STAND will not respond to telephone inquiries or to any entrants on an individual basis.

16 FEEDBACK
We regret that STAND and its professional advisors cannot undertake to give reasons for any of their decisions on an individual basis other than those required by statute.

17 INSURANCE
STAND and its consultants will take reasonable steps to protect and care for entries but they will not insure the submissions at any time. Competitors are recommended to maintain a complete record of their submissions, as they will not be returned, and to make this available at any time should circumstances require it.

APPENDIX 1
PQQ Qualification Questionnaire

APPENDIX 2
Location and Site Plan

APPENDIX 3
Site Photographs

APPENDIX 4
WYG Constraints Report, December 2012