

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

Walthamstow Wetlands

Prior Information Notice (PIN)

Description

The Walthamstow Wetlands (WW) is a 211 hectare nature reserve owned by Thames Water, designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, a RAMSAR wetlands site and one of the largest urban wetlands sites in Europe. Operationally, the site provides water to 3.5 million Londoners daily. In partnership with the London Borough of Waltham Forest, the free to access WW opened to local residents and visitors from further afield in October 2017. It has welcomed 850,000 visitors to date and raised the profile of this important site for nature conservation.

The London Borough of Waltham Forest is now seeking an experienced partner, with vision to create a sustainable offer at the WW, providing a welcoming experience for our diverse local residents and visitors from further afield and promoting an understanding and enjoyment of the special natural landscape and habitats. This will be undertaken through delivery of a programme of ecological, conservation and education activities, working effectively with Thames Water to manage the wider site whilst maximising commercial opportunities.

London Borough of Waltham Forest requires the partner to:

- Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of managing heritage and nature conservation sites with approximate annual visitor numbers of 300,000
- Lead a programme of conservation, ecology, education and volunteer activities to engage with diverse audiences
- Manage visitor operations, including the visitor centre and maximise associated commercial, events management, food and beverage functions
- Successfully raise income through external fundraising and on-site activity
- Work collaboratively with WW partners to deliver agreed objectives.

Indicative Project Timeline

PIN issued	4 May 2020
Selection Questionnaire (SQ)	1 June 2020
Outcome of SQ	12 June 2020
Invitation to Tender (ITT)	15 June 2020
Submission Deadline for ITT	10 July 2020
Contract Award	5 August 2020
Mobilisation	(to finalise by 1/5/20)

Please note these timescales are indicative only, London Borough of Waltham Forest reserve the right to change these dates. Exact dates will be published within the tender documentation.

How to Express Interest

- Please use the function on the Pro Contract portal to leave an expression of interest